

# Granite Mountain Reservoir (Squaw Creek Reservoir)



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**General information:** Granite Mountain Reservoir is a private reservoir constructed in 1952. At maximum pool, the reservoir is 48 surface acres, stores 1,200 acre-ft of water, and is 45 feet deep. There are two tributaries, with one providing warmwater to the reservoir. Largemouth Bass, Green Sunfish, Bullhead, Channel Catfish, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, tiger trout (Brook x Brown Trout Hybrid) and bowcutt Trout (Rainbow x Cutthroat Trout hybrid) occur in the reservoir. The best time of year to fish Granite Mountain Reservoir is in the spring, with trout usually ranging between 10 and 12 inches, Largemouth Bass between 10 and 14 inches, and catfish between 10 and 12 inches.

**Location and Access:** From Interstate 80, take the Wadsworth exit and travel north on State Route 447 for approximately 95 miles to Granite Mountain Reservoir, located on the west side of the road.

**Management:** Granite Mountain Reservoir is managed by NDOW as a put and take trout fishery and a general warmwater fishery. Fish are stocked year-round. Previously, NDOW stocked Cutthroat Trout for angling and for use as a brood stock source, providing eggs for hatchery rearing. However, spawning runs were never very successful and the spawning effort was abandoned.

### General Info

- Primitive camping is allowed at Granite Mountain Reservoir although the majority of the Reservoir is on Private Land.
- There are no bathroom or trash facilities available, but to ensure this fishery remains open to the public, please respect private property, and leave the area cleaner than you found it.
- No special regulations apply for boating

### Fishing Regulations

- General regulations apply. Season is open year around, any hour of the day or night. Limits are 5 trout and 15 warmwater game fish, of which not more than 5 may be Black Bass.

### Previous stocking

#### **2024**

Rainbows	3989	8-12 Inches
Brown Trout	1036	8-12 Inches
Channel Catfish	3000	6 Inches

#### **2023**

Rainbows	3,990	8-12 Inches
Brown Trout	1,002	8-12 Inches
Channel Catfish	3,000	8-12 Inches

#### **2022**

Rainbows	1,010	8-12 Inches
Brown Trout	1,005	8-12 Inches
Channel Catfish	2,000	8-12 Inches

#### **2021**

Rainbows	4025	8-12 Inches
Brown Trout	1001	8-12 Inches
Bowcutt trout	3002	8-12 Inches

#### **2020**

Rainbows	9020	8-12 Inches
Brown Trout	1002	8-12 Inches

### Fishing Notes

- Granite Mountain Reservoir fishes best in Spring when water temperature is cooler, and trout stocking is ongoing. Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout can be caught from shore during this time.
- For trout fish small lures such as panther martins or kastmasters, use bait such as power bait and worms either on the bottom or suspended 2 feet above the lake bottom. Use flies such as zebra midges, wooly buggers, or balance leeches.
- During the summer, fish will be out in deeper, cooler water.
- Largemouth Bass make up the other species in the lake and target using plastic swim baits, buzz baits, crank baits, and spinnerbaits.
- Targeting bass early in the summer will be most effective.
- Channel Catfish can be caught year-round on pre-molded blood baits, drip baits, chicken liver and small lures such as kastmasters.

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**Water levels** - Granite Mountain Reservoir will maintain good water levels in 2025 due to snowpack.

## **Rainbow Trout and Bowcutt Trout**

In 2024 there were 3,989 Rainbow Trout and stocked in Granite Mountain Reservoir with an additional 1,000-4,000 Rainbows and bowcutts planned to be stocked in 2025. Bowcutts are a cross between Rainbow Trout and Cutthroat Trout and fight hard. Granite Mountain Reservoir is better for numbers than size of fish caught. Rainbow Trout in the lake average 8"-12" but you can catch them up to 14". A trophy Rainbow or bowcutt in Granite Mountain Reservoir is 18". For the best chance at catching Rainbow Trout or bowcutt trout, use powerbait and/or small flies or lures (panther martins, midge or calibaetis flies).

## **Brown Trout**

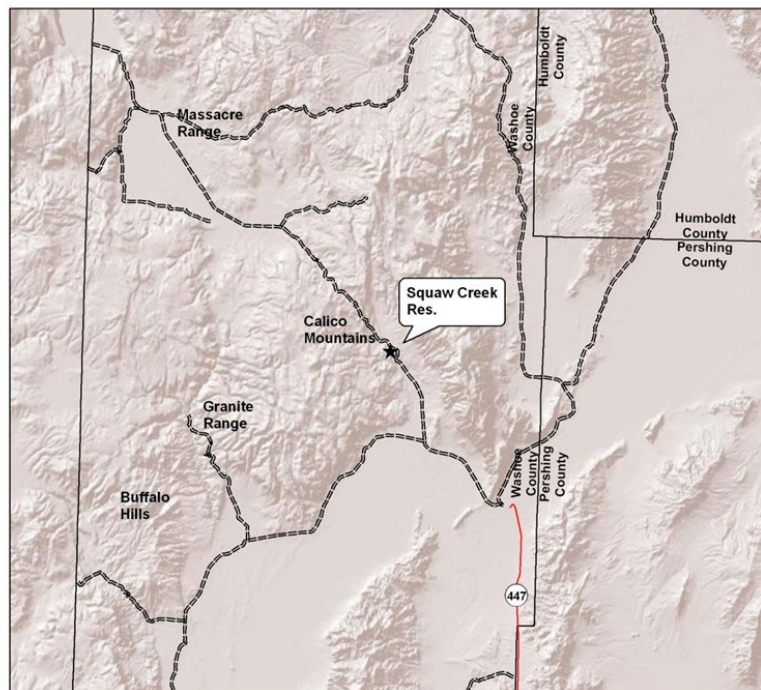
In 2024 there were 1,036 Brown Trout stocked with an additional 1,000 planned to be stocked in 2025. Brown Trout in Granite Mountain Reservoir offer great fishing opportunities throughout the year, especially in the late spring and fall. Fishing with small lures or nightcrawlers are effective for these fish along with suspended flies under an indicator. Brown Trout in Granite Mountain Reservoir will grow up to 12"-14".

## **Channel Catfish**

Channel Catfish are occasionally stocked in Granite Mountain Reservoir and in 2024 there were 3000 stocked in May with an additional 2,000-3,000 to be stocked in 2025. Catfish are well suited for the temperature fluctuations in Granite Mountain Reservoir 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 1-3 lb. range in Granite Mountain Reservoir.

## **Largemouth Bass**

Largemouth Bass are a popular sportfish that exists in Granite Mountain Reservoir and can grow to large sizes, all Largemouth caught in the lake are wild and they thrive in the water temperatures that persist in the lake. In the Reservoir, you can catch them on swimbaits, spinnerbaits, rapalas, or crankbaits with similar colors to Rainbow Trout or a Brown Trout. Fish shallow water, structure, or weed beds in the late spring and early summer that exists along drop-offs which are areas that transition from shallow to deep quickly. Largemouth Bass will eat other game fish in the lake that are stocked throughout the year.



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