



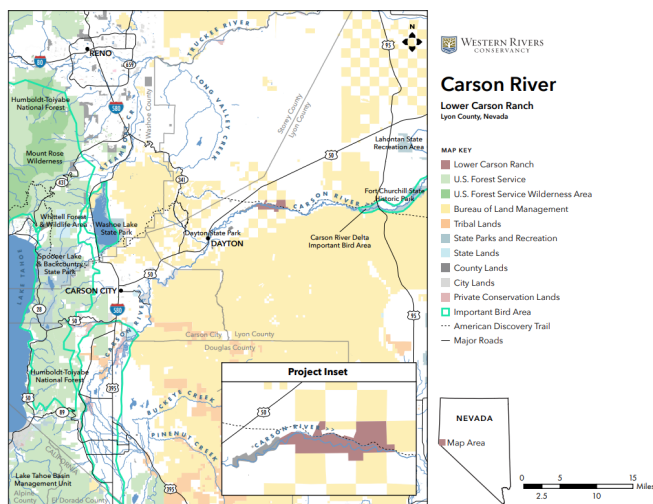
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Nevada's Lower Carson River: A New State Park Protects Over Four Miles of the Lower Carson

This summer, Western Rivers Conservancy helped create Nevada's 28th state park, permanently protecting 4.5 miles of the lower Carson River and opening extensive public river access just outside the town of Dayton. In the driest state in the country, a living river like the Carson isn't just scenery—it's a lifeline for communities, fish, wildlife and people alike. The park became a reality when WRC conveyed the 1,627-acre Lower Carson Ranch to Nevada State Parks, ensuring this stretch of the Carson River will be protected and enjoyed for generations to come. Nevada State Parks is currently developing a master plan to open the property to the public, which will create new opportunities to fish, paddle, hike and picnic along one of western Nevada's great rivers. In a state with limited access to water, this new park, which is near the fast-growing communities of Reno, Carson City and Dayton, will provide a rare opportunity for people to recreate on the river. *Teddy Miller photo*



California's East Fork Carson River: Habitat, Access and Wildfire Protection in the Eastern Sierra

Western Rivers Conservancy permanently protected a special stretch of the East Fork Carson River when we conveyed the 1,688-acre Park Ranch to Alpine County. We purchased the property in two phases beginning in 2025 and transferred it to the county in August 2026. The project represents an extraordinary opportunity to deliver habitat conservation for fish and wildlife, recreational access for people and wildfire protection for the community of Markleeville. Conserving Park Ranch will expand access for fishing, hunting and birding, while connecting the property to Markleeville Campground and hiking trails that begin at Hangman's Bridge, just upstream of the ranch. One of the key benefits for the nearby community of Markleeville is the property's potential to serve as a bulwark against catastrophic wildfires. Now in county ownership, the ranch will continue to be managed for conservation and recreation, with compatible grazing playing a role in both improved habitat and wildfire fuels reduction. *David Dimes photo*

