

# BILK CREEK RESERVOIR



## ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION

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**General information:** Bilk Creek Reservoir is managed as a general warmwater fishery. Largemouth Bass and Bluegill are the primary fish species in the reservoir and are self-sustaining populations of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill. Bass are typically 10-12 inches but bigger Largemouth Bass up to 18 inches and 4 pounds have been found during population surveys. Bluegill range from 4-10"

**Location:** Humboldt County, Bilk Creek Range, 75 miles north of Winnemucca. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at [ndowlicensing.com](http://ndowlicensing.com).

**Size:** 20 surface acres at a 670 acre-feet maximum capacity. Max depth of 17 feet when full.

**Management:** Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the fishery as a General Warmwater Fishery for Largemouth Bass and Bluegill, Nevada Division of Water Resources manages the irrigation water right. 95% of the land surrounding the reservoir is private. Please respect private lands. Angling access can be revoked at anytime

### Amenities and General Info

- Primitive camping
- Some unimproved areas for camper trailers
- 4 miles of gravel road off of SR 140
- No restrooms
- Unimproved boat ramps for smaller boats
- Float tube and pontoon boats recommended

### Regulations

- Season is open year round
- Any hour of the day or night
- Limit is 5 gamefish
- Respect private property

### Previous stocking

#### 2024

Largemouth Bass 267 7 inches

#### 2023

NO FISH STOCKING

#### 2022

Rainbow 1,200 13.5 inches

Rainbow 3,956 9.5 inches

Rainbow 1,946 9.5 inches

Tiger trout 504 10.0 inches

#### 2021

Rainbow 3,990 9.8 inches

Rainbow 4,002 9.0 inches

Rainbow 400 9.5 inches

#### 2020

Rainbow 2,002 9.6 inches

Rainbow 2,011 9.1 inches

Tiger trout 213 9.4 inches

Rainbow 497 8.9 inches

### Fishing notes

- Spinner baits, rooster tails, and dropshot plastic worms and soft plastics are standard baits for Largemouth Bass.
- Small rubber jigs or plastics tipped with a worm is effective for Bluegill.
- Top water baits can be effective in the evenings for Largemouth Bass
- Small cork popper flies can be productive for Largemouth Bass and Bluegill in the late summer evenings

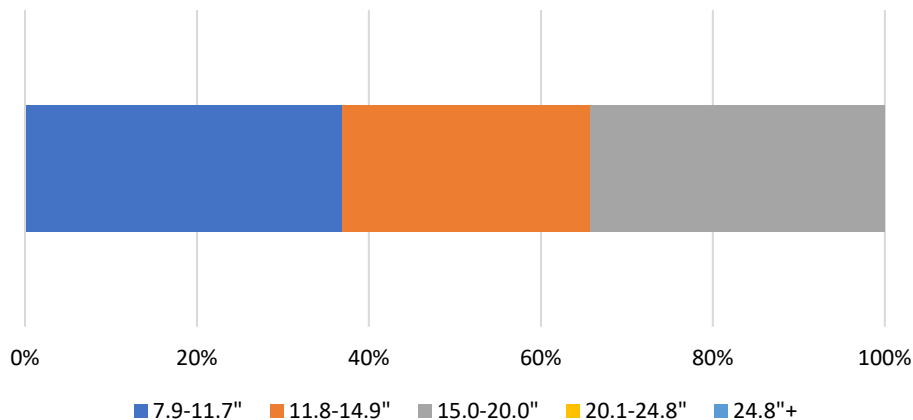
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## **FISHERY SURVEY DATA & FORECAST – 2025**

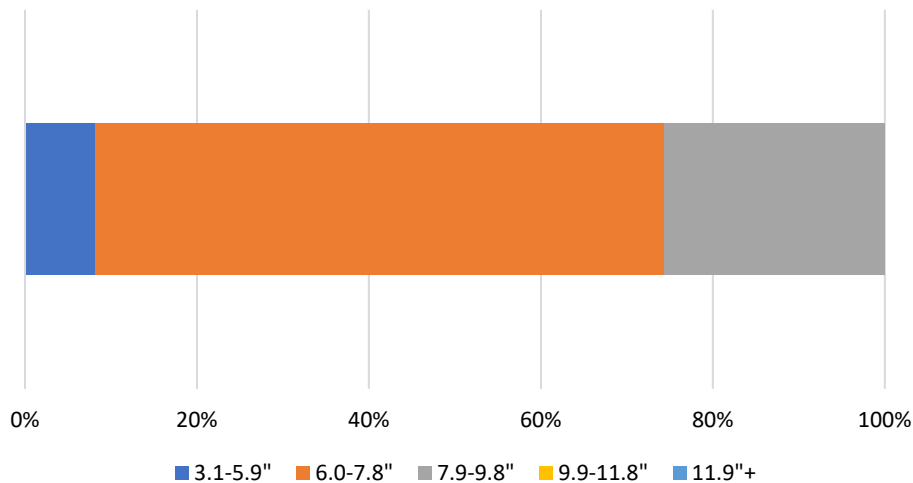
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### **LARGEMOUTH BASS SIZE STRUCTURE BILK CREEK RESERVOIR 2024**



### **BLUEGILL SIZE STRUCTURE BILK CREEK RESERVOIR 2024**



**Biologist Forecast for 2025** – Toxic algae blooms and resulting fish die-offs occurred in 2021 and 2022. The Largemouth Bass population was impacted significantly. The 2024 fishery survey indicated that there are a good number of 6-8" Bluegill and Largemouth Bass that are 4". Largemouth Bass that averaged 7" were stocked in 2024. Largemouth Bass and Bluegill fishing typically picks up by the middle of summer and continues to be good into the early fall. Vegetation around the shoreline generally hinders angling, so a float tube or small boat helps to reach open water. Anglers should expect fair to good fishing for Bluegill and fair to good fishing for Largemouth Bass that are 4-6" in 2025.