

# ANGEL LAKE



## ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION

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**General information:** Angel Lake is a natural, high elevation, alpine lake that has been modified to increase irrigation storage. It lies completely on public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Rainbow Trout and Tiger Trout are stocked annually, while a small population of self-reproducing Brook Trout are occasionally caught. Due to the slow growing season, trout tend to grow very little after being stocked, with sizes typically ranging from 8-to-14-inches. Angler catch rates typically average one to two fish an hour, with limits of five fish not being uncommon. Due to its high elevation and snowpack, Angel Lake is usually not accessible until June during most years, but typically remains open until the first heavy snows in October or November. The entire perimeter of the lake is fishable.

**Location:** Elko County, 8.5 miles southwest of Wells, via Angel Lake Road, Hwy 231. From Interstate 80 exit 351 it is 12 miles to the parking lot. Use our FishNV tool at <https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>.

**Size:** 13 surface acres with a maximum depth 35 feet.

**Management:** Angel Lake is managed as a Put-and-Take Coldwater Fishery, which is directed towards providing fishing opportunity for hatchery stocked trout with limited carryover.

### Fishing/Boating Regulations

- Open year round, any time of day or night.
- Limit is 5 trout daily, 10 in possession.
- Only vessels without motors are permitted.

### Previous stocking

Species	2024	2023	2022
Rainbow Trout	2,146	3,662	4,865
Tiger Trout	786	463	1,550
Total	2,932	4,125	6,415

### Amenities and General Info

- Vault toilet at parking lot.
- Day-use picnic sites around the lake.
- Forest Service operated campground, one at the lake and another down the mountain.
- Smith Lake trail head.

### Fishing notes

- Common baits include nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and power bait.
- Small spinners, spoons and flies, both wet and dry, are common.
- Utilizing a kayak or float tube will increase your success rate and provide for a relaxing float.



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## 2025 FISHING FORECAST

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### Water level

Snowpack conditions in February 2025 were at 93% of average snow water equivalent for the Clover Valley and Franklin Basin. As is normal, water levels will continue to drop throughout the summer, and due to a dam issue, that was discovered in 2024, water levels will be lower than normal. This decreased water level could impact late season fishing and overwinter fish survival.

### Fishing Forecast

Expect good fishing for 8-to-10-inch Rainbow Trout, with similar success for Tiger Trout that can reach up to 14 inches. Approximately 100 Rainbow trout averaging 19 inches were stocked in 2023, providing anglers the opportunity to catch fish up to 20 inches. Water levels will be lower in 2025, due to the dam issues, but fishing is expected to be good throughout the summer.

