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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.

Catches of the week

Abiquiu Lake: Cassadee Fales, age 8, of White Rock caught a 15-inch smallmouth bass using worms Aug. 10.

Caballo Lake: Joey Dominguez of Las Cruces caught a 37-inch catfish using cut bait Aug. 13. Lucius Arzabal, age 13, of Las Cruces caught and released a 13-inch drum using a nightcrawler worm Aug. 13. Robert Resendez of Las Cruces caught a 16-pound blue catfish using cut bait Aug. 9. Frank Rittel of El Paso, Texas, caught a 15-inch crappie using a white grub Aug. 6.

Gila River: Alvaro Duarte of Deming caught a 24-inch, 8-pound catfish using a worm Aug. 8. Robert Grogan of Deming caught a 22.5-inch catfish using chicken Aug. 8.

Grindstone Reservoir: Dawson Dillingham, age 6, of Alamogordo caught a 19-inch golden rainbow trout using a garlic nightcrawler worm July 31.

Lake Van: Tyreal Humpherys of Roswell caught a 5.5-pound albino catfish using cut carp bait Aug. 9.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Job Martinez, age 8, and Maven Martinez, age 6, of Rio Rancho both caught their limits of trout using chartreuse and peach PowerBait Aug. 13.

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. 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.



Job Martinez, age 8, and Maven Martinez, age 6, of Rio Rancho both caught their limits of trout Aug. 13 at Seven Springs Brood Pond.

Northeast Fishing Report

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

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon, peach PowerBait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 24.3 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was good using caddis dry flies and hopper dry flies. Fishing for trout at Gravel Pit Lakes was good when using homemade dough bait.

Clayton Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver and homemade dough baits.

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

Costilla Creek: The Department is implementing 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 involves the 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 Forest Road 1950 downstream to its confluence with Rio Costilla and all tributaries). Tentative stocking of Rio Grande cutthroat trout is set for spring 2023. **National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.**

Cowles Ponds: 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.**

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for rainbow trout was fair when using dry flies and salmon, peach PowerBait.

Eagle Rock Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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.**



Department of Game and Fish staff continue efforts to rescue Rio Grande cutthroat trout from post-wild-fire ash flows and relocate the native fish to streams throughout northeastern New Mexico this week.

Hopewell Lake: National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was very good when using salmon eggs, yellow Pistol Pete spinner flies, orange PowerBait, marshmallows, worms, and Joe's Flies.

Los Pinos River: National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

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

Monastery Lake: The lake will remain closed until further notice. For more information, [visit the Open Gate webpage](#).

Morphy Lake: State park closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit Morphy Lake State Park's webpage](#) or call (575) 387-2328 for the latest closure information.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 171 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait. **National forest and state park closures have been in place restricting fishing access to much of the Pecos River.** [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest forest closure information. [Visit Pecos Canyon State Park's webpage](#) or call (505) 670-8196 for the latest park closure information.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery Monday morning was 79.6 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Trout Magnet lures in the upper river section.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 465 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 47.1 cfs. **National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access.** [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 149 cfs. **National forest and state park closures have been in place restricting fishing access to the Rio Mora.** [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest forest closure information. [Visit Pecos Canyon State Park's webpage](#) or call (505) 670-8196 for the latest park closure information.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Penasco Monday morning was 28.1 cfs. **National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access.** [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

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

Shuree Ponds: Fishing for trout was good when using dry flies.

Springer Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms.

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

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow. Fishing for white bass was good when using jigging spoons and blade baits for suspended fish in 20-30 feet of water. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was good when using drop-shot rigs in 8-16 feet of water, and top-water lures in the back of coves. Fishing for crappie was slow. Fishing for catfish was good when using nightcrawler worms and cut bait. The main lake water surface temperature was in the mid 80 F range and the water clarity was clear.

Northwest Fishing Report

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using live worms.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 288 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using dry flies.

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

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

Brazos River: Fishing for trout was good when using hopper dry flies and black-and-gold Panther Martin spinners.



Cassadee Fales, age 8, of White Rock caught a 15-inch smallmouth bass using worms Aug. 10 at Abiquiu Lake.

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies and orange PowerBait. **National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.**

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using twin-tail, chartreuse curly tail grubs. Fishing for catfish was good when using minnows and chicken liver.

El Vado Lake: El Vado Lake can be accessed at Hargroves Day Use Area off State Road 322 and the Main Park area off State Road 112. The Rio Chama can be accessed at the North El

Vado Day Use Area on State Road 95, 10 miles west of U.S. Highway 84. Lake levels are steady but expected to drop as crews work on the El Vado Dam. The Dam Day Use Area is closed due to the ongoing construction. State Road 112 over the dam will experience periodic closures. For more information, [visit El Vado Lake State Park's webpage](#) or call (575) 588-7247.

Fenton Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using nymph flies, worms, salmon eggs and garlic PowerBait.

Grants Riverwalk Pond: The pond has dried up due to pump failure. The city is planning to repair the pumps but is taking this opportunity to dredge the pond. They expect the pond to be offline for at least two to three months. Fish stockings will be discontinued until all work is done.

Heron Lake: Fishing for trout from shore was fair when using garlic PowerBait.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 42.0 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using orange attractor dry flies. **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.

Laguna del Campo: Fishing for trout was fair when using worms and orange PowerBait.

Lagunitas Lakes: National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

Lake Farmington: Fishing for bass was fair when using plastic worms.

McGaffey Lake: Stocking efforts have been suspended due to extremely low water levels and unstable ground conditions. Lake conditions will be monitored and stocking will resume once conditions improve.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was good when using plastic worms and Ned rigs in 10-20 feet of water. Fishing for kokanee salmon was fair to good when using pink and orange spinners tipped with corn.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake and below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 146 cfs and 12.6 cfs, respectively. 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 two trout only.

Rio Grande: Fishing for catfish near Albuquerque was fair to good when using shrimp.

Riverside Park Pond (Aztec Pond #1): We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Gregorio Lake: 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.

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 689 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using leech-pattern flies, San Juan worm flies and egg-

pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using worms, red annelid flies and black-and-gold spinners.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when chartreuse PowerBait and peach PowerBait.

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

Tingley Beach: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Trout Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using pink PowerBait, corn and salmon eggs. **National forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.**

Southwest Fishing Report

Alumni Pond: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using small, orange crankbaits with a brown back, white crankbaits with blue back, and orange and brown plastic worms. Fishing for catfish was fair when using green worms and live grubs.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for crappie was fair when using live white grubs. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was good when using small red, deep-diving crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was fair when using small crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut bait.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using live minnows and cut carp bait. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Googan crankbaits and white minnow buzz baits. Fishing for white bass was very good when using curly-tail grubs and Sassy



Robert Resendez of Las Cruces caught a 16-pound blue catfish using cut bait Aug. 9 at Caballo Lake.

Shad. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using Sassy Shad and live minnows. Fishing for walleye was slow.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using shrimp and nightcrawler worms.

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 2,410 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using worms and chicken.

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

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

Percha Dam: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using pink PowerBait.

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

Rio Grande: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut bait and homemade dough bait.

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

Trees Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using 3-inch plastic worms. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut carp bait and nightcrawler worms.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was slow.

Southeast Fishing Report

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

Bataan Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using shrimp, worms and chicken liver.

Berrendo Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week. Please visit the [Open Gate webpage](#) for more information on [this property](#).

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 9.23 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.

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



Dawson Dillingham, age 6, of Alamogordo caught a 19-inch golden rainbow trout using a garlic nightcrawler worm July 31 at Grindstone Reservoir.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass was fair when using nightcrawler worms and wacky-rigged Senko worms. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using worms.

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

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

Eunice Lake: Fishing for catfish was slow to fair when using stink bait.

Green Meadow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using shrimp marinated in Pautzke Catfish Nectar.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using garlic nightcrawler worms.

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

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

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

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 1,450 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using stink bait.

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

Rio Bonito: Fishing for rainbow trout was fair when using worms.

Rio Ruidoso: Streamflow at Hollywood Monday morning was 23.7 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Tips and Tricks – Summer bass fishing with Ned Rigs



A 1/4-ounce Ned Rig with a 3-inch watermelon-with-red-flake plastic worm.

fishing. You want your plastic bait and the natural bait (food) where you are fishing to match in color as closely as possible.

This time of year, the weather is warm, and anglers and fish alike appreciate a nice spot where they can keep cool during the daytime hours. For bass, this means they are seeking out deeper water often located on main lake points where the water is cooler. Little bass might still hang around the shoreline, but bigger bass are typically in deeper water, aside from the early-morning and late-evening hours.

I have found a Ned Rig to be a productive bait to use during this time of year. A Ned Rig is basically a jig that holds a plastic worm in a more vertical position, as opposed to allowing the plastic worm to lay flat. A little over a week ago at Navajo Lake, I was slowly bouncing a 0.25-ounce Ned Rig with 3-inch worm off rocky ledges about 10-20 feet deep and catching some nice bass. The worm color I used was watermelon with red flake. You might need to adjust the worm color you use based upon the color of the crawdads or bait fish in the body of water you are

where you are fishing to match in

It was a fun day fishing and I thought I'd share that Ned Rig setup with my fellow anglers who might be able use this tip on their next fishing adventure.

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.

Thanks for reading and supporting our angling community!



Fishing report author Dustin Berg and his niece, Daisy, with a 3-pound smallmouth bass they caught at Navajo Lake using a Ned Rig.

