Hobart Reservoir

ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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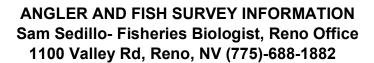**General information:** Hobart Reservoir is located at an elevation of 7,650 feet in the Carson Range of the Toiyabe National Forest. The reservoir covers approximately 10 surface acres, stores 110 acre-feet of water, and has a maximum depth of 15 feet. Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Cutthroat Trout, and bowcutt trout (Rainbow x Cutthroat Trout hybrid) have been introduced into the lake. Brook Trout are the only self-sustaining species. Creel data shows anglers generally catch between 5 and 12 trout per day, but there are times that numerous brook trout can be caught one after the other. Most trout range from 8 to 10 inches, with some up to 14 to 16 inches. Angler success is highest in August and September. Fly-fishing from a float tube is very popular, but many anglers also throw small spinners and spoons from shore. Nevada Division of State Parks has camping facilities at the reservoir with tables, fire pits, and bear proof boxes for storing food.

Location and Access: Hobart Reservoir can be accessed from the north and the south sides. From the south side, drive from Carson City west on Winnie Lane, turn west onto Ash Canyon Road. Follow Ash Canyon Road until the pavement ends and continue on to the improved gravel road and then on to the unimproved dirt road near the water tanks. From the tanks, it is approximately 5 miles up the canyon to the locked gate. 4wd vehicle with good clearance needed. From the parking area, it is about 1/2-mile hike to the lake and another 1/4-mile to the camping area and dam. Accessing the lake from the north involves a much longer hike. Drive to Lakeview, which is north of Carson City, and follow Hobart Road to the locked gate, from that point, follow the road to the right, it is about a 5-mile hike to the reservoir.

Management: NDOW manages the reservoir as a put and take fishery but catch and release angling on this reservoir is popular. The reservoir is owned by the State of Nevada and is used as a water source for Carson City.

General Info

- Please be aware that Hobart Reservoir is not open year-round, please see fishing regulations for dates.

- Please clean, drain, and dry any gear you bring into Hobart to stop aquatic hitchhikers and invasive species.

- There is a vault toilet but no potable water, so filter or treat any water from the lake or nearby stream.

Fishing Regulations

- Season is open May 1 through October 31st, 1 hour before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset. Limit is 5 trout, of which only two may be tiger trout. Only artificial lures may be used. This special regulation applies to Hobart Reservoir, its tributaries and Franktown Creek downstream from Hobart Reservoir to Red House.

Previous Stocking

2024

Species	Number	Size
Brook Trout	40	12 Inches
Rainbows	1,965	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	1,010	8-12 Inches

2023

Species	Number	Size
Rainbows	1,012	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	2,434	8-12 Inches

2022

Species	Number	Size
Tiger trout	1,750	8-12 Inches

2021

Species	Number	Size
Rainbows	1,005	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	1,500	8-12 Inches

2020

Species	Number	Size
Rainbows	1,043	8-12 Inches
Tiger trout	742	8-12 Inches

Fishing Notes

- Early season fishing in May can be excellent as cool water temps and ice off pushes fish closer to the shoreline, fishing drop offs with either a bobber or floating indicator with suspended unscented plastic worms, jigs (mustad sinkits, and marabou jigs), or flies (balanced leeches, midges, or calibaetis flies) 3-6 feet down can be successful. Fishing small panther martins or kastmasters can catch more aggressive fish

- Mid-late season fishing pushes fish towards deeper, cooler water as high-water temps keep trout away from the shore. Fish heavier lures (castmasters and crankbaits) to get your line to where the fish are or fish from an inflatable boat or float tube and get your jigs and flies 6-11 feet down under a bobber or indicator. Fishing from shore can still be good but make sure to find drop offs along the lake where shallow water transitions to deep water

- Close

- Float Tubes

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Water levels - Snow pack conditions for winter of 24/25 are average for the Sierras around the reservoir itself. Hobart should have adequate water levels to allow for fishing throughout the 2025 season.

Rainbow Trout

In 2024 there were 1,965 Rainbow Trout stocked in Hobart Reservoir. Additionally, holdover stocked fish in Hobart Reservoir allow for these fish to be caught throughout the fishing season regardless of stocking numbers. Rainbow Trout in Hobart average 8"-12" but there is the opportunity to catch a larger fish in the 14"-18" range. Angler catch rates for Rainbow Trout are around 20%. As with all the fish in Hobart Reservoir, use small flies or lures such as panther martins or cast masters for the best success while targeting these fish.

Brook Trout

Brook Trout continue to be the most abundant fish in the reservoir and are the only self-sustaining fish population in the lake. Brook Trout also make up the highest percentage of fish caught on Hobart Reservoir, ~40%-60%. The average Brook Trout size in Hobart R. is 8-11 inches with a few over 15 inches caught every year. Don't let their size keep you away, they are one of the most colorful and beautiful fish we have in Nevada. With Hobart Reservoir sitting at a high elevation, Brook Trout will feed ravenously to bulk up for the winter after ice off until the lake ices back over. For best success, use small lures or flies when targeting Brook Trout. In 2024, 40 large Brook Trout were stocked into Hobart Reservoir as part of a fish salvage effort at Marlette Lake.

Tiger Trout

Tiger trout are a cross between Brook Trout and Brown Trout and offer anglers a change to catch a trophy fish over 17" in length. In 2024, 1,010 tiger trout were stocked in Hobart Reservoir with an additional 750-1,000 planned to be stocked in 2025. Tiger Trout made up about 33% of the angler catch rate in 2024 due to the high numbers stocked. These fish are aggressive and will give you a good fight if you happen to have one on the end of your line. Tiger Trout are more likely to chase lures and streamers and tend to be more piscivorous than the other fish species inhabiting Hobart Reservoir.

Hobart Reservoir- 2024 Angler Drop Box Species Composition

- Rainbow Trout Harvested 2%
- Tiger Trout Released 30%
- Rainbow Trout Released 19%
- Bowcutt Trout Released 1%
- Brook Trout Harvested 2%
- Brook Trout Released 42%
- Tiger Trout Harvested 3%

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