

WILSON COMMON POND



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General information: Wilson Common Pond was constructed in 1994, and the park is managed by Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space. The Nevada Department of Wildlife first started stocking trout in 1995 when it opened to the public. The pond covers approximately one surface acre, is 15 feet deep, and receives water from Franktown Creek. It is managed as a put-and-take fishery, that is, fish are stocked and caught quickly by anglers. Crappie were illegally introduced and occasionally one is caught. The pond is surrounded by a large, well-maintained lawn with lots of room for kids to play. It also has tennis and volleyball courts and picnic areas. It is a great place for kids to fish with few trees interfering with casting.

Location and Access: Wilson Common Pond is located in Washoe Valley between Carson City and Reno. The park is approximately 1 mile south of Bower's Mansion on old US 395. Turn east on William Brent Drive. Keep your eyes open ... it is easy to miss.

Management: Wilson Common Pond is managed as put and take fishery for trout by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

General Info

- Wilson Common Pond is an excellent fishery that provides easy access and casting space.
- Water temperatures can warm quickly later in the year and target trout or warmwater fish depending on air and water temperatures

Fishing Regulations

- General regulations apply: Season is open year-round, during public park hours. Limit is 3 game fish.

Previous stocking

	2024	
Rainbows	2,653	8-12 Inches
	2023	
Rainbows	3,045	8-12 Inches
	2022	
Rainbows	4,585	8-12 Inches
	2021	
Rainbows	4,503	8-12 Inches
	2020	
Rainbows	4,487	8-12 Inches
	2019	
Rainbows	4,542	8-12 Inches

Fishing notes

- Fishing is best in the mornings and evenings when the water temperature is cooler. The more recently the pond has been stocked, the better the fishing will be. The pond can develop large amounts of vegetation that makes fishing difficult in the late summer months. Sacramento Perch have recently invaded this fishery and can provide exciting angling during otherwise slow warm summer days.
- Fish powerbait, nightcrawlers, panther martins, balanced leeches, and midge flies for best success.
- As water temperatures warm, fish in the deepest parts of the pond for best success when targeting trout.
- Carp in the pond become more active and easier to target in the early summer when water temperatures warm and these fish begin to feed.

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Water levels - Wilson Common Pond will have good water levels throughout the 2025 season due to average snowpack in the Sierra's.

Rainbow Trout

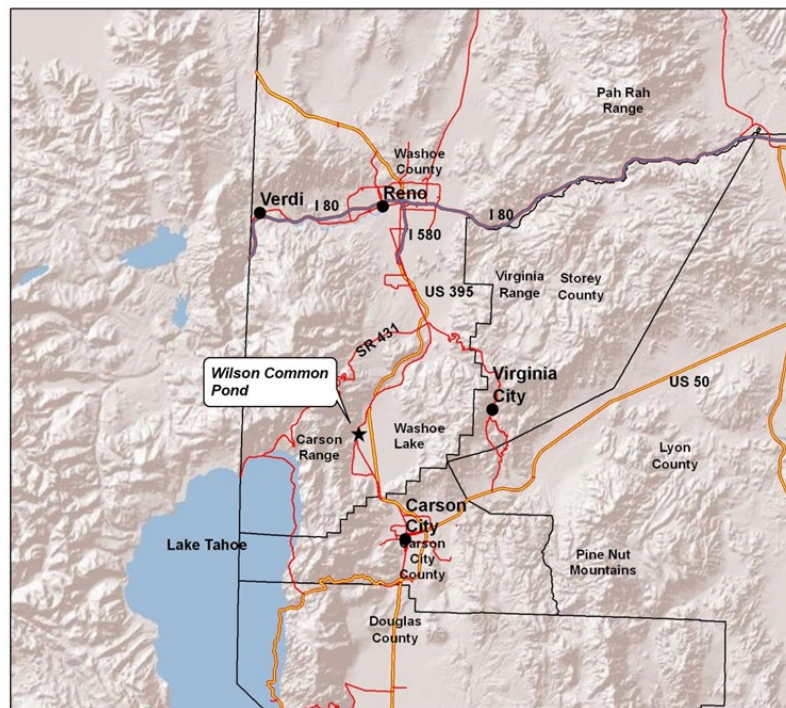
In 2024 there were 2,653 Rainbow Trout stocked in Wilson Common Pond, in 2025 there will be 2,000 - 4,500 Rainbow Trout stocked. Rainbow Trout thrive in the cold water in spring and until the water temperature rises in the summer. Rainbow Trout in the pond average 8"-12" and rarely do holdover fish remain in the system due to high water temperatures that occur during summer. Use small lures or flies such as panther martins, cast masters, balanced leeches and zebra midges, and bait such as powerbait, nightcrawlers or meal worms for the best success while targeting these fish. Ultralight rods can make catching these fish extremely fun and this water is stocked frequently making it easily assessable for any angler wanting to catch trout.

Common Carp

Common Carp are present in Wilson Common Pond and are the largest fish you might run into while fishing, these introduced fish are generally bottom feeders and prey on aquatic invertebrates and small minnows or fish. You can catch carp on both bait and with fly gear and provide a fun sight fishing opportunity as they cruise the shallows looking for prey. Look for large, golden-brown shapes along the shoreline when trying to spot one of these fish. Fish bait such as corn year-round or small lures or flies when the fish are feeding in the shallows.

Sacramento Perch and Crappie

These members of the sunfish family can be easy to catch if they are around and are not as sensitive to high water temperatures compared to trout. Target them with small lures or nightcrawlers for best success.



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