



This fishing report, provided by Dustin Berg of www.gounlimited.org (supporting disabled anglers) and the Department of Game and Fish, has been generated from the best information available from area officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

NOTE: There will be fewer reports available during the cooler seasons when fishing slows. The department will make every effort to provide as much information as possible during the winter months.

[Check out the latest stocking report](#)

[Get your New Mexico fishing license: 2023-24 licenses are currently on sale and will be valid until March 31, 2024.](#)



2023-24 Fishing RIBs Available Online!

The 2023-24 Fishing Rules and Information Booklets (RIBs) are still available in print and online in [English and Spanish for download](#).

Printed versions are expected to be available in mid-April.

Check the Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner!

The Department's Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner was created using data from past Weekly Fishing Reports to develop graphs depicting fishing conditions for several species and waterbodies throughout the year. Each graph represents the average fishing conditions for each week of the year over the four-year period.

The Department has also developed an interactive Fishing Waters Map with a wealth of information on fishing locations in New Mexico. It displays hundreds of fishing access points with information of fish species available, facilities, accessibility, boat ramps and general regulations.



[Check out the webpage to plan your trip now!](#)



Take the Bass and Trout Challenges!

To promote fishing opportunities in New Mexico and encourage anglers to branch out and discover new fishing waters and species, anglers can participate in the [New Mexico Bass Challenge](#), the [New Mexico Trout Challenge](#) and the [Master Angler Challenge](#). Who knows, you could catch a [New Mexico Record Fish](#).



Catch all the challenge species that are found throughout New Mexico or a New Mexico State Record Fish and receive a certificate and challenge coin for your accomplishment!

Land Management Agency Links

The Department reminds anglers to “know before you go” and to contact land management agencies regarding additional regulations or restrictions on specific properties of interest prior to heading afield.

- [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\)](#)
- [U.S. Forest Service \(USFS\)](#)
- [New Mexico State Lands](#)
- [New Mexico State Parks](#)
- [New Mexico Open Gate Properties](#)
- [New Mexico Wildlife Management Areas](#)
- [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#)



Consult local government websites for information regarding specific city and town fishing access.

Catches of the week

Brantley Lake: Alex Hernandez of Hobbs caught a 5.35-pound walleye using a chatterbait April 1.

Cochiti Lake: Aaron Keske of Taos caught a 6.38-pound largemouth bass using an 8-inch swimbait April 1. Ensley Aguilar of Kewa Pueblo caught two pike over 30 inches long using a gizzard shad-pattern swimbait April 1. Nicole Geba of Batangas, Philippines, caught and released an 18-inch smallmouth bass using a blue Googan jerkbait March 29. Tom Gutierrez of Albuquerque caught a 34-inch pike using a hot dog March 29. Joseph Miera of Albuquerque caught and released a 16-inch walleye using a Rapala lure March 28.



Cruz Martinez, age 10, of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch rainbow trout using a spinner March 22 at Tingley Beach.

Morphy Lake: Mario Garcia of Rio Rancho caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using worms April 2.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Josiah Sedillo of Algodones caught a 24-inch, 6-pound brown trout using green garlic PowerBait March 25.

Santa Rosa Lake: Eric Chavez of Albuquerque caught two 15-inch walleye using 5-inch, curly tail grubs March 25.

Tingley Beach: Kace Jaxon, age 3, of Albuquerque caught his first fish, a 15-inch rainbow trout, using turbo dough PowerBait March 29. Cruz Martinez, age 10, of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch rainbow trout using a spinner March 22.

If you have a catch of the week story or just want to tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing experience, send it to us at funfishingnm@gmail.com. We may include your story in our next report. For catches of the week, include name, age, hometown, date, location, type of fish, length and weight if possible, and bait, lure or fly used. Fish weights and measurements are provided by the angler and printed here as received.

Northeast Fishing Report

Cabresto Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Charette Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Clayton Lake: Fishing for trout good when using worms and PowerBait. Fishing for walleye was fair when using curly-tail grubs and crankbaits.

Conchas Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Costilla Creek: The Valle Vidal is closed to fishing until July.

Cowles Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Coyote Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eagle Nest Lake: The lake is open to shore fishing and is closed to all watercrafts including canoes, kayaks, inflatables and all types of motorboats. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

Eagle Rock Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Gallinas River: National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at 505-438-5300 for the latest closure information.

Hopewell Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Alice: Closed due to unsafe ice conditions.

Lake Maloya: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Los Pinos River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Maxwell Lake 13: We had no reports from anglers this week.



Josiah Sedillo of Algodones caught a 24-inch, 6-pound brown trout using green garlic PowerBait March 25 at Santa Cruz Reservoir.

Monastery Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. The Benedictine Monastery Lake is part of the Department's [Open Gate Program](#). Please [visit our website for more information about this property](#).

Morphy Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using pink-lemonade PowerBait, worms and Thomas spoons.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 116 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using streamer flies and worms.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 49 cfs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 510 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using Panther Martin spinners and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using brown trout-pattern lures and Woolly Bugger flies south of Pilar.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 20 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was not measured due to ice. Fishing for trout was good when using pink and purple nymph flies.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using green garlic PowerBait and Pistol Pete spinner flies.

Shuree Ponds: Closed to fishing until July.

Springer Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Storrie Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Stubblefield Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was good when using suspending Smithwick Rogue lures, Rapala X Rap jerkbaits and Keitech swimbaits. Fishing for white bass was good when using 6-to-10 foot diving Bomber Model A lures and Bandit 200 and 300 model lures. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was fair when using Strike King crankbaits, Bandit 100s, vibrating jigs and spinnerbaits. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows in 15-20 feet of water. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low 50 F range, and the water was clear.

Northwest Fishing Report

Abiquiu Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 349 cfs.

Albuquerque Area Drains: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bluewater Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Brazos River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Canjilon Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for pike was good when using gizzard shad-pattern swimbaits, lipless crankbaits and 8-inch swimbaits, jerkbaits and hotdogs. Fishing for walleye was fair when using Rapala lures. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was fair to good when using jerkbaits and swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut carp bait.



Nicole Geba of Batangas, Philippines, caught and released an 18-inch smallmouth bass using a blue Googan jerkbait March 29 at Cochiti Lake.

El Vado Lake: Closed due to dam construction project. For more information, [visit El Vado Lake State Park's webpage](#) or call 575-588-7247.

Fenton Lake: Due to deteriorating and dangerous ice conditions, Fenton Lake is now closed for ice fishing. Going onto the ice or throwing objects onto the ice is strictly prohibited. The park will remain open for day use and camping. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-829-3630.

Grants Riverwalk Pond: The city is in the final stages of repairs; stocking will resume soon.

Heron Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 174 cfs. Due to the rising popularity of fishing in Valles Caldera National Preserve, the National Park Service will begin charging a fee for its fishing permits starting April 1, 2023 to support the management of its fishing program. The new fee schedule will be \$20 for an annual pass (\$10 for youth 12-17) and \$5 for a 7-day pass (\$3 for youth 12-17). A State of New Mexico fishing license is also required to fish within Valles Caldera. For more information visit www.nps.gov/vall.

Laguna del Campo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lagunitas Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Farmington: We had no reports from anglers this week.

McGaffey Lake: Stocking efforts have been suspended due to extremely low water levels and unstable ground conditions. Lake conditions will be monitored and stocking will resume once conditions improve.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for pike was fair when using large streamer flies and jerkbaits.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 405 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 204 cfs. Anglers reported the water clarity below El Vado Lake was murky. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was good when using Panther Martin spinners. Please remember, from the river-crossing bridge on U.S. Highway 84 at Abiquiu upstream 7 miles to the base of Abiquiu Dam is special trout waters with a bag limit of two trout only.

Rio Grande: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Riverside Park Pond (Aztec Pond #1): We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 284 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was slow to fair when using San Juan worm flies, leech-pattern flies and red annelid flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair when using orange PowerBait.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait.

Tiger Park Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Tingley Beach: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Turbo Dough PowerBait, spinners and pink-cheese PowerBait. Fishing for trout in the catch-and-release pond was good when using midge-pattern flies.

Trout Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Southwest Fishing Report

Alumni Pond: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs, Velveeta cheese, salmon-peach PowerBait and black midge flies. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using white lures and small spinners.

Bear Canyon Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bill Evans Lake: The department is conducting a boater and angler improvement project at Bill Evans Lake from February to April. Improvements include the installation of a new concrete boat ramp and dock; improvements to the existing boat ramp; the installation of rock, fishing jetties; road improvements; and re-grading the north camping access area.

Anglers should expect road and lake closures during construction. For current conditions, contact the department's Fisheries Management Division at 505-476-8055. Anglers are encouraged to visit surrounding lakes such as Bear Canyon Lake, Lake Roberts and Trees Lake for alternate fishing locations.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using crankbaits.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was good when using shad-pattern jerkbaits, square-billed crankbaits and silver-and-blue Rapala lures. Fishing for white bass was fair to good when using small, chartreuse jig heads with soft plastic baits. Fishing for crappie was good when using small, dark-colored jigs and live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using live minnows and cut bait.

Escondida Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Estancia Park Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 379 cfs.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs and orange PowerBait.

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was good when using rainbow-pattern spoons, yellow-and-black Panther Martin spinners, crawdad-pattern lures and nymph flies from a boat. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using cheese PowerBait from the shore.

Percha Dam: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Quemado Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.



Fishing for crappie was good when using small, dark-colored jigs and live minnows last week at Elephant Butte Lake.

Rancho Grande Ponds: Fishing for all species was slow.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 0 cfs. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using cut bait near Elephant Butte Lake.

Snow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Trees Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait and worms.

Young Pond: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs, Velveeta cheese, corn, salmon-peach PowerBait and black midge flies.

Southeast Fishing Report

Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait.

Bataan Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Berrendo Creek: Please visit the [Open Gate webpage](#) for more information on [this property](#).

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 10 cfs.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bonito Lake: Closed until further notice by the City of Alamogordo due to fire damage.

Bosque Redondo Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bottomless Lakes: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using green PowerBait.

Brantley Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using chatterbaits.



Alex Hernandez of Hobbs caught a 5.35-pound walleye using a chatterbait April 1 at Brantley Lake.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using lime-green PowerBait.

Chaparral Park Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Corona Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eunice Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using corn-flavored PowerBait.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using worms fished beneath a bobber.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using garlic PowerBait and salmon-peach PowerBait.

Harry McAdams Park Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using homemade dough bait. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using purple, plastic worms and creature baits.

Lake Van: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait.

Ned Houk Ponds: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon-peach PowerBait.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 96 cfs.

Perch Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Bonito: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Ruidoso: Streamflow at Hollywood Monday morning was 35 cfs.

Rock Lake Hatchery Kids' Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using 5-inch curly tail grubs.

Sumner Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Timberon Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Veterans Have Epic Day Fly Fishing the Pecos River

Wes Dyer has been taking his fellow veterans on various fly fishing adventures across New Mexico for a few years now. This past Sunday he and his crew caught a couple of beautiful 26-inch rainbow trout using midge pattern flies on the Pecos River.

For more information on Wes's fly fishing adventures, [visit @awolangler on Instagram.](#)

Let us know how your fishing trip goes! Share your tips and tricks with your fellow anglers by emailing us at funfishingnm@gmail.com and let's help the next generation of anglers find success.

Thanks for reading and supporting our angling community!



Yani Bunch with guide Ian Smukzinski from Taos Fly Shop.



Ray Soto with guide Dan Ortega from The Reel Life fly shop in Santa Fe.



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