

LAMOILLE CREEK



ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION **Jacob Stoller- Fisheries Biologist, Elko Field Office** **60 Youth Center Road. Elko, NV 89801 (775) 777-2398**

General information: Lamoille Creek is located in the Ruby Mountains in the Eastern Region. The stream is a popular fishery for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Tiger Trout. Typically, 4,000 to 5,000 trout are stocked annually after spring runoff. Most of the stream has a naturally reproducing Rainbow Trout and Brook Trout population. Trout range in size from 4 to 10 inches with an occasional fish larger than 12 inches.

Location: Elko County, 28 miles east of Elko off of state Highway 227. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at ndowlicensing.com.

Size: Lamoille Creek within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest boundary is approximately 10 miles long with an average baseflow of five cubic feet per second (cfs). Peak flow is typically around 400 to 500 cfs.

Management: Nevada Department of Wildlife manages this fishery as a wild trout fishery with high use areas supplemented with hatchery stock. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest manages the facilities and campsites surrounding the creek.

Amenities and General Info

- The majority of Lamoille Creek is within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest boundary.
- Campsites are available late spring through fall for a fee.
- RV camping is available; however, sites do not have utility hook-ups.
- A few picnic areas are available for a fee.
- Restrooms are available at several locations throughout the canyon.
- There are several trailheads within Lamoille Canyon that provide excellent hiking opportunity.

Previous Stocking

2024

10,927 Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

2023

8,498 Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

2022

4,128 Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

2021

4,020 Tiger Trout

Fishing Regulations

- Season is open all year, any hour of the day or night.
- 5 trout limit per day, 10 in possession.

Fishing Notes

- Midge and/or dry fly patterns are highly effective.
- Most bait such as nightcrawlers, salmon eggs, and Power Bait are commonly used.
- Larger fish and higher catch rates are typically found in the mid to lower portions of the stream away from the main roads and trails.
- The best time of day to fish is early in the morning or late afternoon when the stream is shaded by the canyon walls.

2025 Fishing Forecast

Water level

Snowpack conditions for the Ruby Mountains at the beginning of 2025 were about normal at 93% of median. With normal snowpack, Lamoille Creek is expected to have persistent high flow into the beginning of July reaching base flow towards the end of July.

Fishing Forecast

Lamoille Creek will be challenging to fish before the beginning of July due to residual snow and high runoff. Also, due to a dry summer and fall in 2024 that resulted in a large portion of upper Lamoille Creek going dry, angler catch rates will be lower in 2025. Catch rates should pick up once Lahontan Cutthroat Trout are stocked in Lamoille Creek around the Fourth of July. The beaver ponds in the upper portion of the stream are a very popular spot to fish and can provide good catch rates once stocking has occurred. Anglers looking to catch bigger fish should focus on the less accessible portions of the stream below Camp Lamoille. Fish seem to be the most active during the early morning and late afternoons. Lamoille Creek is scheduled to be stocked with Lahontan Cutthroat Trout around the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends.

