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- [Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\)](#)
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- [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: Riley Etcitty of Gallup caught and released a 36-inch tiger muskie using a hot dog June 25. Nick Chacon, age 17, of Albuquerque caught a 38-inch tiger muskie using a yellow Panther Martin spinner June 25. Joe Casias of Alcalde caught a 32-inch tiger muskie using a yellow Panther Martin spinner June 25. McCormick Harry of Albuquerque and his uncle Marvin of Haystack caught a 28-inch and a 40-inch tiger muskie using large lures and spoons June 11.

Cochiti Lake: Grandma Kary Jimenez and grandson Isaiah Jimenez of Edgewood caught a 38-inch pike using a swimbait June 20.

Eagle Nest Lake: Stephen Pattinson of Santa Fe caught a 24-inch rainbow trout using worms June 24.

Elephant Butte Lake: Frank Rittel and Brian Rittel of El Paso, Texas, caught a 20-inch walleye, 17-inch largemouth bass and four crappie using green grubs June 25. Jace Cde Baca, age 7, of Rio Rancho caught a 22-inch, 4.5-pound blue catfish using cut gizzard shad bait June 20.

Fenton Lake: Ariana Herrera, age 4, and her family of Albuquerque caught their limits of trout using garlic PowerBait, cheese PowerBait and worms June 25.

Glenwood Pond: Eric Vasquez of Silver City caught a 15-inch rainbow trout using a Rooster Tail spinner June 17.

Grindstone Reservoir: Hailey Lucero, age 10, of Alamogordo caught a 16.25-inch rainbow trout using peach PowerBait June 24.

Lake Maloya: Liam Sandoval, age 7, of Raton caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using a dough ball June 19.

Navajo Lake: Ethan Gehr of Farmington caught a 32-inch, 10-pound pike using a rainbow trout pattern Rapala lure June 21.



Dante Lujan and son Julian Lujan of Las Cruces caught a 22-inch rainbow trout using a Pistol Pete spinner fly June 19 at Quemado Lake.

Quemado Lake: Dante Lujan and son Julian Lujan of Las Cruces caught a 22-inch rainbow trout using a Pistol Pete spinner fly June 19. Gilbert Pacheco of Las Cruces caught a 13.5-inch rainbow trout using large worms June 16.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Deandra Montoya, age 5, of Albuquerque caught a 19-inch and 20-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait June 24.

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 49.4 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Clayton Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait. Fishing for walleye was fair when using fake minnows. 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 spinnerbaits and shad pattern crankbaits.

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). Tentative stocking of Rio Grande cutthroat trout is set for spring 2023. National Forest closures have been in place



Liam Sandoval, age 7, of Raton caught a 16-inch rainbow trout using a doughball June 19 at Lake Maloya.

restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

Cowles Ponds: National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest closure information.

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

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

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

Gallinas River: National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest closure information.

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

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait, Pistol Pete spinner flies, corn and dough bait.

Los Pinos River: National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest closure information.

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

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 358 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs near the town of Pueblo. National Forest and State Park closures have been in place restricting fishing access to much of the Pecos River. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest forest closure information. [Visit Pecos Canyon State Park's webpage](#) or call (505) 670-8196 for the latest park closure information.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery Monday morning was 110 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs, bead-head nymph flies, hare's ear nymph flies and dry flies in the mornings and evenings.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 399 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using black and gold Panther Martin spinners near Pilar. Fishing for bass was fair when using Panther Martin spinners.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 54.4 cfs. National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 181 cfs. National Forest and State Park closures have been in place restricting fishing access to the Rio Mora. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest forest closure information. [Visit Pecos Canyon State Park's webpage](#) or call (505) 670-8196 for the latest park closure information.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Penasco Monday morning was 46.8 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using stimulator flies and red Copper John flies. Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Carson National Forest webpage](#) or call the Carson National Forest office at (505) 758-6200 for the latest closure information.

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

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

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 10 to 20 feet of water. Fishing for white bass was good when using crankbaits, casting spoons and small swimbaits. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was good when using spinnerbaits, swim jigs, plastic worms and artificial crawdad baits in 6 to 12 feet of water. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows at night under artificial lights at night near brush. Fishing for catfish was good when using nightcrawler worms and punch bait. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low to mid 70-degrees Fahrenheit range 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 yellow Panther Martin spinners, Rapala lures, spoons, hot dogs and shad, bluegill, rainbow trout and perch pattern swimbaits.

Brazos River: Fishing for trout was good when using worms.

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

Chama River: Streamflow below El Vado Lake and below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 149 cfs and 49.7 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair to good when using rubber-legged nymph flies. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was fair to good when using bead-head 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.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for pike was fair to good when using swimbaits and red lipless crankbaits. Fishing for crappies was slow to fair when using swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver, hot dogs 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 State Road 95, 10 miles west of U.S. Highway 84. Lake levels are steady but expected to drop as crews work on the El Vado Dam. The Dam Day Use Area is closed due to the ongoing construction. State Road 112 over the dam will experience periodic closures. For more information, [visit El Vado Lake State Park's webpage](#) or call (575) 588-7247.

Fenton Lake: Fishing for trout was very good when using garlic PowerBait, cheese PowerBait and worms.

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



Grandma Kary Jimenez and grandson Isaiah Jimenez of Edgewood caught a 38-inch pike using a swimbait June 20 at Cochiti Lake.

Heron Lake: Fishing for trout from shore was fair to good when using salmon peach PowerBait and garlic PowerBait in the evenings.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 79.9 cfs. National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest closure information.

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

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

Lake Farmington: 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 stocking will resume once conditions improve.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for pike was fair to good when using rainbow trout pattern Rapala lures and swimbaits. 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. Fishing for kokanee salmon was slow to fair when using spinners tipped with corn.

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

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

San Gregorio Lake: National Forest closures have been in place restricting fishing access. [Visit the Santa Fe National Forest webpage](#) or call the Santa Fe National Forest office at (505) 438-5300 for the latest closure information.

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 503 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. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was good when using worms.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait.

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

Southwest Fishing Report

Alumni Pond: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using natural color plastic worms.

Bear Canyon Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using plastic worms.

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 nightcrawler worms and cut gizzard shad bait. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was fair to good when using top water 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 green grubs and live minnows. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using green grubs, nightcrawler worms and curly tail grubs.



Jace Cde Baca, age 7, of Rio Rancho caught a 22-inch 4.5-pound blue catfish using cut gizzard shad bait June 20 at Elephant Butte Lake.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 207 cfs.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was fair when using Rooster Tail spinners.

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

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using garlic PowerBait, large worms and Pistol Pete spinner flies.

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

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

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

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

Young Pond: Fishing for all species was slow.

Southeast Fishing Report

Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was slow when using worms. Fishing for catfish was fair 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 6.49 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 largemouth bass was fair when using wacky rigged Senko worms. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

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



Hailey Lucero, age 10, of Alamogordo caught a 16.25-inch rainbow trout using peach PowerBait June 24 at Grindstone Reservoir.

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

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

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

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

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver and cut shad bait.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair when using peach PowerBait. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using worms.

Jal Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs.

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

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

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 1,120 cfs.

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 7.97 cfs.

Santa Rosa Lake: Boat ramp temporarily closed for water release.

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

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

Tips and Tricks – Monsoon Season Fishing

The much-needed rains we have been experiencing lately change the feeding patterns of the fish we anglers pursue. The fishing can actually improve during and after rains due to an influx of bait that is washed into the water. Here are a few tips for fishing for river-run trout in rainy conditions. Note that these tips are for fishing off-color water, not muddy, soup-colored water.



Large foam dry fly examples.

Fly Fishing

The rain knocks flying insects out of the air and off the brush along the edge of the river. It can also initiate certain species of insects to hatch in large numbers, sending trout into a feeding frenzy. Large dry flies such as beetle, cricket, ant, stonefly and grasshopper flies can work well under these conditions. Fishing subsurface can also be very productive using flies such as San Juan worms, prince nymph, egg patterns, beadhead flies, Mop flies, Woolly Buggers and leggy nymph flies.



Subsurface nymph fly examples.

Spinner Fishing

Trout get active in the rain and move from cover out into open water to feed. Large, bright, noisy spinners can be very productive in off-color water and rainy conditions. Spinners you might want to try include Rooster Tail, Blue Fox Vibramax and Panther Martin.

Bait Fishing

Rainwater washing into the river dislodges some of trout's favorite eats from the river's edge. Good old-fashioned worms and salmon eggs fished under a bobber can be very productive in rainy conditions.

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.

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