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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. 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.

NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Pecos River: Carlos Castro of Albuquerque caught a 29-inch rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on July 4.



Santa Cruz Reservoir: Sonya Gallegos of Hernandez caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using Brown Garlic PowerBait and worms on July 1.



Shuree Ponds: Gary L. Ayres of Taos caught a 21.75-inch rainbow trout using a black Panther Martin spinner on July 2.

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

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

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 29 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was good when using nymph flies and yellow stimulator flies. Fishing for trout at Gravel Pit Lakes was good when using PowerBait and Pistol Pete spinner flies.

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 spinners and pink-colored PowerBait. Fishing for perch was good when using worms. 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 slow to 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 91 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using orange-and-yellow Stonefly flies and nightcrawler worms.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 95 cfs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 850 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using gold spinners and nightcrawler worms.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 50 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 15 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 23 cfs.

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

Shuree Ponds: Opened to fishing July 1. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using black Panther Martin spinners.

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 good when trolling using crankbaits that dive 8-12 feet near brushy flats. Fishing for white bass was good when using lures that run 2-3 feet deep. Fishing for bass was fair when using soft plastics and shaky-head, drop-shot rigs in 10-15 feet of water on lake points. Fishing for crappie was slow. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms and chicken liver. The main lake water surface temperature was in the mid-70 F range and the water was lightly cloudy.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Bluewater Lake: Ron Rosignal of Albuquerque (above, left) caught a 37-inch tiger muskie using a Whopper Plopper lure on July 6. Elias and Estevan Maes (above, right), ages 10 and 8, of Albuquerque caught a 38-inch tiger muskie using a rainbow trout-pattern swimbait on July 4. Daniel Tonkinson of Albuquerque caught a 36-inch tiger muskie using a live waterdog on July 3.



Canjilon Lakes: Dorian Martinez (above, left), age 6, of Albuquerque caught his limit of trout using a bobber and Copper John fly on July 4. Marcus and Bernadette Gallegos of Los Lunas and John Barr of Albuquerque (above, right) caught their limits of trout using Glitter Rainbow PowerBait on July 2.



Cochiti Lake: Samuel and Dean Trujillo of Rio Rancho caught a 31-inch pike and a 28-inch pike using chartreuse Flicker Shad lures on July 7.



Heron Lake: Mike Boyle of Santa Fe caught a 24-inch, 8-pound trout using an orange Rapala lure on June 29.



Jemez Waters: Joonas Iivanainen of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch brown trout using a black Parachute Adams fly near Battleship Rock on June 30.



Navajo Lake: *Stephen Baker of Edgewood caught a 25.4-inch smallmouth bass using a KVD Spinner on July 7.*



San Juan River: Addison Andrews, age 4, of La Plata caught her first fish, a 15.5-inch brown trout, using a Paw Patrol fishing pole and a nightcrawler worm in the bait section of the river on July 3.

NORTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 1,460 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was fair to good when using Whopper Plopper lures, live waterdogs, rainbow trout-pattern swimbaits and orange spinners.

Brazos River: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Panther Martin spinners.

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Glitter Rainbow PowerBait, Copper John flies and Pistol Pete spinner flies.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for pike was good when using chartreuse Flicker Shad lures.

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 bluegill was fair to good when using worms.

Heron Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using orange Rapala lures.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 16 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using black Parachute Adams flies.

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: Fishing for trout was fair when using Rooster Tail spinners and 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 KVD Spinners.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 215 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 400 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 El Vado Lake was fair to good when using worms and Countdown Rapala lures. 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 509 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 nightcrawler worms.

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

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Elephant Butte Lake: Johnathan Green (above) of San Acacia caught a 21.25-inch, 4-pound, 8-ounce smallmouth bass using a Bullhead minnow on July 2.

Lake Roberts: Joseph Uresti of Bayard caught a 21-inch Gila trout using a spinner on July 2.

SOUTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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 smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Bullhead minnows. Fishing for white bass was fair when using white crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using 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 11 cfs.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using spinners.

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 2,540 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to 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 good when using cut carp bait, beef liver and worms.

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Grindstone Reservoir: Scot Henry, age 18, of Roswell caught a 15.75-inch and 16.25-inch rainbow trout using Garlic Magic Bait on July 5.



Jal Lake: Lucas Valeriano (above), age 6, of Jal caught a 20-inch catfish using shrimp on July 1.

Pecos River: William Moulton of Fort Sumner caught and released an 18-pound flathead catfish using worms near Santa Rosa on July 8.



Santa Rosa Lake: Eric Chavez of Albuquerque caught a 28-inch, 7-pound walleye using a Firecracker Moxi lure on July 4.

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Alto Lake: Fishing for all species was good when using jigs and spinners.

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 3 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 Garlic Magic Bait and Garlic PowerBait.

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

Jal Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using shrimp.

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 99 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using worms near Santa Rosa.

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 4 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 Firecracker Moxi lures and chartreuse jigs.

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

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – Rio Costilla Cutthroat Trout Celebration

Members of the public joined staff and volunteers from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Carson National Forest, Vermejo Park Ranch, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, New Mexico Trout Unlimited, New Mexico Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, and other organizations in the Valle Vidal on July 1 to celebrate the culmination of 30-plus years of work restoring native fish and their habitat in area waters.

The project restored the Rio Grande cutthroat trout—New Mexico’s state fish—and other native fish to roughly 120 miles of stream, 16 lakes and one reservoir near Costilla in northern Taos County.

“There’s a whole lot of biologists, officers, hatchery staff and administrators who have been working on this for a long time,” said Kirk Patten, Fisheries Management Division chief for the Department. “A little over 20 years ago, I was lucky enough to get a position with the Department, and I was sent up here to help on one of the earliest phases of this project; it was up on Vermejo Park Ranch. I was just struck by the beauty of the Valle Vidal and Vermejo Park and the potential it had for greater native fish restoration efforts.”



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Fisheries Management Division Chief Kirk Patten (left) and New Mexico Lt. Gov. Howie Morales



Lt. Gov. Howie Morales stocks fish.



Volunteers receive fish from the stocking truck.



Putting a bucket of fish in their new home.

The July 1 event included opportunities for the public to help stock Rio Grande cutthroat, as well as Rio Grande sucker and Rio Grande chub, into the Rio Costilla and Comanche Creek following speeches from New Mexico Lt. Gov. Howie Morales; Carson National Forest District Ranger Adam LaDell; Gus Holm, general manager for Vermejo Park Ranch; and Daniel Cammack, native aquatic species biologist in the southwest region for Colorado Parks and Wildlife, as well as Patten. The Department also held a youth and family Angler Education Expo at Shuree Ponds.

“What this means for us in the state of New Mexico is tremendous,” Morales said. “It’s huge, because what would the state of New Mexico be without the Rio Grande cutthroat trout? We’re especially proud of what we have with the environment that’s around us and making sure we continue to promote the clean waters and to promote our tourism and our outdoor recreation that we’ve invested so heavily in.”

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.

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A graphic illustration of a green alien with a brown fish head, holding a fishing rod. The alien is positioned inside a red circle with a diagonal slash through it, indicating prohibition. The background of the banner is a light blue gradient with a subtle water texture.
