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### Check the Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner!

The Department's Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner was created using data from the 2016 to 2019 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.



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Catch all the challenge species that are found throughout New Mexico to receive your certificate and challenge coin!

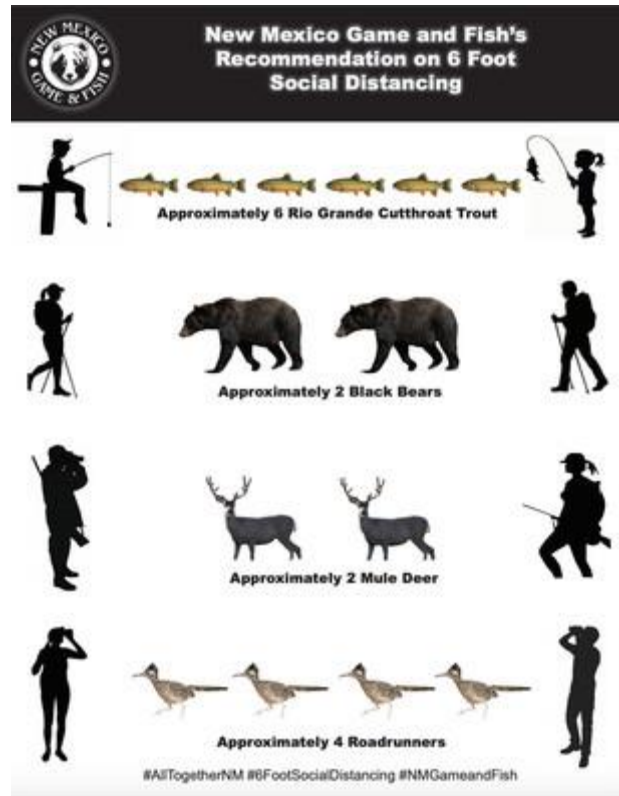
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## A Message from the Department

As COVID-19 continues to force all of us to make changes to our daily schedule, the Department would like to remind you that together we can make a difference. To help minimize the spread of the virus:

- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands regularly
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Wear a face covering
- Avoid interacting with large groups

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The Department is continuing to adapt our ways of working to conserve wildlife for all New Mexicans. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, Department biologists and conservation officers continue to conduct wildlife surveys, contact anglers and OHV recreationists and stock fish in open waters throughout the state.

Our teams are wearing personal protective equipment for everyone's safety while working in small groups for maximum social distancing. We ask for your help to keep everyone safe and healthy by following the NMDOH public health emergency order by wearing PPE while staying at least six feet away from staff and equipment.

## Closure Information

The Department reminds anglers it is their responsibility to be aware of closures and contact land managers for properties of interest when restrictions are lifted.

- [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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## Catches of the week

**Alto Lake:** Sandra Mia Jacquez, age 6, of Las Cruces caught her first fish, a rainbow trout, using a worm June 12. Jason Ellinger of La Luz caught an 18 and 19-inch rainbow trout using garlic PowerBait June 6.

**Bluewater Lake:** Lexi Jaramillo, age 9, of Los Lunas caught and released a 44-inch tiger muskie using a rainbow trout pattern swimbait June 10. David Davis of Cedar Crest caught a 41-inch tiger muskie using an orange Rapala lure June 10. Christopher Pearson, age 8, of Albuquerque caught a 33-inch tiger muskie using a swimbait June 9. Jayden Martinez, age 12, of Albuquerque caught a 31.5-inch tiger muskie using a crankbait June 6.

**Conchas Lake:** Kim Caputo and her daughter Aspen of Rio Rancho caught a 9.96-pound catfish using a jig June 12.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Mary Jones of San Angelo, Texas caught a 29-inch walleye using a homemade worm harness June 13.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Steven Montoya of Roswell caught a 20-inch 4-pound rainbow trout using white PowerBait June 6.

**Hopewell Lake:** Louie Chacon of Chimayo caught a 19-inch rainbow trout using garlic PowerBait June 4.

**McGaffey Lake:** Ty Charley of Gallup caught a 28-inch channel catfish using a hotdog June 5.

**Monastery Lake:** Samuel Kovac V, age 7, of Bernalillo caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait June 12.

**Morphy Lake:** Evelyn Marquez of Las Vegas caught an 18-inch rainbow trout using rainbow PowerBait June 13. Ezra Garcia, age 5, and Exander Garcia, age 3, both of Albuquerque caught their limits of trout using salmon eggs with a bobber June 12. Lilly Lovato, age 5, of Las Vegas caught her limit of rainbow trout using salmon eggs and crappie jigs June 10. Richard Martinez of Tucumcari caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using an olive Pistol Pete June 8.

**Pecos River:** Manuel Lopez of Santa Fe caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using a purple prince nymph fly June 12.



**Kim Caputo and her daughter Aspen of Rio Rancho caught a 9.96-pound catfish using a jig at Conchas Lake.**

**Rio Grande:** Benjamin Armendariz of El Paso, Texas caught a 35-inch 20-pound flathead catfish near Las Cruces June 5.

**San Juan River:** Chris Moya of Albuquerque caught a 25-inch brown trout using a red annelid fly in Texas Hole June 5.

**Springer Lake:** Renee Minor of Portales caught a 23-inch pike using a rainbow Kastmaster lure June 8.

**Trout Lakes:** Esther Montoya, age 80, of Albuquerque caught her first fish ever, a 19-inch rainbow trout using a worm June 5.

If you have a catch of the week story or just want to tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing experience, 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.

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## Northeast Fishing Report

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

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

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow near Cimarron Monday morning was 27.2 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait, nightcrawlers and flash-back nymph flies.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using various colors of PowerBait. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver.

**Conchas Lake:** Conchas Lake State Park has closed access to all boat ramps due to dropping water levels. The boat ramps on the south side of the lake managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are open. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was good when using plastic worms and tubes. Fishing for white bass was good when using bright orange and chartreuse spinners. Fishing for walleye was good when using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, curly tail grubs and jigs. Fishing for crappie was good when using small plastic jigs and live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using jigs.



**Samuel Kovac V, age 7, of Bernalillo caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait at Monastery Lake.**

**Costilla Creek:** The Department has implemented the final phase of a project to expand Rio Grande cutthroat trout in 120 miles of the Costilla watershed in northern New Mexico. The final phase involved removal of fish within a designated area (Rio Costilla from Costilla Dam downstream to the Valle Vidal Boundary including all tributaries and Comanche Creek from the road culvert crossing on FR 1950 downstream to its confluence with Rio Costilla and all tributaries) with a tentative restocking of Rio Grande cutthroat in spring 2022. Places to fish nearby include Costilla Creek below the fish barrier, Upper Comanche Creek, Shuree Ponds, Middle Ponil Creek, Upper Powderhouse Creek, Little Costilla Creek, Vidal Creek and McCrystal Creek. The Department anticipates completion of this final phase in the fall of 2021. Please check the Department website for additional information on the project and to identify alternative angling opportunities in the interim.

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

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

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using Rapala lures, corn, dough balls and nightcrawlers. Fishing for perch was good when using nightcrawlers. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using Rapala lures and Mepps spinners.

**Eagle Rock Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using green PowerBait and salmon eggs.

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

**Gallinas River:** Fishing for trout was fair when using worms.

**Hopewell Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using olive Pistol Pete spinners and garlic PowerBait.

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

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing for trout was good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies, PowerBait and various topwater and nymph flies.

**Los Pinos River:** Fishing for trout was slow.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using rainbow colored glitter PowerBait, olive Pistol Pete spinner flies and topwater dry flies early in the mornings.

**Morphy Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs, crappie jigs, olive Pistol Pete spinner flies and rainbow PowerBait.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow near the town of Pecos Monday morning was 77.7 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using purple prince nymph flies, salmon eggs and black spinners.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery Monday morning was 103 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using salmon eggs and worms.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow at the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 550 cfs. Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using nightcrawlers, Rooster Tail spinners and salmon eggs.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow Monday morning near Valdez was 61.2 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair using bead-head nymph flies.

**Rio Mora:** Stream flow Monday morning near Terrero was 23.0 cfs.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Peñasco Monday morning was 15.6 cfs.

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using corn and garlic PowerBait.

**Shuree Ponds:** Closed until July 1, 2021.

**Springer Lake:** Fishing for pike was fair to good when using rainbow Kastmaster lures.

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing for white bass was good when using topwater baits, spinners and small swimbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using live minnows and Berkley Gulp minnows. Fishing for bass was fair when using topwater lures, Ned Rigs and swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait and chicken liver. Fishing for crappie was slow. The water surface temperature was in the mid 70 degrees Fahrenheit and the main lake color was stained.

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## Northwest Fishing Report

**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing for bass and walleye was fair. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using stink bait.

**Animas River:** Water flow below Aztec Monday morning was 1670 cfs.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using crankbaits, Rapala lures and swimbaits.

**Brazos River:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using gold Panther Martin spinners.

**Canjilon Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using Berkley Power Worms and dry flies.

**Chama River:** Monday morning flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 99.5 cfs and 250 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair when using



**Christopher Pearson, age 8, of Albuquerque caught a 33-inch tiger muskie using a swimbait at Bluewater Lake.**

jerkbaits, spinners and nightcrawlers. Fishing below Abiquiu Lake was fair when using worms. Please remember, from the river-crossing bridge on U.S. Highway 84 at Abiquiu upstream seven miles to the base of Abiquiu Dam is special trout waters with a bag limit of two trout only.

**Cochiti Lake:** Visitors to the lake need to make a reservation by purchasing a ticket at least 24 hours in advance through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Tickets and reservations will NOT be sold at the lake.

**El Vado Lake:** El Vado Lake Dam Day Use area is open. The main lake area, boat launch and campground are open by reservation only. Fishing for bass was fair.

**Fenton Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using nightcrawlers, green garlic PowerBait, salmon eggs and corn. Please remember, only two cutthroat trout are allowed to be harvested per day within the regular five-fish limit.

**Heron Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using yellow PowerBait and worms. Sierra Vista boat launch and the primitive boat launch are both open due to rising water levels. Caution is advised during windy conditions.

**Jemez Waters:** Stream flow on the Jemez near the town of Jemez Monday morning was 6.68 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using rainbow colored Panther Martin spinners, nymph flies and worms. Fishing near the Valles Caldera was good when using nymph flies.

**Laguna del Campo:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using peach PowerBait.

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

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

**McGaffey Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using hotdogs. Due to extremely low water levels and unstable ground conditions, stocking efforts have been suspended. Lake conditions will be monitored and stockings will resume once conditions improve.

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing for bass was very good when using crankbaits, Ned Rigs, buzzbaits and green watermelon tubes. Fishing for pike was fair when using jerkbaits up the San Juan arm of the lake. Fishing for kokanee salmon was fair to good when using pink and orange spinners tipped with corn.

**Rio Grande:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using worms and chicken liver near Albuquerque.

**San Gregorio Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using midge pattern flies.

**San Juan River:** Stream flow Monday morning was 324 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using size 24 midge emerger flies and red annelid flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was good when using gold Panther Martin spinners and PowerBait.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Fishing for trout was good when using pink Berkley Gulp Pinched Crawlers.

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and homemade dough bait.

**Trout Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using dry flies and worms.

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## Southwest Fishing Report

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

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

**Bill Evans Lake:** Fishing for largemouth bass was fair when using wacky rigged worms.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing for largemouth bass was fair to good when using plastic worms and crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was good when using live minnows, small spoons and white crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was good when using live minnows, bottom bouncers, nightcrawlers and crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver and nightcrawlers.



**Mary Jones of San Angelo, Texas caught a 29-inch walleye using a homemade worm harness at Elephant Butte Lake.**

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing for white bass was good when using green Flicker Shad lures, white and yellow grubs and white crankbaits. Fishing for largemouth bass was good when using light brown plastic worm and lizard imitations. Fishing for walleye was good when using silver, red and white spoons tipped with worm, chartreuse curly tail grubs tipped with worm, crankbaits and bottom bouncer worm harness rigs. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows and silver minnow imitation jigs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using shad, worms and live minnows.

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

**Gila River:** Stream flow Monday morning was 13.5 cfs. Fishing for Gila trout was fair when using small gold spinners.

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

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

**Percha Dam:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken breast.

**Quemado Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using rainbow PowerBait.

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

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte Monday morning was 1910 cfs. Fishing for catfish near Las Cruces was fair to good when using cut bait. Fishing for catfish near Caballo Lake was fair to good when using raw chicken and worms.

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

**Trees Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver.



**Young Pond:** Fishing for all species was slow.

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## **Southeast Fishing Report**

**Alto Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using worms and green garlic PowerBait.

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

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga Monday morning was 2.17 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. It appears that the lake will be out of commission until 2022.

**Bosque Redondo Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using green pumpkin soft plastic worms.

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

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

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

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

**Corona Pond:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using hotdogs.

**Eunice Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

**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 silver Kastmaster lures, white PowerBait and purple PowerBait.

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

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

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



**Jason Ellinger of La Luz caught an 18 and 19-inch rainbow trout using garlic PowerBait at Alto Lake.**

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 80.5 cfs.

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

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow Monday morning at Hollywood was 3.09 cfs.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was fair when using silver spinners.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair when chartreuse Berkley Flicker Shad lures.

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## Tips and Tricks – Dustin and Melissa’s Stove Top Frying Pan Walleye and Brussels Sprouts Salad

### Recipe ingredients

- Walleye fillets (as many as desired)
- Sunflower oil (vegetable oil or peanut oil would work too)
- ¼ stick of salted butter
- Salt
- Pepper
- 2 garlic cloves
- 12 ounces brussels sprouts shredded
- 12 ounces bacon
- ½ yellow onion coarsely chopped
- Juice of ½ lemon



**Prepare the ingredients.**

Make the brussels sprouts salad first and get it cooking. Cook the walleye fillets after the brussels sprouts salad has been cooking for about six minutes. This way everything will finish at the same time and can be served hot.

### Directions - Brussels Sprouts Salad

1. In a large skillet, cook bacon on medium to high heat until crispy. Transfer to plate to cool. Pour off most of the bacon fat into heat-safe bowl, leaving a thin layer of fat in the skillet.
2. Cook onions until translucent. Season with salt. Add the brussels sprouts and cook, stirring occasionally until browned and tender. Add more bacon fat if the pan seems dry.
3. Coarsely chop bacon and then stir it into the brussels sprouts.
4. Add salt and pepper to taste. Finish with lemon.



**Finished walleye and salad.**

### Directions – Stove Top Frying Pan Walleye

1. Generously coat the inside of your frying pan with oil. Add ¼-stick of butter.
2. Set stove to high heat.
3. Salt and pepper walleye fillets to your liking.
4. Wait for frying pan to get very hot. The butter will start to smoke at this point.
5. Once the frying pan is very hot, add minced garlic and walleye fillets in one layer with space between each fillet.
6. Cook for 3-4 minutes on each side.
7. Add lemon as you desire.

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