

SQUAW CREEK RESERVOIR



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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General information: - Squaw Creek Reservoir is a private reservoir constructed in 1952. At maximum pool, the reservoir is 48 surface acres, stores 1,200 acre-ft of water, and is 45 feet deep. There are two tributaries, with one providing warmwater to the reservoir. Largemouth Bass, Green Sunfish, Bullhead, Channel Catfish, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, tiger trout (Brook x Brown Trout Hybrid) and bowcutt Trout (Rainbow x Cutthroat Trout hybrid) occur in the reservoir. The best time of year to fish Squaw Creek Reservoir is in the spring, with trout usually ranging between 10 and 12 inches, Largemouth Bass between 10 and 14 inches, and catfish between 10 and 12 inches.

Location and Access: From Interstate 80, take the Wadsworth exit and travel north on State Route 447 for approximately 95 miles to Squaw Creek Reservoir, located on the west side of the road.

Management: Squaw Creek Reservoir is managed by NDOW as a put and take trout fishery and a general warmwater fishery. The reservoir is entirely on private property and the owner allows the public to utilize the reservoir. There are no restrooms or trash facilities, but to ensure this fishery remains open to the public, please respect private property and leave the area cleaner than you found it.

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2023 Fishing Forecast
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Water levels- The snow pack for the Northern Great Basin exceeded 200% of average so Squaw Creek Reservoir should maintain good water levels throughout the 2023 season.

Rainbow Trout and Bowcutt Trout

In 2022, 1,010 Rainbow Trout were stocked in Squaw Creek Reservoir with an additional 1,000-4,000 Rainbows and bowcutts planned to be stocked in 2023. Bowcutts are a cross between Rainbow Trout and Cutthroat Trout and fight hard. Squaw Valley Reservoir is better for numbers than size of fish caught. Rainbow Trout in the lake average 8"-12" but you can catch them up to 14", with an occasional trophy up to 18". For the best chance at catching Rainbow Trout or bowcutt trout, use powerbait and/or small flies or lures (panther martins, midge or calibaetis flies).

Brown Trout

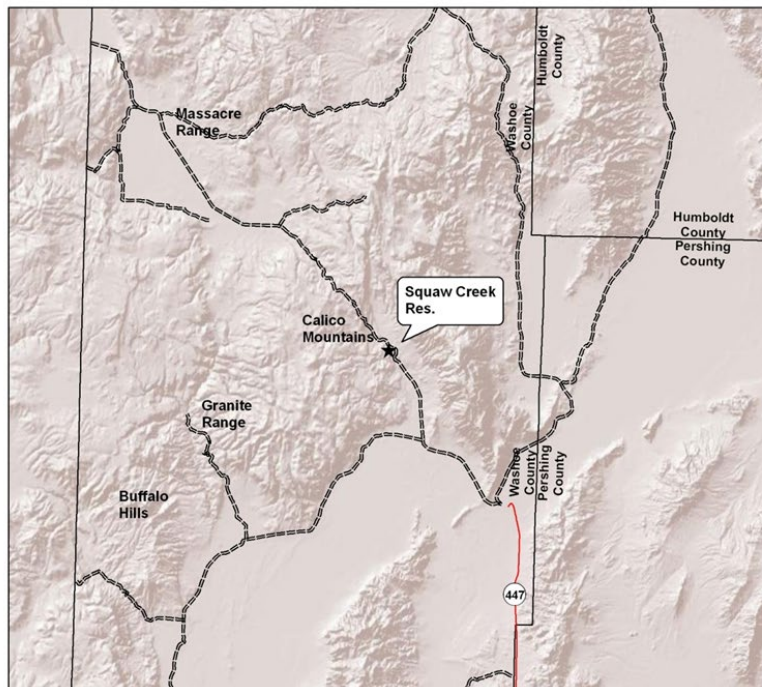
In 2022, 1,005 Brown Trout were stocked with an additional 1,000 planned to be stocked in 2023. Brown Trout in Squaw Creek Reservoir offer great fishing opportunities throughout the year, especially in the late spring and fall. Fishing with small lures or nightcrawlers are effective for these fish along with suspended flies under an indicator. Brown Trout in Squaw Creek Reservoir typically grow to 12"-14".

Channel Catfish

Channel Catfish are occasionally stocked in Squaw Creek Reservoir and, in 2022, 2,000 were stocked in May with an additional 1,000-2,000 to be stocked in 2023. Catfish are well suited for the temperature fluctuations in Squaw Creek Reservoir and rely on sensory organs called barbels, which give them their cat like whiskers, to sense or "taste" their prey. Catfish will eat nearly anything that comes their way and can be caught on a wide assortment of bait and lures. Stocked and holdover catfish provide opportunities for the public to catch this excellent game fish in the 1-3 lb. range.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass are a popular sportfish in Squaw Creek Reservoir and can grow to large sizes; the water record for Squaw Creek Reservoir is 7 lbs 1 oz. Target bass by using swimbaits, spinnerbaits, Rapalas, or crankbaits with similar color/patterns to Rainbow Trout or a Brown Trout. Fish shallow water, structure, or weed beds in the late spring and early summer; also try fishing along drop-offs which are areas that transition from shallow to deep quickly. In the early spring and late fall, bass tend to be more active in the north end of the reservoir where thermal springs provide warmer water temperatures for these warmwater fish.



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