

Battle Born Pond



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General information: Battle Born Pond was recently purchased by the Nevada Department of Wildlife to provide increased recreational opportunities for Nevada anglers in the greater Reno-Sparks area. Battle Born Pond covers an area of approximately 55 acres and is a relatively shallow body of water located in Sparks, Nevada and has a maximum depth of 12 feet. Battle Born Pond is managed as a warmwater fishery with a seasonal coldwater fishery component. It contains Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Sacramento Perch, Green Sunfish, Rainbow Trout, and Common Carp. Fishing is best in late spring, early summer, and early fall for warmwater gamefish and late fall through early spring for coldwater gamefish. Usually, afternoon is the best time in the spring and fall, while the best fishing in summer occurs at in the mornings or evenings when light is at its lowest. Bass anglers are most successful in the Spring and Fall.

Location and Access: Battle Born Pond can be accessed off of Wingfield Hills Rd off between Pyramid Highway and Vista Blvd. Access and parking is still being developed so please be aware of neighborhoods and single-family homes when parking in neighborhoods to access the pond.

Management: NDOW manages Battle Born Pond as a put and take fishery for both warmwater and coldwater game species.

General Info

- Battle Born Pond will allow for boats vessels without motors to be used on the pond in 2025.
- Battle Born Pond is being stocked with a variety of warmwater and coldwater gamefish to increase opportunity in this new urban pond.
- Access is currently limited and please be cognizant of your surroundings as this pond is directly adjacent to many houses and apartments.
- Adjacent to Battle Born Pond are a variety of wetland habitats that make for great wildlife viewing by visitors.

Fishing Regulations

- Season is open year-round; hours are when the area is open to public use. Limit is 3 gamefish, no gear restrictions.

Previous stocking

2024

Channel Catfish	3000	4 inches
Largemouth Bass	21	12 inches
Rainbow Trout	5906	8-12 inches
Green Sunfish	79	4 inches

2023

Channel Catfish	3000	8-11 inches
Largemouth Bass	202	11 inches
Rainbow Trout	5938	8-12 inches

Fishing Notes

- Battle Born Pond is primarily a warmwater fishery that experiences highs and lows during periods of wet and dry years, fish in the afternoon in spring and fall for best success from the shore, fish pre molded blood bait or dipped bait for catfish, lures such as crankbaits, and swimbaits or rapalas work well for Largemouth Bass and Sacramento Perch. Small plastic tube jobs on a small, weighted jig hook in chartreuse, black or olive work well for catching the more aggressive fish.
- Rainbow Trout are stocked in Battle Born Pond in the Spring and Fall and can be caught on Powerbait and flies. Morning and evening are the best times to target these fish.
- Common Carp can be caught in Battle Born Pond on both bait, lures, and fly. Carp will cruise the shoreline starting in May until September and can be a fun sight fishing opportunity.

Water levels - Battle Born Pond should remain full throughout the 2024 season.

Largemouth Bass are common in Battle Born Pond and have been stocked through transfer efforts over the last couple of years. The warmer water temperatures in Battle Born Pond are conducive to growing larger than average Largemouth Bass in this urban pond and these fish can average 10"-14" and caught using plastic baits, small spinner lures, and crappie jugs. Expect fair to excellent fishing for these highly active fish.

In 2024, Battle Born Pond was stocked with 3000 Channel Catfish. Catfish rely on sensory organs called barbels, which give them their catlike 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. In 2025, 1,000- 3,000 Channel Catfish will be stocked into Battle Born Pond which will provide continued opportunities for the public to catch this excellent game fish. You can expect to catch catfish in the 10”-14” range.

In 2024, 5,906 Rainbow Trout were stocked in the spring and fall in Battle Born Pond. These coldwater game fish make excellent fish to bring to your table or to catch for sport. Expect good fishing for these game fish in the Fall through Spring. You can catch these fish on small lures, flies, Powerbait and nightcrawlers under a bobber or with fly gear.

Green Sunfish and Perch fishing in Battle Born Pond is good and they are present in large numbers throughout the lake. These sunfish can be easy to catch and a great opportunity for young anglers. Target them with small lures or nightcrawlers for best success.

Common Carp are ever present in large numbers in Battle Born Pond, these introduced fish are generally bottom feeders and prey on aquatic invertebrates and small minnows or fish. You can catch carp on both bait, lures, swimbaits, and with fly gear and provide a fun sight fishing opportunity as they cruise the shoreline looking for prey. Look for large, golden-brown shapes along the shoreline when trying to spot one of these fish.

