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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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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.

Catches of the week

Bluewater Lake: Jesse Martinez of Santa Fe caught and released 37-, 34- and 33-inch tiger muskies using a streamer pattern fly June 7. Branden Perry of Albuquerque caught a 38-inch tiger muskie using PowerBait June 5. Merlyssa Mondragon, age 13, of Ojo Caliente caught a 39-inch tiger muskie using hotdogs June 4. Mark Mondragon of Ojo Caliente caught a 38.5-inch tiger muskie using a yellow and red crankbait June 4.

Navajo Lake: Dane Trujillo of Albuquerque caught a 13-inch kokanee salmon using a pink spinner tipped with corn June 8. Mario Gurule of Rio Rancho caught a 40-inch pike using a chartreuse crankbait June 6.

Ute Lake: Kenzie Rael, age 10, and Junior Rael, age 4, of Tucumcari both caught their first fish, a smallmouth bass and a white bass, using jigs tipped with worms June 4.



Mario Gurule of Rio Rancho caught a 40-inch pike using a chartreuse crankbait June 6 at Navajo Lake.

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.

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 34.5 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.



Kenzie Rael, age 10, and Junior Rael, age 4, of Tucumcari both caught their first fish, a smallmouth bass and a white bass, June 4 at Ute Lake.

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 chartreuse 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.

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: 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,

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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: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using hare's ear nymph flies and 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: 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 call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 or the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300.

Rio Hondo: 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: 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: The boat ramp and lake access to all motorized vessels is closed. 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.

Northwest Fishing Report

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

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

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using rattle baits, streamer flies, crankbaits, PowerBait 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.

Chama River: 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 pike was fair when using swimbaits. Fishing for crappie was slow to fair when using swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using cutbait.

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.



Mark Mondragon of Ojo Caliente caught a 38.5-inch tiger muskie using a yellow and red crankbait June 4 at Bluewater Lake.

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: 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.

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 chartreuse crankbaits, crawdad imitation lures and swimbaits. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow to fair when using tube baits and crankbaits. Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using spinners.

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: 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 catfish was fair to 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.

Southwest Fishing Report

Alumni Pond: Fishing for all species was slow.

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 slow to fair when using live minnows and small jigs. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was slow to fair 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.

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

Gila River: 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 bass was good when using nightcrawler worms. Fishing for catfish was good when using blood dough bait and worms.

Percha Dam: Fishing for bass was slow.

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

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

Rio Grande: 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.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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: 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.

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

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

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.

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

Tips and Tricks – A Sweet Homemade Catfish Bait

Hotdogs are known for being a good bait to use for catching catfish. You will often hear anglers say they are catching catfish using "red hotdogs". Some of these red hotdogs are made by a company called Coronado. Another way to turn your hotdogs red, while adding fish attracting scent, is to add cherry or strawberry Kool-Aid into the mix.

This simple 3-step catfish bait can be made at home by doing the following:

1. Cut hotdogs into 1-inch long pieces and place in a bowl.
2. Sprinkle cherry or strawberry Kool-Aid over the hotdog pieces. Add garlic powder for additional attractant scent. Mix until all the hotdog pieces are thoroughly covered in a red mixture.
3. Place the hotdog pieces into a Ziploc bag and let marinate at least a few hours.



You can make simple catfish bait at home using hotdogs, Kool-Aid and garlic powder.

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Thanks for reading and supporting our angling community!



Cut your hotdogs into 1-inch pieces, place in a bowl and sprinkle with strawberry or cherry Kool-Aid mix and garlic powder.



Place the hotdog pieces into a Ziploc bag and allow them to marinate for at least a few hours.

