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- [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\)](#)
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- [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: Lucas Herrera and Logan Herrera of Santa Fe caught a 33-inch tiger muskie using a green Rapala lure June 19. Valentin Molina and Nathan Randall of Albuquerque caught a 34.5-inch and a 36-inch tiger muskie using a swimbait and Rapala lure June 14. Ava Toivanen, age 7, of Grants caught and released a 40-inch tiger muskie using a worm June 11. Aaron Sice of the Diné Nation caught a 36-inch tiger muskie using a Savage Gear lure June 10. Cheyenne Fahey of Mora caught and released a 34-inch tiger muskie using a Rapala Husky Jerk lure June 7.

Brantley Lake: Carter Atkins, age 12, of Artesia caught a 7-pound largemouth bass using a wacky rigged Senko worm June 17.

Caballo Lake: Santiago Perea, age 12, of Los Lunas caught a 24-inch walleye using a minnow June 18. Jim McDonald of El Paso, Texas, caught 13 walleye using small red deep diving crankbaits June 12.

Chaparral Park Lake: Brenden Maynard, age 11, of Hobbs caught his first bass using a green and black crankbait June 17.

Cochiti Lake: AJ and Chuck Estrada of Albuquerque caught their limits of catfish using chicken liver, hotdogs and worms June 18. Nate Sierra of Albuquerque caught a 30-inch, 9-pound pike using a red lipless crankbait June 12.

Conchas Lake: Daniel Sandoval of Albuquerque caught a 23-inch, 6-pound largemouth bass using a curly tail grub June 8.

Elephant Butte Lake: Keith Rogers of Silver City caught and released an 8-pound largemouth bass using a topwater lure June 19. Thomas Bulger of Las Cruces caught an 18-inch walleye using a crankbait June 13. Bryan Davis of Elephant Butte caught a 3-pound, 10-ounce smallmouth bass using live bait bouncing the bottom June 10.

Navajo Lake: Tatum Lowe, age 15, and brother Waylon Lowe, age 13, of Albuquerque caught and released a 17.5-inch and a 16-inch smallmouth bass jigging with plastic worms and Ned rigs in 20 feet of water June 15. Phil Lowe of Tijeras caught and released a 28-inch pike using a



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deep diving orange crankbait June 15. Matthew Monjaras of Tijeras caught and released a 31.5-inch brown trout using a shallow diving Rapala lure June 3.

Quemado Lake: Danica Johns of To'Hajiilee caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using a brown Pistol Pete spinner fly June 18.

Red River: Landon Rivera, age 6, of Albuquerque caught an 18-inch rainbow trout using salmon eggs June 11.

Santa Rosa Lake: Jonathan Beckham and family of Roswell caught 38 crappie and a 21-inch walleye using crappie jigs and minnows at night June 4.

Springer Lake: Daniel Sanchez of Raton caught a 32-inch catfish using a combination of chicken liver and nightcrawler worms June 12.

Tingley Beach: Mariano Vargas, age 5, of Belen caught a 20-inch catfish using dough bait in the kids' pond June 12.

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 salmon peach PowerBait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 25.5 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 PowerBait, Berkley Trout Nibbles and Berkley nightcrawlers. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver and homemade dough baits.

Conchas Lake: Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was good when using curly tail grubs 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 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.



Landon Rivera, age 6, of Albuquerque caught an 18-inch rainbow trout using salmon eggs June 11 on the Red River.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for rainbow trout was good when using yellow PowerBait, salmon eggs and salmon peach PowerBait.

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.

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 PowerBait, Pistol Pete spinner flies, corn and dough bait.

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: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 68.0 cfs. 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 55.7 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs, beadhead nymph flies, hare's ear nymph flies and dry flies in the mornings and evenings. 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 below the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 225 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when beadhead nymph flies and dry flies in the mornings and evenings. 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 near Valdez Monday morning was 33.4 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: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 19.8 cfs. 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 Penasco Monday morning was 10.1 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using stimulator flies and red copper john flies. 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 fair to 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: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms.

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, Flicker shad lures and bottom bouncers with nightcrawler harness rigs in 12 to 20 feet of water. Fishing for white bass was good when using medium and deep diving crankbaits, casting spoons and small swimbaits. Fishing for smallmouth bass was good when using plastic worms and Chigger Craws in 6 to 12 feet of water. Fishing for largemouth bass was good when using jigs, soft plastic baits and topwater lures near brush. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows in 10 to 15 feet of water. Fishing for catfish was good when using nightcrawler worms, punch bait and chicken liver in shallow water. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low 70-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 Rapala lures, Savage Gear lures, worms and shad, bluegill, rainbow trout and perch pattern swimbaits.

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: Streamflow below El Vado Lake and below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 134 cfs and 48.2 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was fair to good when using beadhead nymph flies. 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 to good when using red lipless crankbaits. Fishing for crappies was slow to fair when using swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver, hotdogs and 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.



Aaron Sice of the Diné Nation caught a 36-inch tiger muskie using a Savage Gear lure June 10 at Blue-water Lake.

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.

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 and clean it out. They expect the pond to be offline for at least two to three months. Fish stockings will be discontinued until the work is done and the pumps are repaired.

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

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 18.5 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.

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 deep diving orange crankbaits. Fishing for smallmouth bass was good when using plastic worms and Ned rigs in 20 feet of water. 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: Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 521 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using Griffith gnat flies, leech pattern flies, egg pattern flies, red annelid flies and Parachute Adams flies.

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

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using dough bait 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 bass was fair at night when using floating white lures, gold spinners, crawdad imitation lures and live worms. Fishing for catfish was fair when using beef liver and live worms.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing for crappie was good when using hare's ear flies, bright blue streamer flies and small minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using dough bait and live worms.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for catfish was slow to fair when using worms at night. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for crappie was slow when using live minnows and small jigs. 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.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using live minnows and cut carp bait. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was good when using topwater lures and live bait. Fishing for white bass was good when using Blue Fox spinners and white Bombers. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using chartreuse grubs and live minnows. Fishing for walleye was fair to 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: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 22.8 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using dry flies with a beadhead dropper fly near the Catwalk recreation area.



Thomas Bulger of Las Cruces caught an 18-inch walleye using a crank bait June 13 at Elephant Butte Lake.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for bass was good when using medium diving crankbaits. Fishing for trout was good when using nymph flies. Fishing for catfish was good when using hotdogs and chicken liver.

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using brown Pistol Pete spinner flies and worms.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 12.2 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.



Carter Atkins, age 12, of Artesia caught a 7-pound largemouth bass using a wacky rigged Senko worm June 17 at Brantley Lake.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass was good when using wacky rigged Senko worms.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using green and black crankbaits.

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 chicken liver and cut shad bait.

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

Jal Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using floating lures at night. Fishing for catfish was fair when using hotdogs.

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 62.3 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair when using worms.

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: Streamflow at Hollywood Monday morning was 2.37 cfs. 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 – Surf and Turf, New Mexico Style

Even though New Mexico is a land-locked state, it is possible to make a delicious surf-and-turf dinner with ingredients that can be found right here in our own backyard. Trout are plentiful, and adding some wild game and a side of vegetables can make for a tasty treat. Here are a couple recipes that can help you make an enjoyable meal.

Rhonda Davis of Farmington loves all fishing, but river fishing is her favorite.

Here is her simple trout recipe using Sadie's Salsa:



Rhonda Davis Sadie's Salsa trout recipe in preparation for cooking.

1. Clean and prep the trout, removing all entrails.
2. Lay the fish on a sheet of aluminum foil large enough to completely wrap the fish.
3. Add enough Sadie's Salsa to fill the fish cavity, but not so much that it spills out when you close the fish back up.
4. Wrap the fish in the foil and cook on a hot campfire griddle until done. This may take 5-10 minutes, depending on heat and preference.
5. The fish meat should be flaky when cooked.
6. Carefully use a fork to comb through the rib bones, removing the meat from the bones.
7. Salt and pepper the trout accordingly.



Rhonda Davis' Sadie's Salsa trout recipe cooked.

When you only have one trout to cook, that isn't quite enough to feed two people. Dustin suggests making dinner a surf and turf by adding elk backstraps to the menu. Dustin shares his pan-seared elk backstrap recipe.

1. Season the backstraps with salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste.
2. Leave the backstraps out on the countertop until they near room temperature.
3. Heat a well-oiled pan on high heat. Add a teaspoon of butter to the oil. Do not put backstraps into pan before the pan reaches high heat. (Water should spatter in the oil)
4. Once the pan has reached high heat, place backstraps into the pan with space between them.
5. For 1-inch thick backstraps cooked medium, cook on high heat for approximately 3 1/2 minutes on each side. Cooking time depends on the thickness of the backstraps and the cook's desired level of cooking.



Elk backstraps seasoned and warming to room temperature.

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!



Trout and elk dinner with a vegetable medley.



Weekly Fishing Report author Dustin Berg with an elk he harvested in the fall of 2021.



