

CHIMNEY RESERVIOR



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION

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General information: Chimney Reservoir is managed as a two-tier warmwater fishery. Most species in the reservoir are managed under the General Warmwater Fishery. Tiger muskie are managed as a Trophy Warmwater Fishery. Walleye, Crappie, Channel Catfish, and Yellow Perch are the common species in the reservoir. Tiger muskie are at low densities. Only 2 water records have been submitted for Chimney Reservoir: A Channel Catfish 28.6 inches, weighing 12 pounds 10 ounces. And a Walleye 31 inches long, weighing 10 pounds 6 ounces.

Location: Humboldt County, 52 miles northeast of Winnemucca. There is 22 miles of gravel road to the reservoir. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at ndowlicensing.com.

Size: At full capacity 2,150 surface acres and 35,000 acre/feet with a maximum depth of 55 feet when full.

Management: Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the fishery. The Bureau of Land Management manages the surrounding lands, and some surrounding lands are private. The Nevada Division of Water Resources manages the water releases from Chimney for irrigation and livestock water. There is 3,500 acre/feet minimum pool for Chimney Reservoir that Humboldt County holds.

Amenities and General Info

- Semi-developed Campground
- Concrete 2 lane boat launch
- 22 miles of gravel road to access reservoir.

Regulations

- Season is open year round
- Any hour of the day or night
- Limit is 15 gamefish
- Not more than 5 Walleye
- Not more than 5 Black Bass
- 2 White Bass hybrid (wiper) over 15"
- Tiger muskie is catch and release only. Please report any tiger muskie caught to NDOW 775-623-6565.

Previous stocking

2024

Walleye	300,000	0.25 inches
Smallmouth Bass	724	4.0 inches

2023

Tiger Muskie	908	4.5 inches
Smallmouth Bass	950	2.5 inches

2022

Tiger muskie	1,373	5.3 inches
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2021

Tiger muskie	8,000	4.0 inches
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2020

Tiger muskie	7,016	4.5 inches
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Fishing notes

- Water clarity is typically poor at Chimney. Bright colors lures with scent are recommended. Worms and carp cut bait can be effective presentations.

Fishing notes cont.

- For Walleye trolling worm harnesses, rapalas, and bait fish patterns are common techniques for Walleye. Tip presentations with a worm. Trolling slow for Walleye can be key (1.5 mph).
- Worms, carp cut bait, and scented catfish bait can be productive for Channel Catfish.
- Buck tails, large rapalas, and other larger baitfish patterns are typical tiger muskie lures. Focus on ambush rocky points.
- Small rubber jigs or plastics tipped with a worm is effective crappie and other panfish.
- Fishing usually starts getting better in April with warmer weather and last through the summer into early fall.

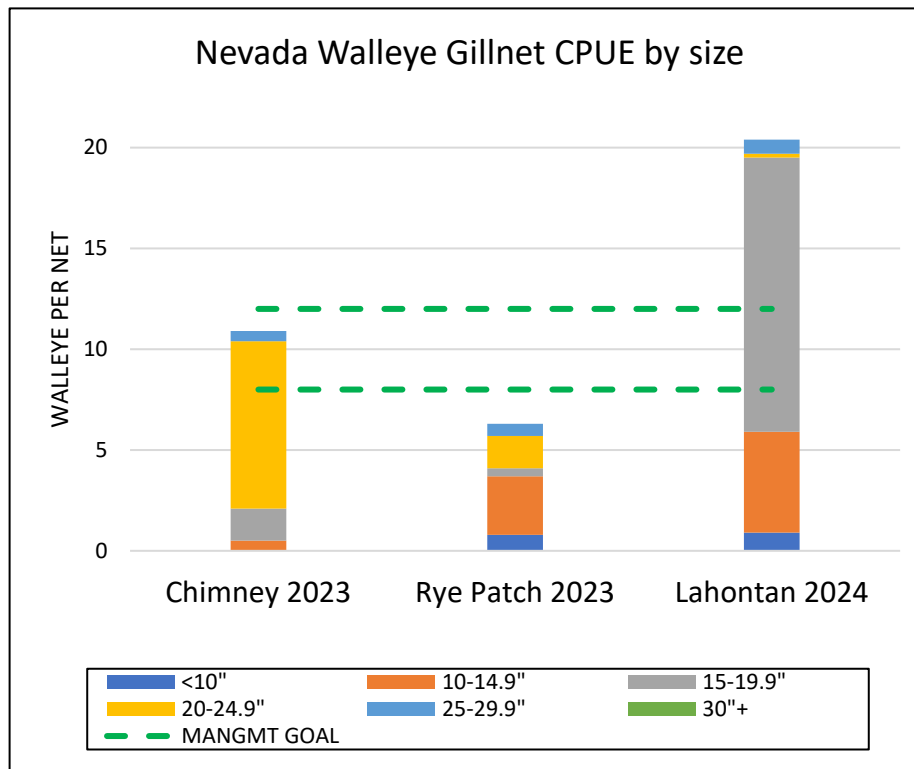
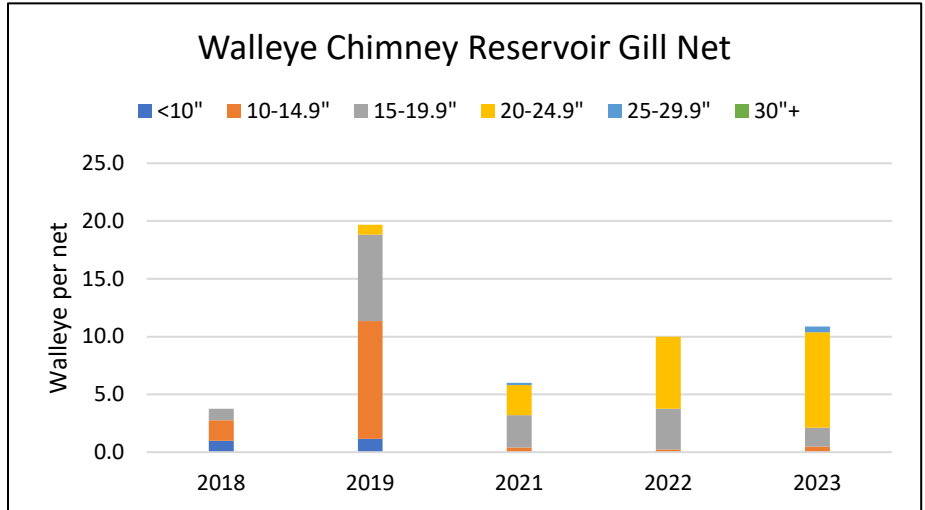
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FISHERY SURVEY DATA – 2023/2024

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10lb 6oz water record from 2023



Biologist Forecast for 2025 - Water levels in Chimney are expected to be good in 2025. Fishery surveys in 2023 revealed good relative abundances of Walleye and angler reports from 2023 indicate good catch rates for Walleye and Channel Catfish. Walleye over 20 inches represented 76% of the Walleye found during surveys. Tiger muskies have been stocked in the reservoir since 2015, with the intention of growing to large sizes for helping to control carp abundance. There is a zero limit on tiger muskie (catch-and-release only). One angler reported catching a 39" 17lb tiger muskie in 2024. The reservoir has catchable size Channel Catfish, crappie, and tiger muskie. The water is typically murky at Chimney Reservoir, using a scented bait or bright presentation can be beneficial. The 2025 fishing forecast for Chimney Reservoir is expected to be fair to good for Walleye, Channel Catfish and Crappie.