

Concho Lake

Location – Concho Lake is located in the eastern Arizona grasslands at 6,300 feet. It’s an irrigation reservoir situated in the town of Concho, on the east side of State Highway 61. Much of the surrounding land is privately owned; the rest is owned by the Bureau of Land Management, but is managed for sport fisheries and wildlife resources by the Department.

Description – Concho Lake is a small, shallow, weedy lake. It has 80 surface acres with a maximum depth of 16 feet and an average depth of 8 feet. A small watershed and nearby spring feed the lake. Following current management plans, the Department stocks catchable-sized rainbow trout during spring months. Green sunfish and an occasional largemouth bass also occur at this lake. The lake gets drawn down considerably in the summer for irrigation.



Amenities – There is a boat ramp, dirt parking, picnic benches and a restroom here. The nearest lodging and dining is in St. Johns, 16 miles to the east.

Fishing Techniques – To try your luck at trout, float a night crawler a couple of feet from the bottom or suspend it under a bobber. Also try trolling flies or small lures from a boat.

Special Notes – Statewide fishing regulations apply and a trout stamp is required. The daily bag limit is six trout; three for unlicensed anglers under the age of 14. Boat motors are restricted to either electric or 10 hp gas motors or less.