

WILSON COMMONS POND



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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General information: - - Wilson Commons Pond was constructed in 1994 and the park is managed by Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space. The Nevada Department of Wildlife first started stocking trout in 1995 when it opened to the public. The pond covers approximately one surface acre, is 15 feet deep, and receives water from Franktown Creek. It is managed as a put-and-take urban fishery, that is, fish are stocked and caught quickly by anglers. Crappie were illegally introduced and occasionally one is caught. The pond is surrounded by a large, well-maintained lawn with lots of room for kids to play. It also has tennis and volleyball courts and picnic areas. It is a great place for kids to fish since few trees interfere with casting.

Location and Access: Wilson Commons Pond is located in Washoe Valley between Carson City and Reno. The park is approximately 1 mile south of Bower's Mansion on old US 395. Turn east on William Brent Drive. Keep your eyes open ... it is easy to miss.

Management: Wilson Commons Pond is managed as put and take urban fishery for trout by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

| <u>General Info</u> | <u>Previous stocking</u> | <u>Fishing notes</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilson Commons Pond is an excellent fishery that provides easy access and casting space. • Water temperatures can warm quickly later in the year and target trout or warmwater fish depending on air and water temperatures. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fishing Regulations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General regulations apply: Season is open year round, during public park hours. Limit is 3 game fish. | <p>2022</p> <p>Rainbows 4585 8-12 Inches</p> <p>2021</p> <p>Rainbows 4503 8-12 Inches</p> <p>2020</p> <p>Rainbows 4487 8-12 Inches</p> <p>2019</p> <p>Rainbows 4542 8-12 Inches</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing is best in the mornings and evenings when the water temperature is cooler. The more recently the pond has been stocked, the better the fishing will be. The pond can develop large amounts of vegetation that makes fishing difficult in the late summer months. Sacramento Perch have recently invaded this fishery and can provide exciting angling during otherwise slow warm summer days. • Fish powerbait, nightcrawlers, panther martins, balanced leeches, and midge flies for best success. • As water temperatures warm, fish in the deepest parts of the pond for best success when targeting trout. • Carp in the pond become more active and easier to target in the early summer when water temperatures warm and these fish begin to feed. |

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2023 Fishing Forecast
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Water levels- Wilson Commons Pond will have good water levels throughout the 2023 season due to snow pack in the Sierra exceeding 200% of average.

Rainbow Trout

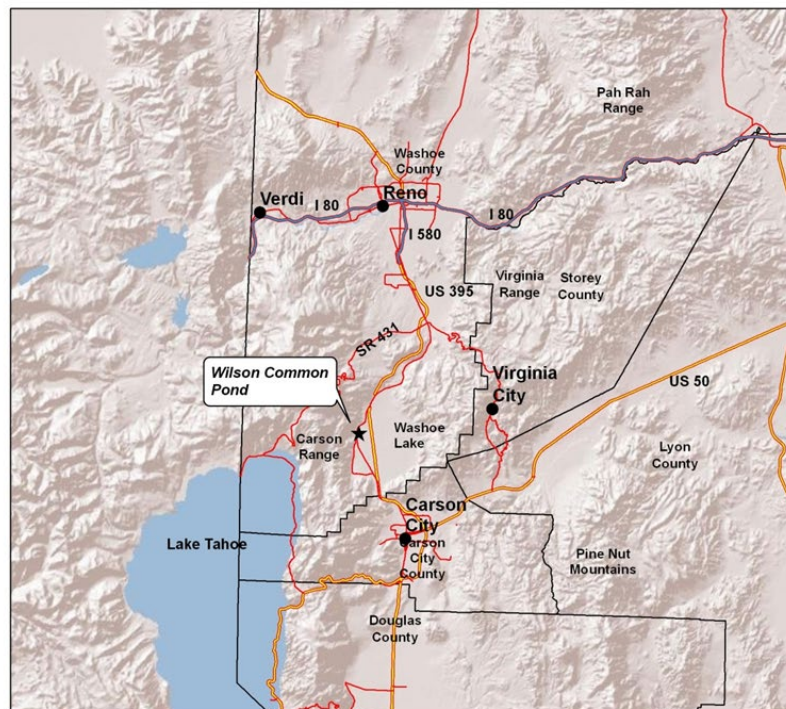
In 2022, 4,585 Rainbow Trout were stocked in Wilson Commons Pond; in 2023, another 4,500 Rainbow Trout are scheduled to be stocked. Rainbow Trout thrive in the cold water in the spring until the water temperature rises in the summer. Rainbow Trout in the pond average 8"-12" and rarely do holdover fish remain in the system due to high water temperatures that occur during summer. Use small lures or flies such as panther martins, Kastmasters, balanced leeches and zebra midges, and bait such as powerbait, nightcrawlers or meal worms for the best success while targeting these fish. Ultralight rods can make catching these fish extremely fun and this water is stocked frequently making it easily assessable for any angler wanting to catch trout.

Common Carp

Common Carp are present in Wilson Commons Pond and are the largest fish you might run into while fishing, these introduced fish are generally bottom feeders and prey on aquatic invertebrates and small minnows or fish. You can catch carp on both bait and with fly gear and provide a fun sight fishing opportunity as they cruise the shallows looking for prey. Look for large, golden-brown shapes along the shoreline when trying to spot one of these fish. Fish bait such as corn year-round or small lures or flies when the fish are feeding in the shallows.

Sacramento Perch and Crappie

These members of the sunfish family can be easy to catch if they are around and are not as sensitive to high water temperatures compared to trout, so they offer some fishing opportunity in the summer when water temperatures rise. Target them with small lures or nightcrawlers for best success.



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