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### **Check the Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner!**

The Department's Fishing Conditions and Trip Planner was created using data from past 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

**Cimarron River:** Dennis Duran of Las Vegas caught a 22.5-inch brown trout using a nightcrawler worm Oct. 1.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Rosa Torres of Las Cruces caught a 23-inch rainbow trout using a worm Oct. 2.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Zach Huffman of Ruidoso caught a 19.5-inch catfish using shrimp Sept. 29.

**Navajo Lake:** Matthew Medina of Albuquerque caught five kokanee salmon using snagging hooks Oct. 1.

**Pecos River:** Tyrese Shije of Santo Domingo Pueblo caught a 14.5-inch brown trout using a fly Sept. 29.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Hugh Howard, age 4, of Santa Fe caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using a black woolly worm fly Oct. 2.

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 Joe's Flies and salmon, peach PowerBait.

**Cimarron River:** Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 39 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was good when using nightcrawler worms.

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

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair when using chartreuse and white 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.

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

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

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing for rainbow trout was good when using worms, Woolly Bugger flies and Joe's Flies. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using Mepps #5 red and gold spinners, and gold Double Cowgirl spinners.

**Eagle Rock Lake:** Fishing for trout was good when using pink PowerBait Mouse Tails.

**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:** Fishing for trout was good when using ginger flies and green Pistol Pete spinner flies with a water-filled bobber.

**Lake Alice:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing for trout was good when using Trout Magnet lures, garlic PowerBait and worms.

**Los Pinos River:** Fishing for trout was fair when using Panther Martin spinners and nymph flies.

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

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using small spinners and trout marshmallows.

**Morphy Lake:** Morphy Lake State Park has reopened to the public. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 79 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using 3-inch brown trout-pattern Rapala lures near Santa Rosa and good using nightcrawler worms near Pecos.

**Red River:** Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery Monday morning was 73 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs and beadhead nymph flies.

**Rio Grande:** Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 359 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using golden hare's ear flies.

**Rio Hondo:** Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 36 cfs.

**Rio Mora:** Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 22 cfs.

**Rio Pueblo:** Streamflow near Penasco Monday morning was 21 cfs.

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

**Shuree Ponds:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using caddis dry flies and beadhead nymph flies.

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

**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 slow when using live minnows in 30-40 feet of water. Fishing for white bass was fair when using deep-diving lures while trolling and vertical jigging with spoons. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair when using small swimbaits, crankbaits and various soft plastics fished on drop shot rigs on rocky points. Fishing for crappie was slow. Fishing for catfish was fair when using punch bait and nightcrawler worms. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low 70 F range and the water clarity was clear.

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## Northwest Fishing Report

**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing for smallmouth bass and catfish was slow to fair when using live worms.

**Animas River:** Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 430 cfs.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing for tiger muskie was fair to good when using Whopper Plopper lures, Rat-L-Trap lures and homemade streamer flies.

**Brazos River:** Fishing for trout was good when using hopper dry flies and black and gold Panther Martin spinners.

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

**Cochiti Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and cut bait.

**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 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 good when using leech-pattern flies and Woolly Bugger flies.

**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.

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

**Jemez Waters:** Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 30 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using mop flies and worms.

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

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

**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 smallmouth and largemouth bass was fair when using Ned Rigs. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using jerkbaits. Fishing for kokanee salmon when using snagging hooks was fair near the edges of the dam.

**Rio Chama:** Streamflow below El Vado Lake and below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 135 cfs and 96 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below El Vado Lake was fair when using nightcrawler worms and small Rapala trout pattern lures. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was fair when using worms and PowerBait. 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.

**Rio Grande:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

**San Juan River:** Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 564 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using chocolate foam wing emerger flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using worms.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Fishing for trout was good when using gold beadhead nymph flies and black, woolly worm flies.

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

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing for catfish was slow when using hot dogs.

**Trout Lakes:** Fishing for trout was good when using olive leech pattern flies.

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## Southwest Fishing Report

**Alumni Pond:** Fishing for bass was fair when using small, perch-pattern diving lures, jointed swimbaits and flies. Fishing for catfish was slow when using worms.

**Bear Canyon Lake:** Fishing for all species was slow.

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

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing for crappie was slow to fair when using white grubs. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using crankbaits. Fishing for white bass was fair when using small crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using live shad and gizzard shad cut bait.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing for catfish was good when using shad and cut bait. Fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass was slow when using plastic worms. Fishing for white bass was good when using white and chartreuse curly-tail grubs. Fishing for crappie was slow to fair when using grubs and live minnows. Fishing for walleye was slow when using nightcrawler worms.

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

**Gila River:** Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 38 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait.

**Glenwood Pond:** Fishing for trout was fair when using brown dry flies.

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing for trout was fair to good when using chartreuse PowerBait and flies. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken pieces and nightcrawler 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 Dam Monday morning was 0 cfs.

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

**Trees Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

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



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## **Southeast Fishing Report**

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

**Bataan Lake:** Fishing for catfish was slow when using shrimp and night crawler worms.

**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 11 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.

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

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

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

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

**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 largemouth bass was fair when using wacky rigged watermelon red flake plastic worms,

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs.

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

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using shrimp.

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing for catfish was slow when using stink bait.

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing for bass was fair when using garlic nightcrawler worms.

**Pecos River:** Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 100 cfs. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was good when using 3-inch paddle-tail swimbaits.

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

**Rio Bonito:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Ruidoso:** Streamflow at Hollywood Monday morning was 7 cfs.

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

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using bluegill cut bait.

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

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

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**Tips and Tricks – The NMDGF winter trout stocking program is under way**

Monastery Lake is now open after months of being closed due to forest fire impacts. Winter trout stocking has started in Monastery Lake and at many other locations across the state. Here is a list of New Mexico waters that have recently been stocked with triploid rainbow trout:

- Cimarron River (west of Cimarron)
- Cimarron River Gravel Pit Lakes
- Clayton Lake
- Eagle Rock Lake
- Glenwood Pond
- Holy Ghost Creek
- Laguna del Campo (Burns Lake)
- Monastery Lake
- Mora (Pecos River drainage)
- Nutrias Lakes (aka Trout Lakes)
- Pecos River (Pecos Canyon)
- Quemado Lake
- Rio Chama (below El Vado)
- Rio Costilla
- Rio Grande (Gorge; above Pilar)
- Rio Grande (Pilar to Cochiti Lake)
- San Juan River (below Quality Waters)

For the most recent fish stocking report, visit <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/fishing/weekly-report/>.

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.

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