

HAYMEADOW RESERVOIR



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION **Mark Beckstrand- Fisheries Biologist, Pioche Field Office** **137 Hollywood Way. Pioche, NV 89043 (775)-962-8108**

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. Black Crappie in smaller numbers. Black Bullhead are also found and, so far, are an underutilized resource.

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 190 surface acres at full capacity. The average depth is 6 feet and a maximum of 9 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.

<u>Amenities and General Info</u>	<u>Previous stocking</u>			<u>Fishing notes</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camping at Dave Deacon Campground• Restrooms• Improved boat ramp• Trailers and RVs ok, no hook-ups.• Float tubes, kayaks, and small boats recommended <u>Fishing/Boating Regulations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The limit is fifteen warm water game fish of which not more than 10 may be Black Bass and 5 trout. April, May, and June, the Largemouth Bass limit will be five.• 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	<u>2024</u>			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best trout fishing March-June. October, November.• Best Bass fishing May-October.• Power bait, night crawlers. Stripping bugger, leech, and nymph patterns work well for trout. Small jigs for crappie.• 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.
	Rainbow	19,508	9.3 in.	
	<u>2023</u>			
	Rainbow	10,000	8.8 in.	
	<u>2022</u>			
Rainbow	20,421	9.4 in.		

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FISHERY SURVEY DATA – 2018-2024
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Average size of fish in Haymeadow Reservoir (inches)		
Year	Trout	Largemouth Bass
2018	12.9	13.1
2019	12.6	12.4
2021	12.5	No data
2022	13.4	12.3
2024	13.5	13.0

ANGLER CATCH RATES HAYMEADOW RESERVOIR		
Year	fish/hour	fish/angler
2021	2.8	8.5
2022	1.8	6.4
2024	2.3	7.2

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2025 Fishing Forecast Mark Beckstrand – Fisheries Biologist Pioche Field Office

Water level - Water storage should be about average. Shore angling access is best off the lower dike south of the boat ramp. Angling should be good for Largemouth Bass 10-inches or more in length. Trout fishing should be good in the spring and fall, with the usual slowing in July and August, at which time the bass fishing picks up. There is usually a 30% carryover of Rainbow Trout from one year to the next and with a growth rate of as much as 1-inch per month, 15 inch or larger fish should not be unusual.

Rainbow Trout

In 2024 a total of 19,508 Rainbow Trout were stocked in Haymeadow Reservoir that averaged 9.3 inches. The most common size classes of rainbow caught by anglers in 2024 were from 10"-13.9". 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 12"-14". Overall, the Rainbow Trout population numbers are stable with multiple size classes present.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth Bass are the most popular sportfish in Haymeadow Reservoir representing about 80% of the catch. In 2024, the average size of bass caught by anglers was 12.3 inches. Body condition index measurements in 2024 averaged 95.5 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.