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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.

NOTE: There will be fewer reports available during the cooler seasons when fishing slows. The department will make every effort to provide as much information as possible during the winter months.

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

The 2023-24 Fishing Rules and Information Booklets (RIBs) are still available in print and online in [English and Spanish for download](#). Licenses for the 2024-25 license year will be available for purchase beginning March 25.

[Get your 2023-24 New Mexico fishing license!](#)

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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!](#)

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## 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!

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## 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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***Eagle Nest Lake:*** Val Armijo (above left) of Albuquerque caught his limit of rainbow trout while ice fishing, with the largest measuring 21 inches, using Salmon Peach PowerBait on Jan. 26. John Lawrence (above right) of Los Lunas caught a 19-inch rainbow trout while ice fishing using Peach PowerBait on Jan. 24.

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### NORTHEAST FISHING REPORT

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**Cabresto Lake:** Ice fishing for trout was good when using small, glow ice jigs tipped with wax worms.

**Charette Lakes:** Closed until March 1.

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was not measured due to ice. Fishing for trout was slow.

**Clayton Lake:** Closed until March 1.

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

**Costilla Creek:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Coyote Creek:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Ice fishing for trout was fair when using red worms, small jigs tipped with Salmon Peach PowerBait and small jigs tipped with wax worms. Ice fishing for perch was fair to good when using Rapala Jigging Rap lures tipped with meal worms. Fishing for pike was fair when using tube jigs and hot dogs. The lake is now open to ice fishing; however, it is restricted to foot traffic only. Avoid ice fishing near feeder streams or known springs, brush, logs, plants, docks or areas with multiple cracks or ice that is popping or otherwise weak. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

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

**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:** Ice fishing for trout was good when using small jigs tipped with worms.

**Lake Alice:** The lake surface is closed due to unsafe ice conditions.

**Lake Maloya:** Ice fishing for trout was fair to good when using Garlic 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:** Closed until March 1.

**Monastery Lake:** The lake is closed due to unsafe ice conditions. Monastery Lake is part of the Department's [Open Gate Program](#). Please [visit our website for more information about this property](#).

**Morphy Lake:** Closed until March 1.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was not measured due to ice. Fishing the lower portion of the river was good when using bait and spinners.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 34 cubic feet per second (cfs).

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 423 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using beadhead nymph flies and Panther Martin spinners.

**Rio Hondo:** Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

**Rio Mora:** Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** Closed for the season.

**Shuree Ponds:** Closed until July 1.

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

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using worms.

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

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

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## NORTHWEST

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**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Lawrence Gonzales Jr., age 14, of Albuquerque caught a 14.5-inch, 2.5-pound smallmouth bass using a lime green jig on Jan. 27.



**Tingley Beach:** Luis Baca of Albuquerque caught a 28-inch carp using a leech pattern fly on Jan. 23.

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**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing for all species was slow when using worms. The boat ramp will be closed periodically until April as part of dam maintenance efforts. [Contact the Abiquiu Lake Main Office at 505-685-4371 for updated lake conditions and closure information.](#)

**Animas River:** Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 187 cfs.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs and worms. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair when using lime green jigs.

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

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

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

**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:** Ice fishing for trout was good when using gold Kastmaster lures, Joel-O Shotz fish bait, small jigs tipped with wax worms and silver Super Duper lures. The lake is now open to ice fishing. Chainsaws are not allowed to cut holes in the ice. Fires are not allowed on the ice. In areas around the shoreline, the ice is thin due to runoff—be aware of where you step onto the ice. As of Sunday, ice measurements are 3.5 inches of clear ice and 9 inches of white ice 6 feet from shore, and 6 inches of clear ice and 9 inches of white ice at 20 feet out. [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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 18 cfs.

**Laguna del Campo:** Closed until March 1.

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

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

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

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

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

**Rio Chama:** Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 99 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 54 cfs. [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 only two trout.](#)

**Rio Grande:** Fishing for white bass was fair to good when using crème white swim grubs downstream of the Albuquerque Riverside Drain and Rio Grande River junction.

**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 333 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was slow to fair when using red annelid flies.



**Seven Springs Kids' Pond:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Marshmallow PowerBait. Fishing for carp was fair when using leech pattern flies.

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

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## SOUTHWEST

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### SOUTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK

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*Ice fishing is strongly discouraged at Quemado Lake because of unsafe ice conditions caused by warmer weather. (Photo courtesy Gila National Forest)*

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### SOUTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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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 trout was fair to good when trolling with spinner baits.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using cut bait.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using cut carp bait.

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using salmon eggs and live worms.

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

**Gila River:** Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 113 cfs.

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

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing for trout was good when using Natural Scent Glitter PowerBait.

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

**Quemado Lake:** The lake remains open; however, the Gila National Forest strongly advises against ice fishing or going on the ice for any reason because of dangerously thin ice conditions caused by recently warming weather.

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

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 0 cfs. Fishing for walleye was slow to fair when using swimbaits near Caballo Lake.

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

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

**Young Pond:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Cheese PowerBait.

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## SOUTHEAST

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### SOUTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK

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**Harry McAdams Park Pond:** Terri Keele of Hobbs caught a 13-inch crappie using a plastic swimbait on Jan. 23.



**Lake Van:** Marcella Olivas, age 4, caught a 10-inch rainbow trout using Yellow Garlic PowerBait on Jan. 23.

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**Alto Lake:** Fishing for trout was slow when using Woolly Bugger flies.

**Bataan Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using spinners.

**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.

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

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

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

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Harry McAdams Park Pond:** Fishing for crappie was fair when using plastic swimbaits.

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing for trout was good when using Kastmaster lures and Yellow Garlic PowerBait.

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

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

**Pecos River:** Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 0 cfs. Fishing for trout was good using spinners below the Power Dam near Carlsbad.

**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.

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## **Tips, Tricks and Stories – Eagle Nest Lake Ice Fishing Tournament Results**



Volunteers from Friends of Eagle Nest Lake and Cimarron Canyon State Parks organized the annual Eagle Nest Lake Ice Fishing Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 27, with assistance from staff from Eagle Nest Lake, Coyote Canyon, Ute Lake and Pecos Canyon state parks.

There were 729 entries in 2024, up from the previous record 659 entries in 2023. It was estimated that there were between 1,700 to 1,800 people on the lake. This was a wonderful family event with ice shelters dotting the lake, children playing and even dogs getting in on the action.

The top bait of the day seemed to be jigs tipped with worms, though the second-place pike was caught using a hot dog.



*Mark Montano was the winner of the trout/salmon category with a beautiful rainbow trout measuring 24.875-inches long with a 12-inch girth. (Photo courtesy Carol Rupp)*

## **Full Tournament Results**

*Trout:*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Length (in)</b>	<b>Girth (in)</b>
1	Mark Montano	24.875	12.000
2	Damen Noah Lujan	23.250	10.500
3	Thomas Estevan Martinez	22.000	11.500
4	Bridget R Barela	21.500	11.000

*Perch:*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Length (in)</b>	<b>Girth (in)</b>
1	Herman Quintana	13.000	9.500
2	Billy Joe M Rodarte	12.750	8.750
3	Lucas Steven Romero	12.750	8.250
4	Dylan James Holden	12.500	9.500
5	Anthony Michael Keswaters	12.500	8.750

*Pike:*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Length (in)</b>	<b>Girth (in)</b>
1	Valentino Barron	38.875	16.000
2	Peter A Walker	38.000	16.000
3	Eric Anthony Peterson	23.625	11.063
4	Terry J Kain	23.250	10.000

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!

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A graphic illustration of a green alien with a large, brown, spotted fish head. The alien is holding a fishing rod with a wooden handle and a metal reel. The entire illustration is enclosed within a red circle with a diagonal slash through it, indicating prohibition or a warning. To the left of the illustration is the New Mexico Game & Fish logo, which features a bison head in a circle with the text "NEW MEXICO GAME & FISH".