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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.

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[The 2024-25 license year is here. Get your new Fishing License now!](#)

2023-24 Fishing Licenses are no longer valid. A 2024-25 Fishing License is now required since the new license year began on April 1. The [2024-25 Fishing Rules and Information Booklet \(RIB\)](#) is available online and in print in English and Spanish.

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



Eagle Nest Lake: Mildred Griffiee, a member of the Albuquerque Bear Canyon Senior Center Fishing Club, caught a 20.5-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait on May 6.



Morphy Lake: Lilly Balderrama of Albuquerque caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using Joel-O-Shotz Red Floating Sweet Hartz floating bait on May 10.

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Cabresto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using bead-head 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 fair when using worms and bead-head, mayfly-pattern nymph flies.

Clayton Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Colorado Spoons and various types of PowerBait.

Conchas Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was good when using white curly-tail grubs, white fluke lures and green tube baits. Fishing for walleye was good when using spinnerbaits.

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

Cowles Ponds: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs.

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

Eagle Nest Lake: The lake is open to fishing and boating. Fishing for trout was good when trolling using Panther Martin spinners, red-and-white Dardevle Spoons and Garlic PowerBait. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using red-and-white Dardevle spoons and red-and-black Bucktail Streamer flies. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing for trout using spinners, PowerBait and flies was slow.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good when using silver spoons. 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: The 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 Joel-O-Shotz Red Floating Sweet Hartzky floating bait.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 197 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms, garlic-scented shrimp bait, Panther Martin spinners and Woolly Bugger flies.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 70 cfs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 995 cfs. Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using nymph flies. Anglers reported high water levels and poor visibility due to runoff water from melting snow in the high country.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 43 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 68 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 129 cfs.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Secret Weapon trout jigs and PowerBait.

Shuree Ponds: Closed until July 1.

Springer Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Storrie Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using worms and Garlic PowerBait.

Stubblefield Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using live minnows, Berkley Gulp Minnows, Rapala Shad Rap lures, Berkley Flicker Shad lures and Wally Diver lures. Fishing for white bass was very good when using Rat-L-Trap lures, Berkley Flicker Shad lures, Bandit 200s lures and

Wally Diver lures. Fishing for bass was very good when using Rat-L-Trap lures, green curly-tail grubs, swimbaits, spinnerbaits, chatterbaits, wacky-rigged Berkley Generals and MaxScent Hit Worms. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows and Road Runner lures. Fishing for catfish was slow. The main lake water surface temperature was in the mid-60 F range, and the water's color was murky due to wind and rain.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Heron Lake: Lowell Smith of Paraje caught a 4.8-pound, 5-pound and 6.8-pound carp using Fishing with JBT Hare Rigs with Boilie Bait on May 10.

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Abiquiu Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. 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 444 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was fair when using trout-pattern swimbaits.

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

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

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using raw shrimp.

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 bead-head nymph 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 carp was fair to good when using Fishing with JBT Hare Rigs with Boilie Bait.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 147 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using olive Woolly Bugger 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 trout was good when using spinners, spoons and Rainbow Glitter PowerBait.

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

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

Navajo Lake: Fishing for pike was fair to good when using jerkbaits. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using crankbaits.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 954 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,010 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 348 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using size-22 and size-24, black Foam-Wing Emerger midge flies, Pheasant-Tail Nymph flies and chocolate-colored emergers. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using Kastmaster lures and worms.

Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Salmon-Peach PowerBait.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using chartreuse PowerBait Ribbontail Grubs and live worms.

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

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Lake Roberts: Patrick Stafford of Las Cruces caught a 4.5-pound catfish using PowerBait on May 11.

SOUTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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 when using PowerBait.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using green tubes. Fishing for white bass was very good when using green tubes, umbrella shad rigs and chartreuse curly-tail grubs. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using live minnows, cut shad bait, and cut carp bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using Senko worms.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 93 cfs.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait. Fishing for catfish was fair when using PowerBait and nightcrawler worms.

Percha Dam: Fishing for white bass, crappie, and largemouth bass was fair when using white grubs.

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using yellow-colored Salmon Egg PowerBait.

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 1,260 cfs.

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

Trees Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using 3-inch plastic worms.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken and nightcrawler worms.

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Grayson, age 6, caught a 20-inch largemouth bass using a live minnow on May 6.

Oasis Park Lake: Isaiah Rodriguez of Clovis caught a 14-pound, 9-ounce catfish using frozen blackberries on May 1.

SOUTHEAST FISHING REPORT

Alto Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using nightcrawler worms and small 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 5 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 to sustain a healthy fish population. The city hopes to reopen the lake for recreational purposes in June.

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using worms.

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 bass was fair to good when using live minnows.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using Texas-rigged, pumpkin-green-colored plastic worms.

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: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait and Kastmaster lures. Fishing for catfish was fair when using shrimp bait.

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 to good when using frozen blackberries.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 98 cfs. Fishing for bass was good when using Z-Man Slim Swimz at Six Mile Dam.

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 12 cfs.

Rock Lake Hatchery Kids' Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using Wacky-Rigged Senko worms.

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

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – A Look at the Red River Hatchery

Built in 1941, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's Red River Hatchery is the state's largest production hatchery. It is located about 20 miles north of Taos and raises approximately 1.9 million, or roughly 278,000 pounds, of fish annually that are stocked across New Mexico.

[Learn more about the process in this short video.](#)



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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