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- [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: Marcella Gallegos of Los Ranchos caught a 20.5-inch rainbow trout using Green PowerBait on June 1.



Los Pinos River: Jackie Martinez of Rio Rancho caught a 13-inch brown trout using a Hare's Ear fly on June 3 (above left). Tino Padilla of Rio Rancho caught an 11-inch rainbow trout using a Prince Nymph fly on June 3 (above right).



Pecos River: Dan Muenzberg of Santa Fe caught a 17-inch rainbow trout using his home-tied Salmon Fly dry-fly on May 31.



Red River: Rylie, age 6, of Los Alamos caught a 19-inch rainbow trout using salmon eggs on May 30.



Rio Grande: Andrew Mann of Albuquerque caught a 40-inch pike using a home-tied Crawdad Streamer fly near Dixon on June 2.

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

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was fair when PowerBait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 43 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was fair to good when using bead-head nymph flies.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using 3-inch swimbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using worms, bright-colored Flicker Shad lures and jerkbaits.

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

Cowles Ponds: Fishing for trout was good when using dry flies in the evenings.

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using Green Garlic PowerBait and Salmon Peach PowerBait. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using 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: Fishing for trout was good when using worms, PowerBait, and rainbow trout-pattern spinners.

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: Fishing for trout was good when using Prince Nymph flies and Hare's Ear flies.

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 floating nightcrawler worms and yellow Panther Martin spinners.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 169 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Salmon flies.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 116 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 1,100 cfs. Fishing for trout was slow when using homemade, white Streamer flies. Fishing for pike was fair when using Streamer 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 82 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 39 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 101 cfs.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 tubes, swimbaits and jigs tipped with Berkley Gulp minnows on rocky points in 5-10 feet of water. Fishing for white bass was good when trolling using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, Bandit lures, Wally Diver lures and 3-inch

swimbait in 10-15 feet of water. Fishing for smallmouth bass was very good when using Wack-E-Sticks on a short Carolina rig in 5-15 feet of water. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms. The main lake's water surface temperature was in the low-70 F range, and the water's color was clear.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Bluewater Lake: Bucky Smith, age 16, of Santa Fe caught a 35-inch tiger muskie using cut bait on June 2.



Cochiti Lake: Manuel and Luke Baldonado of Edgewood caught a 16.5-inch crappie and a 28-inch pike using ADz custom-jointed lures on June 2.



Burns Lake: Jaxon Parker, age 9, of Gallup caught a 23-inch rainbow trout using yellow garlic bait on May 26.



McGaffey Lake: Kaia Rivera, age 6, of Laguna along with his dad caught their limits of rainbow trout ranging in size from 10 to 13-inches using Salmon-Peach PowerBait on June 1.



Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Brooke Harper, age 9, of Albuquerque caught an 18.5-inch brown trout using an olive Woolly Buzzer fly on June 2 (above left). Maddilyn Marty of Rio Rancho caught her first rainbow trout using a worm on her first birthday May 31 (above right).

NORTHWEST FISHING REPORT

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 2,460 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Garlic PowerBait. Fishing for tiger muskie was fair when using cut bait.

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 white bass was good when using white swimbaits. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using ADz custom-jointed lures. Fishing for crappie was fair when using ADz custom-jointed lures.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 34 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using multi-colored PowerBait and dry flies. Fishing the East Fork was very good when using spinners, Copper John flies, Pheasant-Tail Nymph flies, Prince Nymph flies and Caddis Stimulator 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Navajo Lake: Fishing for kokanee salmon was fair to good when using spinners tipped with corn. Fishing for brown trout was fair when using chrome-colored spoons. 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 479 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Tuesday morning was 362 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): Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Red, White and Blue PowerBait.

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Tuesday morning was 362 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair to good when using Red Annelid flies and foam-wing, midge-emerger-pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using black, yellow and silver spinners.

Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using olive Woolly Bugger flies, rainbow-colored PowerBait and worms. Rio Grande chub are a native fish in the Jemez River drainage and can be found in the Seven Springs Kids' Ponds. *Anglers often mistake these awesome native fish for an invasive species and leave them on the banks to die. If you catch a Rio Grande chub, please do not leave it on the bank; return it to the water where it can survive as part of our native ecosystem.*

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.

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

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Escondida Lake: Antonio Téllez of Los Lunas caught a 35-inch catfish using chicken liver on June 1.



Elephant Butte Lake: Molly and Carson Bullard, ages 10 and 12, of Rio Rancho caught a mixed bag of crappie, white bass and smallmouth bass using curly-tail grubs and Berkeley Gulp minnows on June 6 (above left to center). Daniel Aragon, age 11, of Las Cruces caught 15 white bass while trolling using a Rat-L-Trap lure on June 6 (above right).



Willow Creek: Jake Johnson of Las Cruces caught and released a 7-inch Gila trout using a homemade, barbless quail-tail Stone Fly on June 7.

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 bass was fair to good when using spinnerbaits.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was very good when using Rat-L-Trap lures, Flicker Shad lures, chrome Kastmaster lures and shad-pattern swimbaits. Fishing for crappie was fair when using Berkley Gulp minnows and live minnows. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using live minnows, cut shad bait and cut carp bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 7 cfs.

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

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

Percha Dam: Fishing for white bass and wipers was fair when using minnows and white swimbaits.

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms and corn PowerBait.

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Tuesday morning was 2,200 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



Brantley Lake: Marshall Holman of Clovis caught a 30-pound, 2-ounce flathead catfish using a 2-inch cube of pink Zote Soap on June 1.



Grindstone Reservoir: Rodney Adams of Roswell caught a 17-inch rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on May 30.



Pecos River: Valerie Wyatt of Roswell caught a 36-inch catfish using a hot dog on June 2.



Spring River Pond: Adonis Chavez caught a 30-inch catfish using shrimp on the park's opening day, May 25.

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Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait and 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 6 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: Fishing for catfish was good when using Zote Soap.

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: Fishing for catfish was good when using stink bait.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using nightcrawler worms and various types of PowerBait.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 88 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using hot dogs.

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 Tuesday morning was 6 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: The boat ramp was closed due to the recent block release of water to Brantley Reservoir.

Spring River Pond: Fishing for catfish was good when using shrimp bait.

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

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – Rio Grande River and Abiquiu Reservoir Updates

By Alex Morton

I wanted to check in and provide some fishing updates for you. On Monday, May 27, my friends and I fished the Rio Grande at the Taos Junction Bridge. We caught several small pike on various black/gold and white/gold streamer flies. The water looked clearer than I'd seen it in a month. I went back on Friday, four days later, and the water was 6 inches higher and visibility was poor. I spent 2 hours there and caught nothing.



Pike caught near the Taos Junction Bridge.

I then went to Abiquiu Reservoir on that same day, Friday, May 31, and caught a nice smallmouth bass right off the boat ramp on a white Game Changer fly, which is an articulated minnow-imitation fly that's about 4 inches long.



Alex Morton with a smallmouth bass he caught at Abiquiu Lake.

Interesting; they were doing a controlled burn up Forest Rd 151 above the lake and had fire tankers filling up with water at the boat ramps all day. The smoke created a type of artificial cloud situation that had the fish really feeding while the sun was blocked. Abiquiu has proven to be a really great fishery and barely an hour's drive for me from Santa Fe.

Thanks for all you do and thanks for the fishing reports!



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