PARADISE PARK PONDS

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General information: The Paradise Pond complex consists of two large ponds and two small ponds that accumulate about 24 surface acres. The larger ponds are about 18 feet deep and have numerous boulder structures that enhance fish habitat. The ponds have been stocked with rainbow and brown trout, bluegill, and channel catfish. Bait fishing for trout with worms or Power Bait is best, but throwing small spinners or spoons can produce fish. On occasion, large channel catfish have been caught, with the largest in the Trophy Fish Program being 21 lbs 4 oz. Accessible fishing piers are found at the north and south ponds.

Location and Access: From US 395, exit onto Plumb Lane and turn west, continue on past Virginia Street and turn south on Lakeside Drive. Parking lots and street parking are available along the lake.

Management: The Paradise Park Ponds are managed by the City of Reno. The Nevada Department of Wildlife stocks Paradise Park Ponds with Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish and manages the ponds as a put and take fishery.

| General Info | Previous stocking | | | Fishing notes |
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| No boats or float tubes are allowed on the lake. | Rainbows | 2024 984 | 8-12 Inches | The Paradise Park Ponds are best to fish directly preceding the stocking events for Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish. These events occur generally in May for Channel Catfish and March/April for Rainbow Trout. Fish blood bait and drip baits for Channel Catfish, they will typically be most active in the morning and evening during low light conditions. |
| Numerous Park areas, benches, docks, and public facilities are available around Paradise Park Ponds, and it is a great place to take your family. | Channel Catfish | 1,000 2023 | 5 inches | |
| | Rainbows | 2,522 2022 | 8-12 Inches | |
| The north and south ponds contain aerators to help with the low oxygen levels that can harm fish. | Channel Catfish | | 8-12 Inches | |
| | Rainbows | 1,997 2021 | 8-12 Inches | |
| Fishing Regulations | Rainbows | 1,996 2020 | 8-12 Inches | Rainbow Trout fishing will be best during the spring when water temperatures are cool. |
| Open year round, during public park hours. Limit is 3 game fish. | Rainbows | 1,510 | 8-12 Inches | |
| | | | | Use powerbait or small nightcrawlers, kastmasters and panther martin lures and midge/calibaetis flies suspended under an indicator if targeting with an artificial lure or fly. |

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<u>Water levels</u>- Paradise Park Ponds will be maintained at reasonable levels throughout the 2025 season, Spring and Summer will have the highest water levels in the lake.

Rainbow Trout

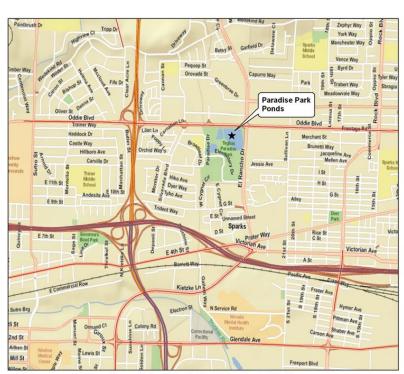
In 2024 there were 984 Rainbow Trout stocked in Paradise Park Ponds with an additional 2,000 fish planned to be stocked in 2025. The occasional holdover stocked Rainbow Trout in the ponds allow for these fish to be caught throughout the fishing season. Rainbow Trout in the lake average 8"-12". For the best chance at catching Rainbow Trout in the Paradise Park Ponds, use powerbait and/or small flies or lures (panther martins, midge or calibaetis flies) for the most success while targeting these fish.

Channel Catfish

In 2024 there were 1,000 catfish stocked in Paradise Park Ponds with more planned to be stocked in the spring of 2024 depending on availability. Catfish do well in Paradise Park Ponds due to the warm water temperatures reached in summer and fall and rely on sensory organs called barbels, which give them their catlike whiskers, to sense or "taste" their prey. Catfish will eat nearly anything that comes their way and can be caught on a wide assortment of bait and lures. Stocked and holdover catfish provide opportunities for the public to catch this excellent game fish year-round. Expect to catch Channel Catfish in the 2-5 lb range and the record catfish for Virginia Lake was 21 lbs, 4 oz.







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