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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.

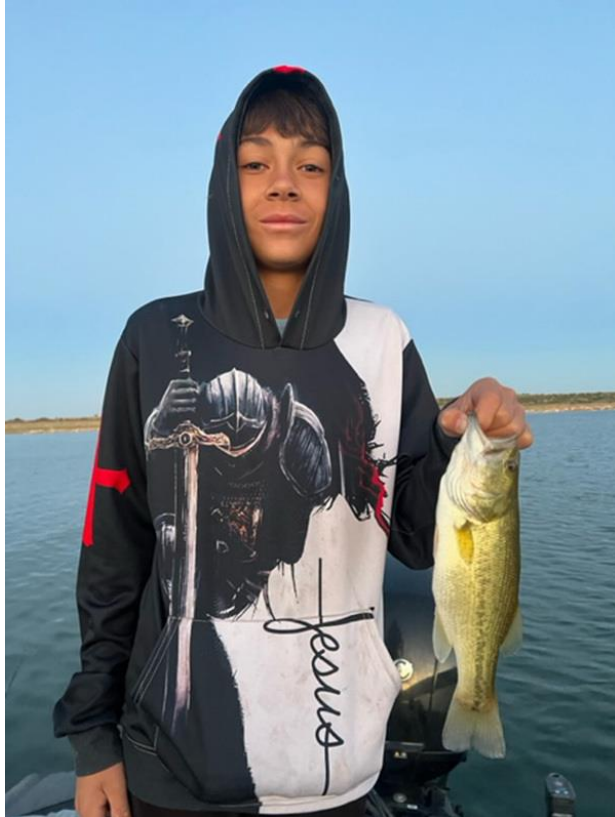
- [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\)](#)
- [U.S. Forest Service \(USFS\)](#)
- [New Mexico State Lands](#)
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Consult local government websites for information regarding specific city and town fishing access.

NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Conchas Lake: Samuel Gray, age 13, of Los Lunas caught a 12-inch largemouth bass using a topwater popper on Sept. 29.



Eagle Nest Lake: Grayson Bisagna and Coby Salas both of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch and 21-inch rainbow trout using worms and a green Pistol Pete spinner fly on Sept. 23. Gavin Salas of Albuquerque caught a 23-inch rainbow trout using a black Woolly Bugger fly on Sept. 22.



Rio Grande: Seth Hardy of Red River caught and released a 23-inch brown trout using a white Streamer fly near Questa on Sept. 29.

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Cabresto Lake: Fishing for brook trout was good when using beadhead nymph flies.

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

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 30 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was very good when using San Juan Worm flies, live worms and salmon eggs. Fishing for trout at Gravel Pit Lakes was good when using marshmallows, worms, Salmon Peach PowerBait and Yellow PowerBait.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using topwater poppers.

Costilla Creek: Fishing for trout was good when using ant-pattern flies and Prince Nymph flies.

Cowles Ponds: Fishing for trout was fair when using dry flies in the evening.

Coyote Creek: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using black dry flies and nymph flies.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using black Woolly Bugger flies, green Pistol Pete spinner flies, worms and Rainbow PowerBait. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using swimbaits and large spoons. 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 salmon eggs.

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 good when using black Pistol Pete spinner flies and gold spoons.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good when using grasshopper-pattern dry flies. 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 when using worms. 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 PowerBait and when trolling using Mack's Wedding Ring lures with salmon eggs and corn.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 40 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using silver Panther Martin spinners.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 53 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms and dry-dropper fly setups.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 207 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Panther Martin spinners, Rapala lures, black Woolly Bugger flies and white Streamer flies.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 14 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 9 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 16 cfs.

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

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

Springer Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms and chicken liver.

Storrie Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using nightcrawler worms.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow to fair when trolling. Fishing for white bass was fair when trolling in 25-35 feet of water in the Canadian River arm of the lake. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using Berkley MaxScent Hit Worms on drop-shot rigs. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows at night under lights. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver and cut bait. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low 70 F range and the water was clear.

NORTHWEST

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Cochiti Lake: Xavier Otero, age 12, of Los Lunas caught a 12-inch catfish using liver and cheese catfish bait on Sept. 23.



Navajo Lake: Omar Shark of El Paso, Texas, caught and released a 36-inch, 25-pound pike using a shad-pattern crankbait on Sept. 24.

NORTHWEST FISHING REPORT

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair when using crankbaits and Yum White Curly-tail Grubs with pink jig heads.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 182 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was fair to good when using raw shrimp.

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

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was very good when using dry flies and San Juan worm flies.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for pike was fair when using crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using curly-tail grubs. Fishing for bass was fair when using chartreuse/pearl curly-tail grubs. Fishing for crappie was slow to fair when using minnows and small, gold swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using liver and cheese catfish bait.

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 copper Kastmaster lures and Mop Flies. For updated lake conditions and potential closure information, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-829-3630.

Grants Riverwalk Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Heron Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using worms.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 8 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Hopper flies in the Valles Caldera.

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.

Liam Knight Pond: Fishing for bass was slow when using live worms.

McGaffey Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for kokanee salmon using snagging hooks was slow to fair near the dam. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Z-Man 3.5-inch plastic worms, chartreuse curly-tail grubs and watermelon-green tube jigs. Fishing for pike was good when using pink/silver crankbaits, purple/blue crankbaits and shad-pattern crankbaits.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 87 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,250 cfs. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair to good when using Rapala lurs and 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: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver near Albuquerque.

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 558 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using MOP flies and grey midge emerger-pattern flies.

Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing for catfish was slow to fair when using corn and hot dogs.

Trout Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using perdigon flies.

SOUTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Estancia Park Lake: Isaiah Jaramillo, age 7, caught and released a 12-inch bass using a wacky-rigged worm and caught two trout, 12 and 14 inches, using Yellow Garlic PowerBait on Oct. 1.



***Rio Grande:** Justin Kersting of Albuquerque caught and released a 33-pound flathead catfish using chicken soaked in grape Kool-Aid on Sept. 25.*

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Alumni Pond: Closed for repairs until further notice.

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 catfish was good when using gizzard shad and cut bait.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using live minnows. Fishing for white bass was fair to good when trolling using chartreuse Berkley Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms.

Estancia Park Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using yellow garlic PowerBait. Fishing for bass was fair when using wacky rigged worms.

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 26 cfs

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait and worms.

Lake Roberts: Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and homemade stink bait.

Percha Dam: Fishing for carp was fair when using bread and corn.

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms.

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 419 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken and cut bait near Elephant Butte Lake.

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

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

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

SOUTHEAST

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Fishing for largemouth bass was good when using worms last week at Alto Lake.

SOUTHEAST FISHING REPORT

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

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

Berrendo Creek: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using hot dogs. 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: Fishing for bass was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using blue crankbaits.

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

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

Corona Pond: High temperatures have impacted fish survival in the pond. Department fisheries biologists are working to restore fish populations.

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs and nightcrawler worms.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using red worms.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using Salmon Peach PowerBait. Fishing for bass was fair when using rubber worms.

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

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

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

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

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using red worms.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 89 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – Eagle Nest Lake Fish Fest and Pike Round Up Results

The 31st Annual Fish Fest and Fifth Annual Pike Round Up took place at Eagle Nest Lake from Sept. 21-24. There were a whopping 282 entries into this year's event! Leroy from Cimarron set the bar on Day One with a beautiful 23-inch rainbow trout.

On Day Two, we got a new leader on the board for trout when Jose Gonzales caught a 23.25-inch beauty. The following day, Jose dropped to second place when Onan Sanchez caught the overall Fish Fest-winning trout, measuring 24.25 inches long.



Jose Gonzales with his second-place overall trout, measuring 23.25 inches.

Trout anglers reported having success using black Woolly Buzzer flies, green Pistol Pete spinner flies, worms and Rainbow PowerBait. Pike anglers reported having success using leech-pattern flies and large spoons.

Here is the full list of winners of the 31st Annual Fish Fest and Fifth Annual Pike Round Up:

Rainbow Trout

1st Place: Onan Sanchez 24-1/4"

2nd Place: Jose Gonzales 23-3/4"

3rd Place: Jacob Tapia 23-1/2"

4th Place: Gavin Salas 23"

Northern Pike

1st Place: Joshua Marathas 45"

2nd Place: Rob Vey 39-1/2"

For information on next year's 2024 Fish Fest and Pike Round Up, contact Eagle Nest Cabins and Marina. [Their Facebook page](#) also has more pictures from this year's event.

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!

