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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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### **2023-24 Fishing RIBs and Licenses Available Online!**

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

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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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**Cabresto Lake:** April Garcia of Albuquerque caught a 10-inch brook trout using a Prince Nymph fly on June 25.



**Eagle Nest Lake:** Abe Henderson (above, left), age 10, of Albuquerque caught an 18.5-inch, 2-pound rainbow trout using a Woolly Bugger fly on June 27. Mike Hostetler (above, right) of Albuquerque caught (and juggled) an 18-inch rainbow trout using Salmon Peach PowerBait on June 27.



**Pecos River:** Stacy Fulgenzi (above, left) and Jayden Valdez (above, right), age 10, of Las Vegas both caught multiple trout using flies on June 25.

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## NORTHEAST FISHING REPORT

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**Cabresto Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Prince Nymph flies.

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

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 20 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 Senko Worms and crankbaits. 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 when using live minnows and small crankbaits.

**Costilla Creek:** Fishing for trout was fair when using bead-head nymph flies.

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

**Coyote Creek:** Fishing for trout was good when using gold Hare's Ear nymph flies.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Woolly Bugger flies and Salmon Peach PowerBait. 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 fair to good when using silver spoons 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:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait. 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 Garlic PowerBait and salmon eggs.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 129 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using orange-and-yellow Stonefly flies.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 110 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 1,310 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using gold spinners and nightcrawler worms.

**Rio Hondo:** Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 55 cfs.

**Rio Mora:** Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 21 cfs.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 37 cfs.

**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:** Opened to fishing July 1. Fishing for trout was fair using small jigs.

**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:** Nathaniel Garner of Albuquerque caught a 38-inch tiger muskie using a live waterdog on June 24.



**McGaffey Lake:** Austyn Riley, age 11, of Laguna Pueblo caught his limit of trout using PowerBait on June 30.





**Navajo Lake:** *Sammy Padilla Jr. of Albuquerque caught a 40-inch pike using a jig worm on June 27.*



*Rio Chama: Peter Ortega of Albuquerque caught a 22.5-inch rainbow trout using a pink Squirmy Wormy fly near the town of Chama on June 26.*

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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 2,000 cfs.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing for tiger muskie was fair to good when using live waterdogs and rainbow-trout-pattern swimbaits.

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

**Canjilon Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using brown and gold Joe's Flies, Pistol Pete spinner flies, and Jerry's Weedless Flies.

**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 fair to good when using worms.

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

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 20 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Stonefly 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 good when using PowerBait.

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

**Rio Chama:** Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 539 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 593 cfs. Fishing for trout near the town of Chama was good when using streamer flies, leech-pattern flies, pink Squirmy Wormy flies, and egg-pattern flies. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was slow to fair when using bead-head nymph flies. 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 503 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using Bunny leech-pattern flies, size-20 chocolate foam-wing emerger flies and black zebra-midge-pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using Salmon Peach PowerBait and worms.

**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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***Estancia Park Lake:*** Andrew Chavez of Willard caught an 18-inch, 4-pound largemouth bass using a live worm June 26.



**Rio Grande:** Andres Barboa of Albuquerque caught a 23-inch catfish using a hot dog on June 27.



**Young Pond:** James Simons, age 13, of Chaparral caught a 22-inch catfish using a worm on June 30.

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**Alumni Pond:** Fishing for bluegill was good 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Estancia Park Lake:** Fishing for bass was good when using live worms and Hopper Flies.

**Gila River:** Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 15cfs.

**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 2,460 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using hot dogs and nightcrawler worms below Elephant Butte Lake dam.

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

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

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

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## SOUTHEAST

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NMDGF stocks bass in waters across the state to improve fishing opportunity. Bass fishing was good across the Southeast this week.

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## SOUTHEAST FISHING REPORT

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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 11 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 fair to good when using hot dogs and 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 fair to 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 1,570 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 6 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 – Pike Fishing Navajo Lake**

My name is Matt Gladstone, and I am a 49-year-old angler from Taos. We recently spent a week fishing for pike and bass at Navajo lake. My fishing partner and I experienced slow to fair fishing



for both bass and pike while fishing amongst the rocks and submerged trees in Boncos and Andy's canyon. We were using orange-and-gold, 5/8-ounce Pike Pounder (homemade) spinnerbaits.



My fish was caught on Tuesday, June 20 at 1:20 p.m., approximately 1-mile into Boncos canyon in 15 feet of water. It is about a 32-inch pike weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces. The fish was successfully caught and released!

We have been fishing in those waters annually for the last few years and a few tips that have been working time and time again is the use of the bright color pattern "Firetiger." Most all of the fish we find are in 3-15 feet of water with the best fishing being on main lake points. We look for blue-green colored water with at least 5 feet of visibility. The pike seem to track the lure better under those conditions, which allows them the opportunity to strike the lure. Large Rattle Shad lures, medium-diving crankbaits and bright spinnerbaits with oversized Colorado blades bring in big fish. They often follow the lure but then turn and disappear at the boat, and it is important to remember to stop reeling in line and do a figure-eight with your lure in the water at the boat's edge because that can trigger a strike also.

My personal best on that body of water is 16-pounds, 6-ounces and was caught in 2021. That was an amazing experience!

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.

Thanks for reading and supporting our angling community!

