

DACEY RESERVOIR



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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General information: Angling for Largemouth Bass is slow until the water temperature reaches 60°F, usually around mid-May. Bass generally average from 11 to 12 inches. Stocked Rainbow Trout are active year around, with the most successful months being March through June and September through October. Growth of trout is good, often producing trophy fish up to 20-inches or more.

Location: Kirch WMA Nye County, White River Valley, 75 miles north of Alamo. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at ndowlicensing.com.

Size: The reservoir is 185 surface acres at full capacity. The average depth is 6 feet and a maximum of 10 feet.

Management: Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the fishery as a Quality Cold Water and a General Warm Water Fishery and is managed with a high, stable level to maintain the bass and Rainbow Trout fisheries. Bureau of Land Management manages the surrounding land.

Amenities and General Info

- Camping at Dave Deacon Campground
- Restrooms
- Primitive boat ramp
- Float tubes, kayaks, and canoes recommended.

Fishing/Boating Regulations

- The limit is fifteen warm water game fish of which not more than 10 may be Black Bass and **1 trout. April, May, and June, the Largemouth Bass is catch and release.**
- **Artificial flies and lures only. No vessel with a motor until August.**
- Trespass onto the upper end is prohibited between February 15 and August 15 due to waterfowl nesting.
- Vessels must be operated at speeds that leave a flat wake

Previous stocking

2024

Rainbow 13,303 8.7 in.

2023

Rainbow Trout were not stocked in 2023.

2022

Rainbow 10,042 9.1 in.

Fishing notes

- Best trout fishing March-June. October, November.
- Best Bass fishing May-October.
- Stripping buggers, and leech patterns. Nymphs under a strike indicator work well for trout.
- Shallow crank baits, frogs, and soft plastics work best for bass
- The only shore fishing is off the dam at the south end of the reservoir.

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FISHERY SURVEY DATA – 2018-2024
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Average size of fish in Dacey Reservoir (inches)		
Year	Trout	Largemouth Bass
2018	18.4	13.1
2019	15.0	11.7
2020	12.0	No data
2021	12.3	No data
2022	12.7	12.2
2024	17.8	12.2

ANGLER CATCH RATES DACEY RESERVOIR		
Year	fish/hour	fish/angler
2019	2.2	8.0
2022	3.6	10.8
2024	2.3	7.5

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2025 Fishing Forecast Mark Beckstrand – Fisheries Biologist Pioche Field Office

Water level - Water storage should be about average but could drop if current drought conditions persist. Bass fishing should be good for fish in the 12 inch or greater size range. Trout fishing should be good in the spring and fair in the fall after water temperatures decrease. Because of the seasonal closure for fishing, stocked trout from 2022 are expected to have had good survival and ample growth and 18 inch or larger fish should be common.

Rainbow trout

In 2024 a total of 13,303 Rainbow Trout were stocked in Dacey Reservoir that averaged 8.7 inches. The most common size classes of rainbow caught by anglers in 2024 were from 12"-15.9". Rainbow Trout catch rates are expected to be over 1.0 fish per hour in 2025 and the average length of a rainbow is expected to be 13"-15". Fish 18 inches or greater will be more common in Dacey than the other reservoirs on the management area. Overall, the Rainbow Trout population numbers are stable with multiple size classes present.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass are the most popular sportfish in Dacey Reservoir representing about 80% of the catch. In 2024, the average size of bass caught by anglers was 12.2 inches. Body condition index measurements in 2024 averaged 89.1 which is below the standard body condition index of 100 but still represents overall healthy fish. Largemouth Bass catch rates are expected to be over 1.0 fish per hour in 2025 and the average length of a bass is expected to be 11"-13". Overall, the Largemouth Bass population numbers are stable with multiple size classes present. Body condition or plumpness of bass are right at the standard index and are expected to remain healthy in 2025.