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### 2022-23 Fishing RIBs Available Online!

The 2022-2023 Fishing Rules and Information Booklets (RIBs) are now available online-only for download and use. [English](#) and [Spanish](#) PDF versions are available. In addition to the full RIBs, a one-page summary of “What’s New and Important” can also be downloaded in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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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.



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.

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## 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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## Catches of the week

**Bluewater Lake:** Owen Middagh, age 10, of Albuquerque caught and released a 34-inch, 9-pound tiger muskie using a shad pattern crankbait June 5. Joshua Lee, age 18, of Tohatchi caught a 34-inch tiger muskie using a spinner June 5. Amber Harrell of Bluewater caught and released a 33-inch tiger muskie using hotdogs June 4.

**Cochiti Lake:** Riyan Schmaltz, age 14, of Rio Rancho caught a 38-inch pike using a Senko plastic worm June 4.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Victor Rael of Questa caught a 24-inch, 5.5-pound rainbow trout using salmon eggs June 4. Joe Saraphon of Albuquerque caught and released a 23-inch rainbow trout using yellow PowerBait May 31. Tate Davis, age 6, of Bluewater caught an 18-inch rainbow trout using salmon peach PowerBait May 29.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Dolores Martinez of Las Cruces caught and released a 28-inch, 8-pound



Jacob Medina of Velarde caught a 32-inch pike using a Rapala lure on the Rio Grande near Velarde May 31.

walleye using a white crankbait June 5. Brian Rittel and Frank Rittel of El Paso, Texas, caught 17 crappie, 2 white bass, one largemouth bass and one catfish using green and white grubs, minnows and a white bomber lure June 4.

**Embudo Creek:** Marcella Medina of Dixon caught a 7-inch cutthroat trout using a prince nymph fly June 5.

**Escondida Lake:** Ryan Rael, age 7, of Belen caught a 22-inch catfish using red worms May 30.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Seryna Shields, age 10, and Da'mani Shields, age 7, of Clovis caught a 5.3-pound and a 4.5-pound catfish using cut shad bait June 1. Aimon Juarez, age 8, of Clovis caught a 20-inch albino catfish using chicken liver May 30.

**Lake Maloya:** Jude Salas, age 5, of Albuquerque caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using a black Woolly Bugger fly with a clear bobber May 27.

**Liam Knight Pond:** Liam Roach, age 7, of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch catfish using worms at the Outdoor Adventure Day fishing derby June 4. Uriah Lucero, age 3, of Isleta Pueblo caught several catfish ranging from 13-20 inches using live worms June 4.

**Rio Grande:** Tom Chrobocinski from Ojo Caliente caught and released seven trout using a brown Joe's Flies lure May 31. Jacob Medina of Velarde caught a 32-inch pike using a Rapala lure near Velarde May 31.

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:** Fishing for trout was good when using garlic PowerBait and salmon peach PowerBait.

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 36.0 cubic feet per second (cfs). Cimarron Canyon State Park is closed until further notice due to extreme fire danger. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 377-6271.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using Berkley Trout Nibbles and Berkley Nightcrawlers.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was good when using 3.5-inch blue tube baits and soft plastic worms. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using chartruese crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was good when using white swimbaits. Fishing for crappie was very good when using 3.5-inch tube jigs in 12 feet of water.



**Marcella Medina of Dixon caught a 7-inch cutthroat trout using a prince nymph fly June 5 on Embudo Creek.**

**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 FR 1950 downstream to its confluence with Rio Costilla and all tributaries) with a tentative restocking of Rio Grande cutthroat in spring 2023. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

**Cowles Ponds:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

**Coyote Creek:** Coyote Creek State Park is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 387-2328.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** The lake is closed to boating for water resource firefighting activities. However, fishing from the shore is open. Fishing for rainbow trout was good when using yellow PowerBait, salmon eggs and salmon peach PowerBait. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 377-1594.

**Eagle Rock Lake:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure,

[visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

**Embudo Creek:** Fishing for cutthroat was good when using prince nymph flies.

**Gallinas River:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

**Hopewell Lake:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

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

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing for trout was good when using black Woolly Bugger flies, lime green PowerBait and rainbow PowerBait.

**Los Pinos River:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

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

**Monastery Lake:** The lake is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information, [visit the Open Gate webpage](#).

**Morphy Lake:** Morphy Lake State Park is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 387-2328.

**Pecos River:** Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs near the town of Pueblo. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns, as is the Pecos Canyon State Park. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300. For more information on the Pecos Canyon State Park closure, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (505) 670-8196.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the hatchery Monday morning was 61.4 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow at the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 365 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using brown Joe's Flies and black Pistol Pete spinners near the John Dunn Bridge. Fishing for pike was fair when using Rapala lures near Velarde. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson and Santa Fe National Forest districts is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, visit the [Carson National Forest](#) or [Santa Fe National Forest](#) webpage. You can also call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 or the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

**Rio Hondo:** Streamflow Monday morning near Valdez was 37.1 cfs. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For

more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

**Rio Mora:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns, as is the Pecos Canyon State Park. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300. For more information on the Pecos Canyon State Park closure, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (505) 670-8196.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 9.7 cfs. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** Fishing for trout was good when using green PowerBait, Berkley Gulp nightcrawlers and yellow garlic PowerBait.

**Shuree Ponds:** Closed for the season. The ponds will reopen in July.

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

**Storrie Lake:** Storrie Lake State Park is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (505) 425-7278.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing for walleye was good when using Walleye Diver lures and Flicker shad lures. Fishing for white bass was good when using medium and deep diving crankbaits, live minnows and small swimbaits. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was good when using Ned Rigs, soft plastic drop shots and wacky rigged worms in 6 to 12 feet of water. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows and small jigs. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms, punch bait and chicken liver. The main lake water surface temperature was in the upper 60-degrees Fahrenheit and the water clarity was stained.

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## Northwest Fishing Report

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

**Animas River:** Waterflow below Aztec Monday morning was 818 cfs.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using shad pattern crankbaits, Panther Martin spinners, earthworms, large chartreuse swimbaits and hotdogs.

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

**Canjilon Lakes:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.



**Uriah Lucero, age 3, of Isleta Pueblo caught several catfish ranging from 13-20 inches using live worms June 4 at Liam Knight Pond.**

**Chama River:** Monday-morning flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 519 cfs and 519 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms. 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. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson and Santa Fe National Forest districts is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, visit the [Carson National Forest](#) or [Santa Fe National Forest](#) webpages. You can also call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 or the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

**Cochiti Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using plastic worms. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using Senko plastic worms.

**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 River can be accessed at the North El Vado Day Use Area on SR 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 the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 588-7247.

**Fenton Lake:** Fenton Lake State Park is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 829-3630.

**Heron Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week. For more information, [visit the park's webpage](#) or call (575) 588-7470.

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow on the Jemez River near the town of Jemez Monday morning was 8.38 cfs. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently

closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

**Laguna del Campo:** Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait and spinners.

**Lagunitas Lakes:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.

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

**Liam Knight Pond:** Fishing for catfish was good when using worms.

**McGaffey Lake:** Stocking efforts have been suspended due to extremely low water levels and unstable ground conditions. Lake conditions will be monitored and stockings will resume once conditions improve. All U.S. Forest Service land in the Cibola National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Cibola National Forest webpage](#) or call the Cibola National Forest office at (505) 346-3900.

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing for pike was fair when using crawdad imitation lures and swimbaits. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow to fair when using tube baits and crankbaits.

**Rio Grande:** Fishing for catfish near Albuquerque was good when using chicken liver and cut bait. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms north of Bernalillo.

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

**San Gregorio Lake:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Santa Fe National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

**San Juan River:** Streamflow Monday morning was 297 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using Griffith gnat flies, leech pattern flies, red annelid flies and midge pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was good when using nightcrawler worms.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** The lake is currently closed due to wildfire concerns.

**Tiger Park Reservoir:** Fishing for rainbow trout was good when using salmon egg scent PowerBait.

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using black spinnerbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using chartreuse PowerBait, chicken liver, nightcrawler worms and shrimp.

**Trout Lakes:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Carson National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200.



**Alumni Pond:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using cut carp bait, cut shad bait, hotdogs and worms. Fishing for trout was fair when using white beadhead nymph flies.

**Bear Canyon Lake:** Fishing for catfish was good when using dough bait and live worms.

**Bill Evans Lake:** Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using 5-inch maroon plastic worms. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using dough bait.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows and small jigs. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using live minnows and trolling medium diving crankbaits.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using live minnows and cut gizzard shad bait. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was good when using chartreuse crankbaits, jigs and soft plastic lures. Fishing for white bass was good when using Blue Fox spinners and white Bombers. Fishing for crappie was good when using green and white grubs, live minnows and white Bomber lures. Fishing for walleye was good when using white crankbait lures, nightcrawler worms and curly tail grubs.



**Dolores Martinez of Las Cruces caught and released a 28-inch, 8-pound walleye using a white crankbait June 5 at Elephant Butte Lake.**

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using red worms, nightcrawler worms and cut bait.

**Gila River:** Streamflow Monday morning was 17.4 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using dry flies with a beadhead dropper fly near the Catwalk Recreation Area.

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

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing for catfish was good when using blood dough bait and worms.

**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 Monday morning was 2,100 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using live minnows. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using curly tail grubs.

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

**Trees Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using shrimp. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using wacky rigged plastic worms.

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

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## Southeast Fishing Report

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

**Bataan Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using 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 10.6 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 later this year.

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

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

**Brantley Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair when using red crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was good when using red crankbaits.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing for bass was good when using drop shot Robo worms.

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

**Corona 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 chicken liver and cut shad bait.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing for trout was good when using white beadhead hare's ear nymph flies.

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

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

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using hotdogs and worms.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 98.0 cfs. Fishing for bass was good when using Texas-rigged soft plastic blue crawdad pattern baits.

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



Da'mani Shields, age 7, and Seryna Shields, age 10, of Clovis caught a 5.3-pound and 4.5-pound catfish using cut shad bait June 1 at Greene Acres Lake.

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

**Rock Lake Hatchery Kids' Pond:** Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait.

**Ruidoso River:** All U.S. Forest Service land in the Lincoln National Forest Service district is currently closed due to wildfire concerns. For more information on the Forest Service closure, [visit the Lincoln National Forest webpage](#) or call (575) 434-7200. Streamflow Monday morning at Hollywood was 2.60 cfs.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using Flicker shad lures, live minnows and Ned rigs. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using crankbaits. Fishing for crappie was slow to fair when using live minnows.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair to good when using green Senko worms. Fishing for walleye was fair when using nightcrawler worms and green plastic worms. Fishing for catfish was good when using hotdogs and worms.

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

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## Tips and Tricks – Conservation Officers Help Their Fellow New Mexico Anglers

On May 29, Jacob Santistevan and his family had just had their fishing licenses checked by Department officers when Jacob's fishing rod was ripped from its rod holder on the shore into the lake. Jacob recovered the rod in the nick of time to land a beautiful 35-inch tiger muskie. Jacob was using hot dogs for bait. Department conservation officer Brandon Ferguson witnessed the event, helped land the fish, and provided some safe handling tips for catch and release.



**Department Conservation Officer Brandon Ferguson helped Jacob Santistevan reel in this 35-inch tiger muskie May 29.**

On June 4, Department conservation officers and education staff put on the Second Annual Outdoor Adventure Day in conjunction with Free Fishing Day. They helped a lot of excited kids catch catfish at Liam Knight Pond in Corrales. Prizes were awarded in various fishing categories, giving kids their first taste of a fun fishing derby experience.

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.



Liam Roach, age 7, of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch catfish using worms at the Outdoor Adventure Day fishing derby June 4 at Liam Knight Pond.

Thanks for reading and supporting our angling community!

