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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.

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## [CHECK OUT THE LATEST STOCKING REPORT](#)



[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2023-24 Fishing Licenses are no longer valid.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.

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## June 1 and 2 is Free Fishing Weekend

Anglers can fish for free in New Mexico on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, as the state celebrates Free Fishing Weekend. Everyone must observe bag limits and all other rules and regulations. For more information, please visit [the Department's website](#).

There will also be free fishing the weekend of Sept. 28-29 as the state celebrates National Hunting and Fishing Weekend.

Before heading out, anglers are encouraged to check [current fire restrictions](#). For information about where to fish and what to use, consult the Department's new [Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner](#). [Maps of public fishing waters](#), lists of [where to find family-friendly fishing](#) and [tips on how to fish](#) also can be found on the Department website.

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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!

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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 CATCH OF THE WEEK

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**Eagle Nest Lake:** Philip and Christiana of Clovis caught one 20-inch and two 19-inch rainbow trout using Natural Scent PowerBait on May 21.

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**Cabresto Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using bead-head nymph flies.

**Charette Lakes:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using spinners, brown trout-pattern spoons and bright-green-colored PowerBait.

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 35 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was fair to good when using red San Juan worm 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-harness 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 Natural Scent PowerBait 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](#). *Join the Department's Aquatic Education Program, Village of Pecos, and Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited at Monastery Lake on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for a Free Fishing Weekend event where fishing gear, tackle and bait will be on loan for those who want to try their hand at fishing. Fishing experts will be on site to share their knowledge with anglers of all skill levels. Local vendors, food trucks and other activities will also be available during the event.*

**Morphy Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Joel-O-Shotz Red Floating Sweet Hartzzy floating bait.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 202 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 98 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 686 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 65 cfs.

**Rio Mora:** Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 46 cfs.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 139 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 jerkbaits and swimbaits. Fishing for white bass was good when trolling and casting using Berkley Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for bass was good when using wacky-rigged worms, Ned rigs, swimbaits, and Berkley MaxScent Hit Worms and Flat Worms. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows and small jigs. Fishing for catfish was fair when using punch bait and cut bait. The main lake's water surface temperature was in the mid-60 F range, and the water's color was clear.

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## NORTHWEST

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### NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK

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***Abiquiu Lake:*** John Bulinski of Santa Fe caught and released a 19-inch, 4.5-pound smallmouth bass using a plastic worm on May 17.



**McGaffey Lake:** Paul Thomas of Laguna caught a 20-inch, 3.5-pound rainbow trout using a worm fished with weights on May 19.



**San Juan River:** Megan Longenecker of Indiana caught and released a brown trout and more than 50 rainbow trout, primarily using midge-pattern flies, on May 18 and 19. Mark Mondragon of Rio Chama caught and released a 21-inch brown trout using a size-22, zebra-midge-pattern fly on May 18.



**Seven Springs Kids' Pond:** Sisters Maddie, Brooke and McKenna, ages 6, 4 and 3, of Fort Sumner all caught their limits of trout using worms on May 21.





**Tingley Beach:** Wayne Garcia of Albuquerque caught and released a 21-inch, 5-pound largemouth bass using a Whopper Plopper lure on May 25.

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**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using plastic worms. Fishing for crappie was fair when using small crappie-pattern lures. 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 1,040 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:** Fishing for trout was slow. Anglers reported lots of debris in the water.

**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 JBT Hare Rigs with Boilie Bait.

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 58 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using dry flies.

**Laguna del Campo:** Fishing for trout was fair when using blue and pink Mepps spinners, various PowerBait and salmon eggs.

**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:** *Join the Department for the Fourth Annual Outdoor Adventure Day at Liam Knight Pond on Saturday, June 1, from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This free event will feature activities, a youth fishing derby and lots of prizes. [Click here for event details.](#)*

**McGaffey Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using worms 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 594 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 836 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-22, zebra-midge-pattern 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 good when using worms.

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

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using Whopper Plopper lures and white curly-tail grubs. *The Department will be assisting the New Mexico Child First Network with the New Mexico Foster Family Picnic and Fishing Extravaganza at Tingley Beach on Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m.-noon. This event, open to foster families and children, will include fishing, activities, food and prizes. [Click here for event details.](#)*

**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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***Elephant Butte Lake:*** John Falcon Jr., age 9, of Las Cruces caught a 7-pound, 13-ounce striper using a salt-and-pepper-flavored Old Trapper snack stick on May 13.

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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 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 29 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 1,030 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver near Socorro.

**Snow Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait, corn, salmon eggs and cheese bait.

**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.

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## SOUTHEAST

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**Grindstone Reservoir:** Gavin Finch of Alamogordo caught a 19-inch, 3.2-pound rainbow trout using a Berkley Flicker Shad lure on May 23.

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## SOUTHEAST FISHING REPORT

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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 10 cfs.

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

**Bonito Lake:** The lake remains closed due to the Blue 2 Fire. Visit <https://www.nmfireinfo.com> for the latest information.

**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 Berkley Flicker Shad lures and 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 1,420 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 13 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.

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## Tips, Tricks and Stories – Striper Fishing

**By Tony Falcon**

On May 17, 2024, my son John Falcon Jr. (*see Southeast Catch of the Week photo above*) and I headed out from Las Cruces to spend the day among guides and tournament anglers on Elephant Butte Lake. We were on a mission to locate some fish for Sunday's Youth Fishing Tournament. We were having decent success, when at around 5 p.m. at an undisclosed location of the lake, John Jr. set up a deadly fishing rig combination. He wacky-rigged a salt-and-pepper-flavored Old Trapper snack stick and cast to a protruding point on the lake's edge. He made a few short actions with the bait before his rod loaded up and the drag went to screaming. I thought he was snagged on the rocks but saw the bounce of the rod tip and the line diving toward the boat.

The scramble was on with coaching and support and the net man running around to get into position. After what seemed like a lifetime, my 9-year-old son boated a 7-pound, 13-ounce striper—a first for us! What a thrill it was to watch it all happen. Great job, son!

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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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