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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 <u>funfishingnm@gmail.com</u>. 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.

Catches of the week are now listed before each region's fishing report to help you quickly find the best places to fish in your area.

## **CHECK OUT THE LATEST STOCKING REPORT**



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## **Check the Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner!**

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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!



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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 <u>New Mexico Bass Challenge</u>, the <u>New Mexico Trout</u> <u>Challenge</u> and the <u>Master Angler Challenge</u>. Who knows, you could catch a <u>New Mexico Record Fish</u>.

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



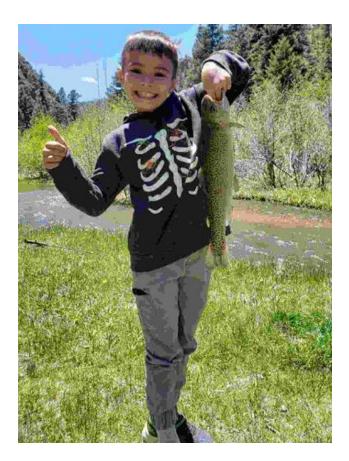
Consult local government websites for information regarding specific city and town fishing access.

## NORTHEAST

## NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



**Charette Lakes:** Lionel Griego (above, left), age 10, and Cicilia Griego (above, right) of El Valle caught seven trout using Peach Glitter PowerBait and corn.



**Costilla Creek:** Grayson Gallagher (above), age 8, of Los Lunas caught a 20-inch trout using Rainbow PowerBait on June 11.



**Eagle Nest Lake:** Isaac Kalogerini-Larsen (above, left), age 5, of Santa Fe caught a 23-inch rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on June 5. Xavier Gomez (above, right), age 8, of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using Pink PowerBait on June 4.



**Pecos River:** Lawrence A. Ortega (above) of Pecos caught a 24.5-inch, 5.2-pound rainbow trout using a Panther Martin spinner on June 4.



**Rio Grande:** Joshua Aragón (above) of Albuquerque caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using Cheese PowerBait near Taos on May 28.



**Storrie Lake:** Jonah Varela (above), age 11, of Las Vegas caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using Rainbow PowerBait on June 12.

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Cabresto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using silver-and-black bead-head flies.

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Peach Glitter PowerBait and corn.

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 40 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using Cimarron Specials, San Juan Worm flies, worms and PowerBait. Fishing for trout at Gravel Pit Lakes was slow when using Salmon Peach PowerBait, Sherbet PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Super Duper lures and Yellow PowerBait. Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, jerkbaits and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for walleye was fair when trolling using silver Rapala lures, nightcrawler worm harness-spinner rigs and Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows and small crankbaits.

**Costilla Creek:** The Valle Vidal is closed to fishing until July. Anglers reported fishing for trout in an open portion of the creek was good when using Rainbow PowerBait.

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

**Coyote Creek:** Fishing for trout was good when using orange San Juan Worm flies.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Pink PowerBait and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for pike was fair when using large spinners and spoons. The boat docks are now in the water. For updated lake conditions, visit the <u>park's webpage</u> or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing for trout was slow when using salmon eggs and PowerBait.

Gallinas River: National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. <u>Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage</u> 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 gold beadhead Pheasant-tail Nymph flies and Salmon Peach PowerBait. 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:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies, small, yellow-bodied Panther Martin spinners, brown nymph flies and PowerBait. The Benedictine Monastery Lake is part of the Department's <u>Open Gate Program</u>. Please <u>visit our website for more information about this property</u>.

**Morphy Lake:** Fishing for trout was very good when using Kastmaster lures, Chartreuse PowerBait and Pink PowerBait.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 350 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using dry-dropper fly setups and yellow-and-silver Panther Martin spinners.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 218 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 2,870 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Cheese PowerBait.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 105 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 69 cfs.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 138 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using bead-head nymph flies and worms.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: The lake is open from 6:30 am to 8 pm Thursday-Sunday.

Shuree Ponds: Closed to fishing until July.

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

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Rapala minnow lures, Rooster Tail spinners, Rainbow PowerBait and Garlic PowerBait.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair when trolling using Wally Diver lures, Flicker Shad lures and spinner nightcrawler rigs in 15-20 feet of water. Fishing for white bass was good when trolling using Model A Bomber lures and Wally Diver lures off points. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows at night fishing under lights. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms and punch bait. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using drop-shot and shaky-head jigs with 4-inch plastic worms and nightcrawler worms. The main lake water surface temperature was in the high-60 F range, and the water was dirty.

## NORTHWEST

#### NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



**Bluewater Lake:** Matthew Silva (above, left) of Albuquerque caught a 38-inch tiger muskie using cut bait on June 10. Joshua Aragón (above, center) of Albuquerque caught a 37-inch tiger muskie using a Whopper Plopper lure on June 7. Nicholas Barela (above, right), age 12, of Los

Lunas caught and released a 37-inch tiger muskie using a Savage Gear 3D Duck topwater lure on June 3.



**Jemez Waters:** Vincent Rocco (above), age 10, of Rio Rancho caught a 14-inch rainbow trout using Pink PowerBait on the Rio De Las Vacas on June 11.



**Navajo Lake:** Mia Gil (above, right), age 7, of Albuquerque caught her first fish, a 14-inch kokanee salmon, using an orange squid tipped with corn with a pink Dodger on June 8.



**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Remington Anne Longley (top left), age 3, of Placitas caught a 13-inch rainbow trout using Chartreuse PowerBait on June 11. Jayce Lujan, age 7, and Uriah Lucero, age 4, of Isleta Pueblo (top right) each caught their limit of rainbow trout using Yellow and Green PowerBait on June 9. Kaedence Contreras (bottom left), age 7, of Los Lunas caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait on June 6. Hugh Howard (bottom right), age 5, caught a 10-inch trout using a bead-head fly.

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**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing for walleye was slow to fair when using jerkbaits. Fishing for bass was slow when using jerkbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 3,530 cfs.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using Whopper Plopper lures, cut bait and Savage Gear Topwater Duck pattern lures.

Brazos River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using worms and PowerBait.

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

**El Vado Lake:** Closed due to dam construction project. For more information, <u>visit El Vado Lake</u> <u>State Park's webpage</u> or call 575-588-7247.

**Fenton Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using small trout-pattern lures and a variety of PowerBait. For updated lake conditions, visit the <u>park's webpage</u> or call the park office at 575-829-3630.

**Grants Riverwalk Pond**: Fishing for catfish was fair when using cut carp bait. Fishing for bluegill was good when using yellow Panther Martin spinners.

Heron Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 64 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Pink PowerBait on the Rio De Las Vacas. Fishing in the streams near Fenton Lake was fair to good when using foam topwater flies and PowerBait. Due to the rising popularity of fishing in Valles Caldera National Preserve, the National Park Service began charging a fee for its fishing permits starting April 1, 2023, to support the management of its fishing program. The new fee schedule will be \$20 for an annual pass (\$10 for youth 12-17) and \$5 for a 7-day pass (\$3 for youth 12-17). A State of New Mexico fishing license is also required to fish within Valles Caldera. For more information visit www.nps.gov/vall.

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 bass was fair to good when using plastic wacky rigged worms.

**McGaffey Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait Trout Nuggets. Fishing for catfish was slow to fair when using Gulp salmon eggs.

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing for kokanee salmon was fair when using pink and orange squid tipped with corn. Fishing for pike was fair when using crankbaits and Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using grubs and tube jigs.

**Rio Chama:** Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 964 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,500 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 two trout only.

Rio Grande: Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait and chicken liver near Corrales.

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 4,430 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair when using leech-pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using Red Annelid flies, Salmon Peach PowerBait and salmon eggs.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Fishing for trout was good when using Chartreuse PowerBait, Green Garlic PowerBait, worms, and Yellow PowerBait.

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

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut bluegill bait and shrimp. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using bluegill-pattern spinner baits.

**Trout Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using various colors of PowerBait and PowerBait Eggs.

## SOUTHWEST

#### SOUTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait last week at Lake Roberts.

## 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 bass was good when using worms. Fishing for trout was good when using Lime Green and Peach PowerBait. The lake is now fully open! The boat ramp has been modified to provide better access for non-motorized watercraft. A new boat dock and several fishing jetties have also been added.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair when using curly-tail grubs and small crankbaits.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing for white bass was good when using white crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using chartreuse-colored Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using minnows and fresh cut bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for bluegill was fair when using Siberian Corn Salmon Eggs.

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

**Gila River:** Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 50 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using raw chicken.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait fished with a bobber.

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait.

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

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 2,280 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait and chicken liver near Hatch.

**Snow Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Orange PowerBait and silver Kastmaster lures.

**Trees Lake:** Fishing for catfish was good when using beef liver, chicken liver, garlic-dough bait and worms. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using jigs with curly-tail grubs.

**Young Pond:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using jalapeno chicken sausage. Fishing for bluegill was good when using worms.

## SOUTHEAST

#### SOUTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Alto Lake: Adam Medina Jr. of Las Cruces caught a 5.2-pound largemouth bass using a dropshot pink Robo Worm on June 3.



Lake Van: Natasha Sorg of Roswell caught a 15-inch catfish using chicken-liver-flavored Magic Bait on June 6.



Oasis Park Lake: Ryan Curry of Clovis caught a 9-pound catfish using cut bait on June 8.



**Santa Rosa Lake:** Isaiah Ulibarri, age 15, of Clovis caught a 14-inch, 2.5-pound crappie using a green crankbait lure on June 1.

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**Alto Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using worms and Garlic PowerBait. Fishing for bass was good when using pink Robo Worms.

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

**Berrendo Creek:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using Rooster Tail spinners. Please visit the <u>Open Gate webpage</u> for more information on <u>this property</u>.

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 37 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. The lake is full but needs time for aquatic habitat to develop in order to sustain a healthy fish population. The city hopes to reopen the lake for recreational purposes in June 2024.

**Bosque Redondo Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut shad bait. Fishing for bass was good when using Texas-rigged YUM CrawBug lures.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

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

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 all species was slow when using Panther Martin spinners, Pistol Pete spinner flies, corn and salmon eggs.

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing for largemouth bass was good when using nightcrawler worms with garlic scent. Fishing for carp was good when using black Berkley worms.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using Garlic PowerBait.

Harry McAdams Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Van: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken-liver-flavored Magic Bait.

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

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait, chicken liver, shrimp and worms. Fishing for bass was slow.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 102 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 7 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for walleye and crappie was slow when using green crankbait lures.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using live minnows and chartreuse curly-tail grubs.

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

# Tips and Tricks – Dustin and Melissa's Stovetop Frying Pan Walleye with Brussels Sprout Salad



## Recipe ingredients

- Walleye fillets (as many as desired)
- Sunflower oil (vegetable oil or peanut oil would work too)
- 1/4 stick of salted butter
- Salt
- Pepper
- 2 garlic cloves
- 12 ounces Brussels sprouts, shredded
- 12 ounces bacon
- 1/2 yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

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 the bacon over medium to high heat until crispy. Transfer it to a plate to cool. Pour off most of the bacon fat into a heat-safe bowl and leave 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.

#### Directions – Stovetop 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 the 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 in between each fillet.
- 6. Cook for 3-4 minutes on each side.
- 7. Add lemon as you desire.

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