

JAKES CREEK RESERVOIR



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION
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General information: Jakes Creek Reservoir, also known as Boies Reservoir, is an irrigation impoundment developed in 1967. The reservoir occurs primarily on private land, with adjacent BLM land; however, the entire lake is accessible to the public. Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass, and Channel Catfish are common in the reservoir, while a native Redband Trout or wild Brown Trout are occasional caught. Rainbow Trout are typically 10 to 16 inches in length, Largemouth Bass can reach up to 14 inches, and Channel Catfish have been caught up to 5 pounds. Channel Catfish were last stocked in 2019 and are scheduled to be stocked again in the spring of 2024. Rainbow Trout are stocked yearly, and the Largemouth Bass are naturally reproducing. Water levels typically drop throughout the summer and shore aquatic weeds tend to increase, making shoreline fishing more difficult by late summer. Under normal winter conditions, the reservoir is frozen from late December to early March, with conditions that allow for fair to good ice fishing for trout.

Location: Elko County, 35 miles north of Wells, via Hwy 93. From Interstate 80, exit 352, it is 37 miles north to the O'Neal Basin road and seven miles of dirt road to the reservoir. Use our FishNV tool at <https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>.

Size: 62 surface acres with a maximum depth 16 feet.

Management: Jakes Creek Reservoir is managed primarily as a General Coldwater Fishery and secondarily as a General Warmwater Fishery.

Fishing/Boating Regulations*

- Open year round, any time of day or night.
- Daily limit is 5 trout, 15 warmwater gamefish with no more than 10 Largemouth Bass, possession limit is twice the daily limit.
- Vessels must operate at less than 5 mph and wakeless.

Previous stocking

Species	2024	2023	2022
Rainbow Trout	2,237	5,031	1,993
Channel Catfish	800	Not stocked	Not stocked

Amenities and General Info

- No developed camping facilities.
- Limited primitive camping space.
- No improved boat launch area, but the northeast corner does allow for launching small boats.

Fishing notes

- Common baits include nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and power bait.
- Small spinners, spoons and flies, both wet and dry, are common.
- Utilizing a kayak or float tube will increase your success rate and provide for a relaxing float.

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2025 FISHING FORECAST

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Water level

Snowpack conditions in February 2025 were at 103% of average snow water equivalent for the Snake River Basin. As is normal, water levels will continue to drop throughout the summer, but water conditions should be good through September and have few impacts on angling.

Fishing Forecast

Expect good fishing for 10-to-14-inch Rainbow Trout and Largemouth Bass up to 13 inches. Channel Catfish fishing has improved the last couple of years with fish up to 22 inches being caught, and 800 4-inch catfish were stocked in 2024. Utilizing float tubes or kayaks to fish the deeper parts of the reservoir and the outside edges of the weeds will increase success for both trout and bass. As is typical, the reservoir level will drop throughout the summer and dense weeds may occur along the shore by the end of summer. Fishing, however, should continue to be good following a good snowpack.

