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- [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: Floyd Duran of Albuquerque caught a 36-inch tiger muskie using a green and orange Rapala lure while trolling June 30. Nathan Dawes, age 9, of Rio Rancho caught and released a 39-inch tiger muskie using a shad pattern crankbait June 28.



Lisa Salas of Albuquerque caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using worms June 25 on the Pecos River.

Canjilon Lakes: Bernadette Gallegos of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch rainbow trout using a Pistol Pete spinner fly June 25. Avigail and Aleaya Medina, ages 12 and 10, of Santa Fe caught a 20-inch and 19-inch rainbow trout using pink Berkley Power Worms June 25.

Charette Lakes: Dawn C'deBaca and her father, Don C'deBaca, both of Las Vegas caught their limits of trout using salmon eggs, worms and PowerBait June 30.

Cochiti Lake: Ensley Aguilar of Kewa Pueblo caught a 38-inch pike using a shad pattern glide swimbait June 29.

Grindstone Reservoir: Mikey Mora of El Paso, Texas, caught a 19-inch golden rainbow trout using worms June 25.

Pecos River: Lisa Salas of Albuquerque caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using worms June 25.

Rio Grande: Serenity Cardenas of Albuquerque caught a 26-inch carp using pink corn at a spillway into the river near Tingley Beach June 30.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Shane Ebbets, age 9, of Albuquerque caught an 18-inch rainbow trout using green PowerBait June 17.

Sumner Lake: Aaron Gutierrez of Albuquerque caught a 15-inch white bass using a prop lure 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 eggs, worms and PowerBait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 10.7 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.



Dawn C'deBaca and her father Don C'deBaca, both of Las Vegas, caught their limits of trout June 30 at Charette Lakes.

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. Places to fish nearby include Costilla Creek below the fish barrier, Upper Comanche Creek, Shuree Ponds, Upper Powderhouse Creek, Little Costilla Creek, Vidal Creek and McCrystal Creek. **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.**

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.

Middle Ponil Creek: The Department will be conducting a native fish restoration project in Middle Ponil Creek from July 11-17 to remove non-native, hybrid fish to create suitable habitat for stocking Rio Grande cutthroat trout rescued from the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire. Public access will be restricted from the headwaters to the FR 1910 crossing. Cimarron Campground and Upper Shuree Pond will remain open.

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 worms. National Forest and State Park closures are 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 105 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.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 376 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: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using green PowerBait.

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

Springer Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms.

Storrie Lake: Fishing for trout was very good when using pink and orange PowerBait.

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 trolling lures that dive to 12-feet deep. Fishing for white bass was good when using topwater baits. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was good when using stick worms, artificial crawdad baits, jigs and tube baits in 10 to 14 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 Magic Bait and Danny King's Catfish Punch Bait. Fishing for bluegill was good when using nightcrawler worms. The main lake water surface temperature was in the 70-degrees Fahrenheit range and the water clarity was clear.

Northwest Fishing Report

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

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 568 cfs. **Albuquerque Area Drains:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using green and orange Rapala lures and shad pattern crankbaits.

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

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies and orange PowerBait. **National Forest**



Avigail and Aleaya Medina, ages 12 and 10, of Santa Fe caught a 20-inch and 19-inch rainbow trout June 25 at Canjilon Lakes.

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 583 cfs and 91.6 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was fair to good when using worms and 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. Fishing for crappie 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 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 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 nymph flies, worms, salmon eggs and garlic PowerBait.

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 stocking will be discontinued until all work is done.

Heron Lake: Fishing for trout from shore was fair to good when using garlic PowerBait.

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 387 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair to good when using size 24 grey foam wing emerger flies and size 24 root beer midge emerger flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was good when using worms and PowerBait.

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: Fishing for trout was good when using pink PowerBait, corn and salmon eggs. 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: Fishing for all species was slow.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using homemade dough bait and live worms at night.

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 good when using cut carp bait. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was fair to good when using gold-blade spinners. 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 slow when using green grubs, nightcrawler worms and curly tail grubs.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 318 cfs.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair when using salmon eggs and PowerBait. Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver.

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using dry flies during the morning and nymph flies in the afternoon.

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: Fishing for bass was good when using lipless crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut carp bait and live worms.

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 9.23 cfs. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using swimbaits.

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.



Mikey Mora of El Paso, Texas, caught a 19-inch golden rainbow trout using worms June 25 at Grindstone Reservoir.

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.

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 to good when using worms and peach PowerBait.

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 735 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 9.40 cfs.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair when using prop lures.

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

Tips and Tricks – The Right Color and Size of Fly Makes all the Difference

On June 30, I went fishing with a friend, Matt, and his son, Mateo, on the San Juan River. The river is a gem of ripples and deep holes loaded with large trout that are easily visible when the water is clear.

We started the day at Texas Hole early in the morning before the sun had crested the canyon walls. We hoped the fish would be feeding on the surface, providing an opportunity for some dry fly action. Unfortunately, very few fish were rising, and it was evident that they were feeding subsurface. When the sunlight hit the water, you could see trout a few feet below the water's surface swaying back and forth, with mouths opening and closing as they fed on some sort of nymph or worm.

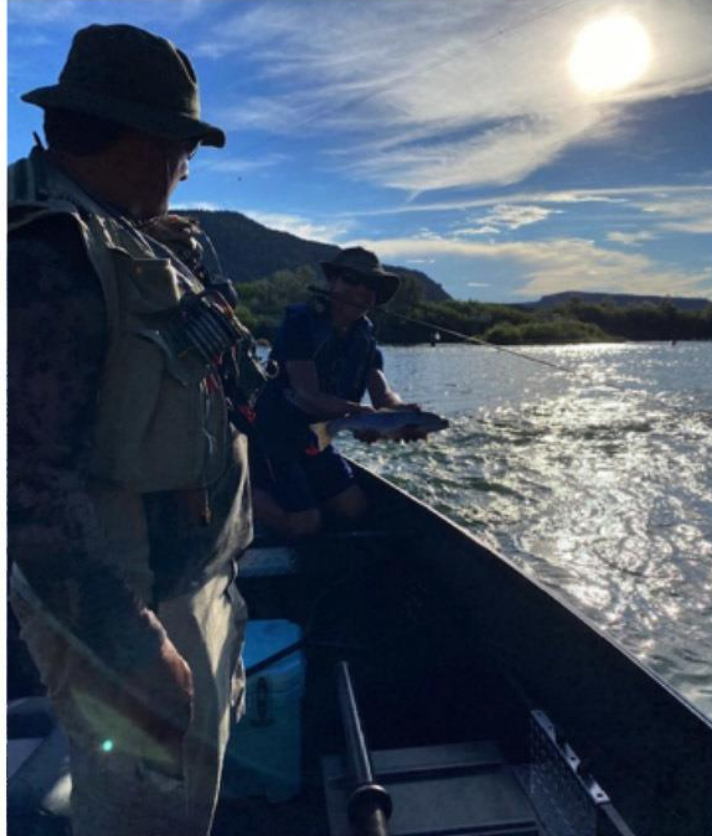
Figuring out exactly what bug they were eating was the tricky part. We forged further downriver to avoid the crowds and find a quieter place to hone our craft.



The size 24 root beer-colored midge fly that out-fished all other flies during a June 30 fishing trip on the San Juan River.

We noticed a few mayflies hatching and fluttering about, but after trying dry flies and an assortment of Beatis nymph flies, we decided those were not the insects the trout were targeting. Midge insects are a constant food source on the San Juan River, so we tried using double-nymph rigs with combinations of red annelids, cream annelids, black zebra midge flies, black crystal flash midge flies, grey foam wing emerger midge flies and green midge flies.

After tying on more than a dozen flies between the three of us, we did not have much more than a few bites and one nice rainbow trout caught by Mateo to show for our efforts. We were all staring at our fly boxes trying to decide what to try next when we bumped into a much more experienced angling friend of ours named Chris. He had been having some success using a size 24 root beer-colored midge emerger fly. Of course: the one color we hadn't tried yet! After tying on the root beer-colored fly, it was only a couple of minutes before we landed a nice 16-inch brown trout. That fly consistently got bites for the rest of the day. It was a prime example of just how important the right color and size is when you are out trying to "match the hatch."



Mateo with an 18-inch rainbow trout he caught on the San Juan River during a trip with his father, Matt, and fishing report author Dustin Berg.

We greatly appreciate the tip from our fellow angler that helped us to enjoy a fun day fishing. The next time we are on the expedited path to figuring out what the fish are biting, it will be a pleasure to pay it forward and share that information with our angling community.

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!



Dustin Berg with a brown trout he caught using a root beer-colored midge fly on the San Juan River on June 30.



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