

# RYE PATCH RESERVOIR



## ANGLER AND FISH SURVEY INFORMATION

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**General information:** Rye Patch Reservoir is managed as a two-tier warmwater fishery. Most species in the reservoir are managed under the Warmwater General Fishery. Walleye and wiper are managed as a Trophy Warmwater Fishery. Walleye, wiper, White Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, Channel Catfish, White Catfish, Bluegill, and Yellow Perch are the common species in the reservoir. The water records are as follows: Walleye 14 lbs 14oz, Channel Catfish 30 lbs 4 oz, wiper 11 lbs 6 oz, White Crappie 3 lbs 1 oz, and Smallmouth Bass 3 lbs 4 oz.

**Location:** Pershing County, 23 miles east of Lovelock on I-80 and 48 mile west of Winnemucca on I-80. Use our FishNV tool (<https://fish.wildlifenv.com/>) to find waters near you, and buy your fishing license at [ndowlicensing.com](http://ndowlicensing.com).

**Size:** At full capacity 10,280 surface acres and 196,000 acre/feet with a maximum depth of 61 feet when full.

**Management:** Nevada Department of Wildlife manages the fishery. Nevada State Parks and the Bureau of Land Management manages the surrounding lands. The Pershing County Water Conservation District manages the water for irrigation. There is no minimum pool of water for Rye Patch Reservoir

### Amenities and General Info

- Developed State Parks camp sites
- <http://parks.nv.gov/parks/rye-patch>
- Showers
- Toilets
- Concrete 2 lane boat launch

### Regulations

- Season is open year round
- Any hour of the day or night
- Limit is 25 gamefish
- Not more than 5 Trout
- Not more than 5 Walleye
- Not more then 5 Black Bass
- 2 White Bass or White Bass hybrid (wiper) over 15"
- White Bass or White Bass hybrid under 15" are included in the 25 fish limit

### Previous stocking

#### 2024

Walleye fry	700,000	1/4 inches
Wiper fry	600,000	1/4 inches
Rainbow	10,883	9 inches
Channel Catfish	800	5 inches

#### 2023

Walleye fry	700,000	1/4 inches
Wiper fry	600,000	1/4 inches

#### 2022

Walleye fry	1,300,000	1/4 inches
Rainbow	500	10.1 inches
Wiper	498	8.0 inches

#### 2021

Walleye fry	1,000,000	1/4 inches
Rainbow	506	9.5 inches

#### 2019

Channel Catfish	4,500	6.0 inches
Walleye fry	850,000	1/4 inches
Rainbow	1,003	10.2 inches
White Bass	126	6 inches
White Bass fry	500,000	1/4 inches
Wiper	3,200	3.5 inches

#### 2018

Walleye	2,500	7.0 inches
Wiper	3,400	4.0 inches
Channel Catfish	1,500	6.0 inches
White Bass	438	6.0 inches

### Fishing notes

- For Walleye trolling worm harnesses, rapalas, and bait fish patterns are common techniques for Walleye. Trolling slow can be key. 1.5 mph.
- Wipers can be caught on rapalas, soft plastics and other bait fish patterns.
- Spinner baits, rooster tails, and dropshot plastic worms and soft plastics are standard baits for Smallmouth Bass.
- Small rubber jigs or plastics tipped with a worm is effective crappie and other panfish.
- Fishing usually starts in April with warmer weather and last through the summer into early fall

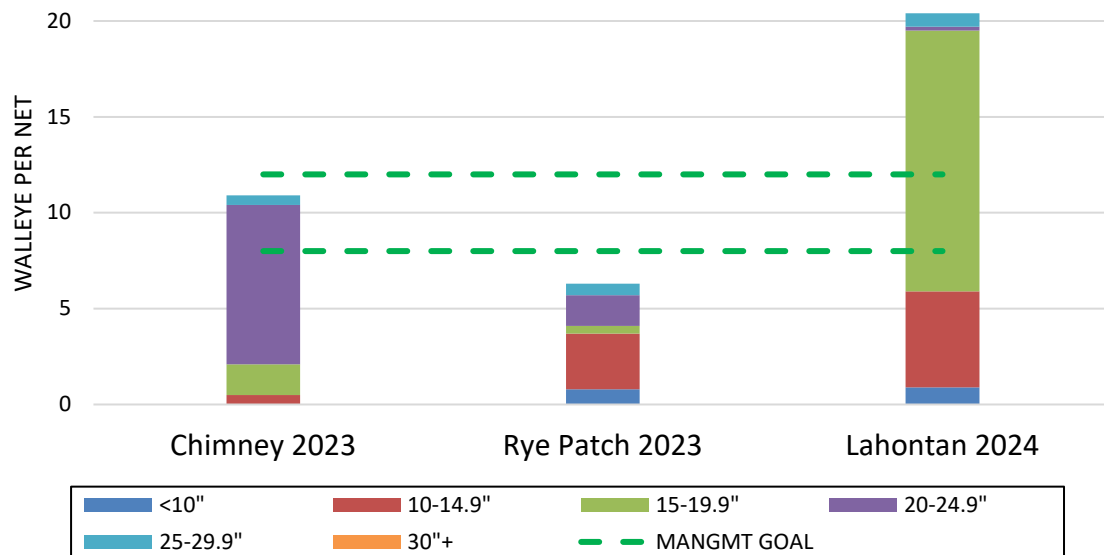
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## FISHERY SURVEY DATA AND FORECAST

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Nevada Walleye Gillnet CPUE by size



**Biologist Forecast for 2025** - Fisheries surveys in 2023 indicate that the White Bass and the Walleye, populations are thriving at Rye Patch Reservoir. White Bass are the most common fish in the reservoir and anglers should be able to catch plenty of White Bass in the 7-9" range if they can find the schools and fish with small spinners or spinner baits. 40% of the walleye population is over 20" and 25% of the wipers are over 24". Water levels will be good at Rye Patch in 2025 and anglers can expect to catch White Bass and Walleye with the opportunity to catch a trophy size wiper. Channel Catfish and Crappie can also be caught at Rye Patch Reservoir. Fishing is expected to be fair to good in 2025 with angler catch rates near 1 fish per hour and 4-5 fish per day.