



This fishing report, provided by Dustin Berg of www.gounlimited.org (supporting disabled anglers) and the Department of Game and Fish, has been generated from the best information available from area officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

NOTE: There will be fewer reports available during the cooler seasons when fishing slows. The department will make every effort to provide as much information as possible during the winter months.

[Check out the latest stocking report](#)

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[\(Valid April 1 to March 31; 2022-2023 licenses are still on sale\)](#)



2022-23 Fishing RIBs Available Online!

The 2022-2023 Fishing Rules and Information Booklets (RIBs) are still available online-only for download and use. [English](#) and [Spanish](#) PDF versions are available. In addition to the full RIBs, a one-page summary of "What's New and Important" can also be downloaded in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

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.

[Check out the webpage to plan your trip now!](#)



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!

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

Caballo Lake: Alex Flores, age 12, of Las Cruces caught a 10-pound blue catfish using cut shad bait Jan. 8.

Oasis Park Lake: Atali Fuentes and his father, Javier, of Portales caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait on Jan. 8.

Pecos River: Robert Sena of Pecos caught and released a 22-inch, 6-pound rainbow trout using a yellow streamer fly Jan. 2.

Rio Grande: Tom Chrobocinski of Ojo Caliente caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using a spinner Jan. 6.

San Juan River: Jojo Lujan, age 11, of Grants caught a 19-inch brown trout using a size-26, midge-pattern fly Dec. 23.

Tiger Park Reservoir: Chris Ortega of Albuquerque caught a 24-inch rainbow trout using a black beadhead, yellow-and-chartreuse San Juan worm fly Dec. 31.



Giovanni Yannoni, age 3, of Albuquerque caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using tan PowerBait at the kids' pond at Tingley Beach on Jan. 4.

Tingley Beach: Giovanni Yannoni, age 3, of Albuquerque caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using tan PowerBait at the kid's pond Jan. 4.

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. Fish weights and measurements are provided by the angler and printed here as received.

Northeast Fishing Report

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

Charette Lakes: Closed to boating and fishing until March.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

Clayton Lake: Closed to boating and fishing until March.

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

Costilla Creek: The Valle Vidal is closed to fishing until July.

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

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Ice fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait, tungsten ice fishing jigs tipped with mealworms and pink Trout Magnet lures. Ice fishing for perch was good when using jigs tipped with worms. Fishing for pike was fair when using Trout Magnet lures. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Maloya: Ice fishing for trout and perch was fair to good when using glow ice-fishing jigs.

Los Pinos River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Maxwell Lake 13: Closed to boating and fishing until March.



Robert Sena of Pecos caught and released a 22-inch, 6-pound rainbow trout using a yellow streamer fly Jan. 2 on the Pecos River.

Monastery Lake: Closed to fishing due to unsafe ice conditions.

Morphy Lake: Closed to boating and fishing until March.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was not measured due to ice. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using streamer flies.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery Monday morning was 59 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Perdigon nymph flies and salmon eggs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge Monday morning was 465 cfs. Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using spinners, Rapala lures and PowerBait.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Penasco Monday morning was not measured due to ice.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Closed to fishing due to unsafe ice conditions.

Shuree Ponds: Closed to fishing until July.

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 and white bass was fair when using vibrating blade baits and Rapala jigging lures in 35 to 45 feet of water. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low 40 F range and the water was clear.

Northwest Fishing Report

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

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 184 cfs.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Squirmy Wormies.

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

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

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

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

El Vado Lake: Closed due to unsafe ice conditions. For more information, [visit El Vado Lake State Park's webpage](#) or call 575-588-7247.

Fenton Lake: Open for ice fishing.

Grants Riverwalk Pond: The city is in the final stages of repairs; stocking will resume soon.

Heron Lake: Closed due to unsafe ice conditions.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 21 cfs.

Laguna del Campo: Closed to fishing until March.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake and below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 103 cfs and 106 cfs, respectively. Fishing for trout below Abiquiu Lake was slow to fair when using spinners, flies and PowerBait. Please remember, from the river-crossing bridge on U.S. Highway



Chris Ortega of Albuquerque caught a 24-inch rainbow trout Dec. 31 at Tiger Park Reservoir.

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): Fishing for trout was fair to good when using streamer flies.

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

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 289 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair to good when using black, size-26 midge-pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was good when using Rooster Tail spinners, salmon eggs, San Juan worm flies and egg-pattern flies.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Tiger Park Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using black, beadhead yellow-and-chartreuse San Juan worm flies.

Tingley Beach: Fishing for trout was good when using tan PowerBait, salmon-peach PowerBait and corn. Fishing for trout in the catch-and-release pond was good when using scud flies.

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

Southwest Fishing Report

Alumni Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs soaked in garlic, Velveeta cheese, chunky cheese PowerBait and marshmallows.

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using spinners, lures and a variety of PowerBaits.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut shad bait.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut shad bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait.

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 455 cfs.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using chartreuse PowerBait and flies.

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 trout was fair to good when using salmon-peach PowerBait.

Young Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon-peach PowerBait and garlic PowerBait.



Alex Flores, age 12, of Las Cruces caught a 10-pound blue catfish using cut shad bait Jan. 8 at Caballo Lake.

Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon-peach PowerBait and worms.

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

Berrendo Creek: Fishing for bass was fair when using plastic worms. Please visit the [Open Gate webpage](#) for more information on [this property](#).

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 10 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms and Panther Martin spinners.

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: Fishing for trout was good when using orange PowerBait.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using sweet corn.

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

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms fished with a bobber.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using worms fished with a bobber.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using countdown Rapala lures.



Atali Fuentes and his father, Javier, of Portales caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait Jan. 8 at Oasis Park Lake.

Lake Van: Fishing for trout was good when using small PowerBait worms and chartreuse PowerBait.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 14 cfs.

Perch Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using orange garlic PowerBait.

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

Rio Ruidoso: Streamflow at Hollywood Monday morning was 8 cfs.

Rock Lake Hatchery Kids' Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using white-and-orange PowerBait Mice Tails.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using Panther Martin spinners.

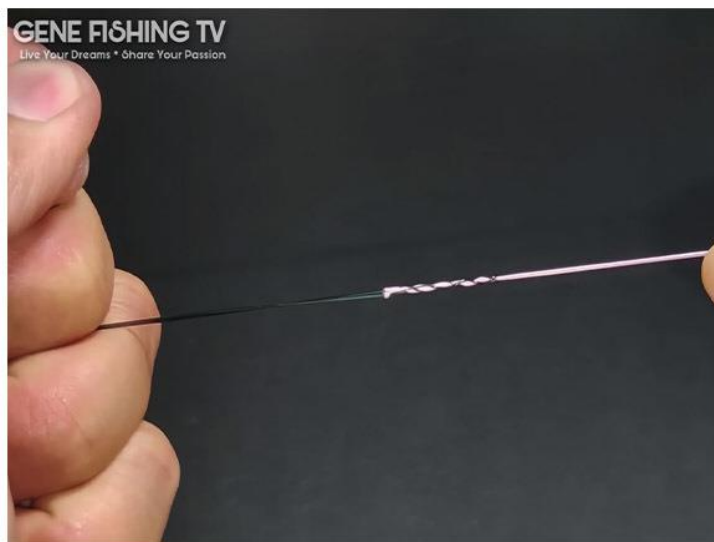
Sumner Lake: Fishing for white bass was good when using curly-tail shad-pattern jigs. Fishing for catfish was fair when using shad and crawdads. Fishing for walleye was slow when using shad-pattern jigs.

Timberon Ponds: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms.

Tips and Tricks – Fishing Braided Line

Have you ever been fishing and getting quite a few bites but not hooking the fish? Sometimes anglers refer to this occasion as “getting soft bites.” The fish are swiping at your lures instead of committing to aggressively biting them. One way that anglers can combat soft biting fish is by using braided fishing line. Braided line does not stretch like common fishing line. Eliminating the stretch in your fishing line allows you to get a harder hook set with a faster reaction time. This can make all the difference between hooking the fish or getting a bite from the one that got away.

When using braided line, anglers often choose to add a 3-foot monofilament or fluorocarbon leader to the end of the braided line. Adding the leader makes the fishing line attached to your



**Using braided fishing line tied to a 3-foot monofilament leader makes your line less visible to fish.
(Photo courtesy YouTube/Gene Fishing TV)**

lure less visible to the fish. It is also easier to change lures by retying a knot to your leader as opposed to tying lure knots directly to braided line.

[Here is a video on how to tie a knot between braided fishing line and a monofilament leader.](#)

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!

