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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!** Tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing adventure or your catch of the week. Send it to us at [funfishingnm@gmail.com](mailto: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.

***Catches of the week are now listed before each region's fishing report to help you quickly find the best places to fish in your area.***

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## 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.

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## NORTHEAST

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### NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK

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**Hopewell Lake:** Serenity Perez (above), age 2, of Rio Rancho caught and kissed her first fish using PowerBait on June 16.



**Pecos River:** Anthony Zavolta (above, left) of Albuquerque caught a 25.25-inch, 5-pound rainbow trout using a worm on June 25. Tim Sena (above, center) caught a 28-inch rainbow trout using salmon eggs on June 22. Gabe Roque (above, right) of Santa Fe caught a 24-inch rainbow trout using a worm on June 20.



**Stewart Lake:** Brandon Hurtado (above) of Albuquerque caught several Rio Grande cutthroat trout using worms in the Pecos Wilderness on June 18.

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**Cabresto Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using small dry flies.

**Charette Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using Peach Glitter PowerBait and corn.

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 13 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait. Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, jerkbaits and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for walleye was fair when trolling using silver Rapala lures, nightcrawler worm harness-spinner rigs and Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows and small crankbaits.

**Costilla Creek:** The Valle Vidal opens to fishing July 1. The Department of Game and Fish, along with the United States Forest Service, will host a celebration on July 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to commemorate the conclusion of a more than 30-year project restoring Rio Grande cutthroat trout to approximately 120 miles of stream, 16 lakes and one reservoir near Costilla. The celebration will include the stocking of Rio Grande cutthroat trout and other native species into the Rio Costilla and Comanche Creek, as well as a youth and family Angler Education Expo at Shuree Ponds. [Visit the Department's web site for more information.](#)

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

**Coyote Creek:** Fishing for trout was good when using golden hairs ear nymph flies.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Salmon Peach PowerBait and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for perch was good when using worms. The boat docks are now in the water. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

**Eagle Rock Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using worms.

**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:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using ¼-ounce Joe's Flies, bead-head nymph flies, leech-pattern flies, olive Pistol Pete spinner flies, worms and bright-colored PowerBait.

**Lake Alice:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing for trout was good when using gold bead-head, pheasant-tail nymph flies and Salmon Peach PowerBait. The ADA dock is open to anglers, with priority given to mobility-impaired persons.

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

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

**Monastery Lake:** 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 very good when using Garlic PowerBait and salmon eggs.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 156 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs and worms.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 130 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 1,680 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using gold spinners and Cheese PowerBait.

**Rio Hondo:** Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 61 cfs.

**Rio Mora:** Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 26 cfs.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 50 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using bead-head nymph flies and worms.

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait. The lake is open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday-Sunday.

**Shuree Ponds:** Opens to fishing July 1. The Department of Game and Fish, along with the United States Forest Service, will host a celebration on July 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to commemorate the conclusion of a more than 30-year project restoring Rio Grande cutthroat trout to approximately 120 miles of stream, 16 lakes and one reservoir near Costilla. The celebration will include the stocking of Rio Grande cutthroat trout and other native species into the Rio Costilla and Comanche Creek, as well as a youth and family Angler Education Expo at Shuree Ponds. [Visit the Department's web site for more information.](#)

**Springer Lake:** Fishing for catfish at night was fair to good when using chicken liver.

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using olive leech-pattern flies, Rainbow PowerBait and Garlic PowerBait.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair when using bottom bouncer nightcrawler harness rigs, jigs tipped with nightcrawler worms and jigs tipped with Gulp minnows in 10-20 feet of water. Fishing for white bass was good when using swimbaits, casting spoons and shallow-running crankbaits. Fishing for crappie was slow. Fishing for catfish was fair when using punch bait. Fishing for bass was fair when using Senko worms in shallow water and with drop-shot rigs in

10-15 feet of water on lake points. The main lake water surface temperature was in the mid-70 F range and the water was cloudy.

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## NORTHWEST

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**Bluewater Lake:** Mathew Martinez (above, left) of Chimayo caught a 41-inch tiger muskie using a waterdog on June 22. Tony Dispaskal (above, right) of Albuquerque caught a 36-inch tiger muskie using a rainbow-trout-pattern swimbait on June 18.



**Navajo Lake:** Alexis Morales (above) of Chama caught a 38-inch, 15-pound pike trolling using a crankbait on June 17.





**Tingley Beach:** Sam Stewart (above) of Albuquerque caught a 27-inch, 6.86-pound catfish using worms on June 25.

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## **NORTHWEST FISHING REPORT**

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

**Animas River:** Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 3,040 cfs.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using Whopper Plopper lures, waterdogs, Kool-Aid flavored chicken and rainbow-trout-pattern swimbaits.

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

**Canjilon Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using worms and PowerBait.

**Cochiti Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**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:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using small trout-pattern lures and a variety of PowerBait. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-829-3630.

**Grants Riverwalk Pond:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using stink bait and nightcrawler worms.

**Heron Lake:** Fishing for all species was slow.

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 26 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms and Copper John nymph flies.

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

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

**Lake Farmington:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using plastic wacky-rigged worms.

**McGaffey Lake:** Fishing for trout was slow.

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing for kokanee salmon was fair when using pink and orange squid tipped with corn. Fishing for pike was fair when trolling using crankbaits. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using grubs and tube jigs.

**Rio Chama:** Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 304 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 462 cfs. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair when using Orange PowerBait and worms. 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:** Fishing for catfish was good when using nightcrawler worms.

**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 474 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair to good when using black zebra midge pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using Red Annelid flies, Salmon Peach PowerBait and salmon eggs.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Fishing for trout was good when using Chartreuse PowerBait, Green Garlic PowerBait, worms and Yellow PowerBait.

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

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms.

**Trout Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using various colors of PowerBait and PowerBait Eggs.

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## SOUTHWEST

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### SOUTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK

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*Fishing for catfish (above) was good when using nightcrawler worms and cut bait last week along the Rio Grande in southwestern New Mexico.*

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### SOUTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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**Alumni Pond:** Fishing for catfish was slow to fair when using worms.

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

**Bill Evans Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing for white bass was fair when using curly-tail grubs and small crankbaits.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing for white bass was good when using white crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using jigs tipped with nightcrawler worms and shad-pattern crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using minnows and fresh cut bait.

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing for bluegill was fair when using Siberian Corn Salmon Eggs.

**Estancia Park Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using live worms and hopper flies.

**Gila River:** Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 17 cfs.

**Glenwood Pond:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing for trout was fair when using Rainbow PowerBait.

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

**Quemado Lake:** Fishing for all species was slow.

**Rancho Grande Ponds:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 2,400 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using nightcrawler worms and cut bait.

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

**Trees Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Young Pond:** Fishing for all species was slow.

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## SOUTHEAST

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**Brantley Lake:** Valerie Wyatt (above) of Roswell caught a 30-inch largemouth bass using a Whopper Plopper lure on June 24.

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**Alto Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using brown dry flies and live worms.

**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 6 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. The lake is full but needs time for aquatic habitat to develop in order to sustain a healthy fish population. The city hopes to reopen the lake for recreational purposes in June 2024.

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

**Bottomless Lakes:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Brantley Lake:** Fishing for largemouth bass was fair to good when using Whopper Plopper lures.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**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 catfish was good when using corn.

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing for largemouth bass was fair when using nightcrawler worms with garlic scent. Fishing for carp was good when using small pieces of bread. Fishing for catfish was slow when using cut bait.

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

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing for trout was good when using various flies, marshmallows and Garlic PowerBait.

**Harry McAdams Park Pond:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Lake Van:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken-liver-flavored Magic Bait.

**Ned Houk Ponds:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver, shrimp and worms.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 1,650 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 5 cfs.

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

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing for walleye and crappie was slow when using green crankbait lures.

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

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

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## Tips, Tricks and Stories – Caddisflies

All species of trout appreciate a good meal of caddisflies. We see large caddis hatches across New Mexico that cause fish to feed heavily during the warmer months. Recently, we have been getting reports of good-sized caddis hatches in the northern mountains of New Mexico.

Keep an eye out for bigger bugs fluttering in the air, and if you can catch one with your hands, that is the best way to get a good look at what coloration of fly you will need to match the hatch. Caddisflies normally range in color from light brown to dark brown, but can also have a hint of yellowish, green or gray.

Caddisflies start out as eggs that hatch into aquatic larvae and then into terrestrial adults. Once they go terrestrial, they are on a mission to mate and will congregate on the water's edge in the grasses or bushes. When they land on the water's surface to lay their eggs or crash-land into the water by way of flying mishap, that's when opportunistic trout can be found feeding on the water's surface.





Do your best to match the hatch. Here is a caddis fly that I caught while on a fishing trip and the closest fly I had in my fly box to match the coloration. The fly is called an Elk Hair Caddis, and it worked catching several dandy trout.

When fishing your caddisfly, the first thing to do is try to find rising fish. If you see fish feeding on the water's surface, they are going to be your best bet for getting a strike. Try to float your fly naturally through the lane that the fish are feeding in. Casting at an angle upstream will give your fly a longer float. If you cast your fly downstream, the water's current and your fully

extended fly line will cause the fly to drag in the water. A fly dragging in the water is unnatural and will severely limit the number of fish that decide to bite your fly.

Big fish can be feeding right alongside the water's edge. You don't necessarily have to fish in the middle of the stream or river. Sometimes the best place to fish is within inches or feet of the stream or river's edge. Try floating your fly along the bank of the stream or river through bank undercuts, overhanging grass and small eddies. Be ready when a fish you had no idea was there darts out from beneath its cover to snatch up your fly.

Tip: Dry fly floatant makes a big difference when trying to keep your fly floating on the water's surface for extended periods of time. I just learned about a new floatant called High N Dry that worked excellent with my caddisflies on my recent trip.

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

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