



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

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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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.

NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Charette Lakes: Don C'deBaca of Las Vegas and Dawn D. C'deBaca of Albuquerque caught their limits of trout using various colors of PowerBait on Oct. 8.



Pecos River: Darcy Koch of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using a Mop Fly near Pecos on Oct. 5.

Rio Costilla: Jason Conatser of Vega, Texas, caught more than 25 trout, all using a size-16 Guide's Choice Hare's Ear Nymph fly on Oct. 3.



Rio Grande: James Gurule of Peñasco caught a 32-inch, 9-pound pike using a 5-inch spoon on Oct. 7.

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

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using various colors of PowerBait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 26 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was good when using size-16, blue Copper John nymph flies.

Clayton Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

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

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

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

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 27 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using mop flies.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 52 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 257 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Panther Martin spinners, Rapala lures, black Woolly Bugger flies and white Streamer flies. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using 5-inch spoons.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 13 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 8 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 10 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 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 using crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was slow. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using drop-shot rigs, shallow flipping jigs, crankbaits, topwater lures and various plastic baits. Fishing for crappie was slow. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms and cut bait. The main lake water surface temperature was in the high 60 F range and the water was clear.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using liver and cheese catfish bait at Cochiti Lake, and when using nightcrawler worms and chicken liver on the Rio Grande near Albuquerque.

NORTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 166 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: 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 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 10 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to 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 all species was slow.

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

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 105 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,230 cfs. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair to good when using Rapala lures 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 fair to good when using nightcrawler worms and 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 609 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using Mop Flies and grey midge emerger-pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair when using Yellow PowerBait.

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 Nymph flies.

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Bill Evans Lake: Alexander Jimenez-Chavarría, age 17, of Las Cruces caught a 17.5-inch largemouth bass using a crawdad on Oct. 6.



Escondida Lake: Serenity Saiz, age 9, of Albuquerque caught a 19-inch catfish using a red worm on Oct. 7.



Lake Roberts: Eric Artiaga of Silver City caught a 19-inch catfish using a hot dog soaked in Black Cherry Kool-Aid on Oct. 7.

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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: Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using crawdads.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using gizzard shad and cut bait.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using live minnows and cut bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using red worms and 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 35 cfs

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs soaked in Kool-Aid and homemade stink bait.

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

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 575 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

SOUTHEAST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Grindstone Reservoir: Emilio Hernandez (above) of Roswell caught a 17-inch rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on Oct. 7. Joseph Gonzales of Roswell caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on Oct. 7.

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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 9 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using nightcrawler 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 83 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 4 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: Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using live worms and cut carp bait. Fishing for walleye and bass was slow.

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – Watching the Stocking Reports for the Next Hot Spot

In the past week 158,393 trout have been stocked into Fenton Lake, Glenwood Pond, Hopewell Lake, Jemez River, Los Pinos River, Quemado Lake, Red River Hatchery Pond, San Antonio River, San Juan River (within and below the quality waters), Santa Cruz Reservoir, Seven Springs Brood Pond, Snow Lake and Storrie Reservoir!



The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish stocks many bodies of water year-round. During the summer, it is primarily catfish that are stocked because they are a warm-water species. Now, as we enter into cooler months, you will see that the Department is transitioning into its winter trout stocking program. The fishing is often excellent shortly after a body of water is stocked with fish. The stocking report is a great tool to use when planning for successful outings with friends and family.

The Weekly Stocking Report is available [here](#).

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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