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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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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.

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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 CATCH OF THE WEEK



Conchas Lake: Logan Herrera, age 4, of Santa Fe caught multiple smallmouth bass, crappie, white bass and walleye using bright-colored Flicker Shad lures and worm-harness rigs on May 19.

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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 22 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was fair when using worms and bead-head, mayfly-pattern nymph flies.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was good when using bright-colored Flicker Shad lures, white fluke lures and green tube baits. Fishing for walleye was good when using bright-colored Flicker Shad lures and worm-harnesses rigs. Fishing for white bass was good when using bright-colored Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using bright-colored Flicker Shad lures.

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 using Salmon-Peach PowerBait, and 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 246 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 99 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 1,040 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 69 cfs.

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

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 66 cfs.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies 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 good when using spinners, crankbaits and Berkley Gulp Minnows in shallow water. Fishing for white bass was good when trolling and casting crankbaits and spinners in shallow water. Fishing for bass was good when using wacky-rigged worms, Ned rigs, swimbaits, and square-billed crankbaits. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows and small jigs. Fishing for catfish was very good when using punch bait in the upper Canadian River arm of the lake. The main lake's water surface temperature was in the mid-60 F range, and the water's color was clear.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Burns Lake: Christina Martinez, age 12, caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using Garlic PowerBait on May 18.



McGaffey Lake: *Sj Mitchell, age 7, of Thoreau caught a rainbow trout using a Panther Martin spinner on May 19.*



San Juan River: April Garcia of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch brown trout using a red annelid fly in the Quality Waters on May 19.



Tingley Beach: Owen Middagh, age 12, of Albuquerque caught and released a 15-inch largemouth bass using a white curly-tail grub on May 19.

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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 1,830 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait. 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 when using PowerBait and 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 116 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using dry 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: Fishing for all species was slow.

McGaffey Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Panther Martin spinners and Natural Scent Glitter 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 1,520 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,400 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 352 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using red annelid flies and size 20 Pheasant-Tail Nymph flies.

Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using PowerBait, nymph flies, 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 white curly-tail grubs.

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

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Elephant Butte Lake: *Elijah Tibuni-Zapanta, age 11, of El Paso, Texas, caught his limit of white bass using Flicker Shad lures on May 19. Jonell Zamora of Deming caught white bass, smallmouth bass and walleye, all using a chrome Kastmaster lure on May 13.*



Rio Grande: Anthony Silva of Socorro caught a 26-inch catfish using chicken liver near Socorro on May 9.

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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 fair to good when using spinnerbaits.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair when using small swimbaits.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using green tubes. Fishing for white bass was very good when using Flicker Shad lures, chrome Kastmaster lures, 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 to good when using Texas-rigged plastic worms.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 54 cfs.

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

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 1,220 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver near Socorro.

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



Chaparral Park Lake: Nick Keele of Hobbs caught a 19.5-inch, 4.1-pound largemouth bass using a Texas-rigged, green Bandito plastic bug on May 19.

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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 32 cfs.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bonito Lake: The lake is scheduled to reopen to fishing on May 25. Angling will only be allowed from the lakeshore in open areas, excluding the shore near the dam and the Bonito Creek inlet. The Department will stock the lake with rainbow trout prior to its opening.

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 fair to good when using Texas-rigged, green-colored Bandito plastic bugs.

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 good when using small gold spinners. 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 1,470 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 15 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: The boat ramp is closed due to a large amount of water being released from the dam.

Sumner Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow when using crankbaits.

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – “Green Shelled” But Still a Win

If you've played the popular video game Mario Kart, you've likely heard someone yell, “I've been green shelled!” as their kart spins out from a hit. This past Saturday, a green shell was met with amusement and joy when a fisherman, expecting to see a fish on the end of his line, was surprised to find a turtle instead.

This scene played out at Isleta Lakes during an adaptive fishing adventure organized for children with disabilities by local nonprofits GO Unlimited and Adelante with fishing lessons from New Mexico Game and Fish. Wheelchair users of all ages were welcomed along with their families and friends.

This event was designed to show how the outdoors can be more accessible with the right equipment. Adelante's Destination Accessibility program offered demonstrations of the FreeWheel, a wheelchair attachment that makes navigating uneven terrain easier. GO Unlimited also brought their inventory of adventurous, adaptive equipment for attendees to try.

There were fishing lessons, lots of poles in the water, and smiles all around, but perhaps not enough action for Eliza, a fifth-grader with a wheelchair covered in butterfly clips, who has fished with sea lions in Puget Sound. While there were no sea lions on this outing, Eliza still had a good time and the opportunity to try out a FreeWheel, which helped her navigate the area more easily at Isleta Lakes. Next month, she'll undergo her 28th surgery, but on Saturday she got to just be a kid enjoying the sunshine, fishing, eating lunch and spending time with her brother and father.



Lots of families enjoyed the outing. The first fish of the day was caught by MiaBella, a young girl who attended with her family through Explore Beyond Your Limits.



Eliza testing out a FreeWheel with the Adelante team.



Bob using his Firefly wheelchair attachment that he got from GO Unlimited.

Getting outside and enjoying activities like fishing with their families isn't always easy for people with disabilities, but events like this show how important it is to make the outdoors more accessible for everyone. Special thanks to the Outdoor Equity Fund and the New Mexico Outdoor Recreation Division for making this event possible and for the attendees who braved the windy weather to participate.

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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