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2023-24 Fishing RIBs Available Online!

The 2023-24 Fishing Rules and Information Booklets (RIBs) are available online in [English and Spanish for download.](#)

Printed versions began arriving at vendors and NMDGF offices this week.

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: Nick F. of Las Cruces caught a 25-inch walleye using a crankbait on April 29.

Conchas Lake: Geno García of Conchas caught a 13.5-inch crappie using a Berkley Flicker Shad on May 12.

Fenton Lake: Christina Serna, age 3, of Gallup caught her first fish, a 12-inch rainbow trout, using worms on May 14. Lawrence Chavez of Albuquerque caught and released a 17-inch Rio Grande cutthroat trout using wax worms on May 13. Soren Simenson, age 5, of Albuquerque caught four rainbow trout using nightcrawler worms on May 6.

Jemez River: Eli M. of Tijeras caught and released a 20-inch brown trout using a beadhead prince nymph fly on May 7.

Perch Lake: Elizabeth Garcia, age 15, of Santa Rosa caught a 19-inch catfish using Pautzke salmon eggs on May 14.



Christina Serna, age 3, of Gallup caught her first fish, a 12-inch rainbow trout, using worms on May 14 at Fenton Lake.

Red River Hatchery: Brody McMullin, age 6, of Arroyo Hondo caught his first trout using a Panther Martin spinner on May 6.

San Juan River: Diego Arencon of Albuquerque caught a 22-inch rainbow trout using a Yong Wing fly on May 8.

Tingley Beach: Isaiah Jaramillo, age 7, caught a 2-pound largemouth bass using a Bubble Butt worm in the Children's Pond on May 14. Matthew and Andres Bachicha, ages 10 and 12, of Albuquerque caught two 4-pound largemouth bass using watermelon-colored plastic lures on May 11.

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: Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 47 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was very good when using red copper john flies, San Juan worm flies, worms and Salmon Peach PowerBait.

Clayton Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait and worms. Fishing for walleye was fair when using nightcrawler worms. Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and nightcrawler worms.



Geno García of Conchas caught a 13.5-inch crappie using a Berkley Flicker Shad on May 12 at Conchas Lake.

Conchas Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, jerkbaits and soft-plastic worms. Fishing for walleye, crappie and white bass was fair to good when trolling using Firetiger Berkley Flicker Shad lures.

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: Fishing for trout was fair when using black Woolly Bugger flies and Salmon Peach PowerBait. The boat docks are now in the water. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using black spinners, White PowerBait Eggs and Pistol Pete spinner flies.

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: Anglers reported that there was open water free of ice.

Lake Alice: Fishing for trout was fair when using silver/brass-schemed spoons, small tube jigs and PowerBait worms. The lake is closed to vessel/boat operation.



Brody McMullin, age 6, of Arroyo Hondo caught his first trout using a Panther Martin spinner on May 6 at the Red River Hatchery.

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good when using Salmon Peach PowerBait, Pistol Pete spinner flies, Gulp Trout Bait, size-17 flies and silver/brass/black/yellow/red-schemed Panther Martin spinners. Fishing for bluegill and perch was good when using small worms and flies. The ADA dock is open to anglers, with priority given to mobility-impaired persons.

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

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

Monastery Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. The Benedictine Monastery Lake is part of the Department's [Open Gate Program](#). Please [visit our website for more information about this property](#).

Morphy Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using orange salmon eggs, CDC Flashback Pheasant Tail nymph flies and Panther Martin spinners.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 438 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms and gold beadhead nymph flies.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 191 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using Panther Marin spinners at the hatchery.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 2,860 cfs. Anglers reported high water levels, murky watercolor and poor fishing conditions.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 102 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 131 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 215 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using beadhead nymph flies and worms.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using black Pistol Pete spinner flies, worms, spinners, Orange PowerBait and Chartreuse PowerBait.

Shuree Ponds: Closed to fishing until July.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using salmon eggs and garlic PowerBait.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair to good when trolling using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, Wally Diver lures, Berkley Flicker Minnow lures and nightcrawler spinner rigs. Fishing for white bass was fair to good when using crankbaits that dive 8-10 feet. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was fair to good when using chatter baits, square-bill crankbaits, spinner baits, swimbaits and crawdad-pattern baits. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows and small jigs in 6-15 feet of water. Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver and punch bait. The main lake water surface temperature was in the mid 60 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 3,620 cfs.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing for carp was good when using corn in the Corrales Riverside Drain.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

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

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

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for pike was fair when using swimbaits and jerkbaits. Fishing for white bass was slow when using crankbaits. Fishing for smallmouth and largemouth bass was fair to good when using crawdad-pattern plastic lures and suspending crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms and cut carp bait.

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



Diego Arencon of Albuquerque caught a 22-inch rainbow trout using a Yong Wing fly on May 8 on the San Juan River.

Fenton Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs, wax worms, nightcrawler worms, leech pattern flies and PowerBait. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-829-3630.

Grants Riverwalk Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 241 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using barbless prince nymph flies. Due to the rising popularity of fishing in Valles Caldera National Preserve, the National Park Service began charging a fee for its fishing permits starting April 1, 2023, to support the management of its fishing program. The new fee schedule will be \$20 for an annual pass (\$10 for youth 12-17) and \$5 for a 7-day pass (\$3 for youth 12-17). A State of New Mexico fishing license is also required to fish within Valles Caldera. For more information visit www.nps.gov/vall.

Laguna del Campo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Farmington: Fishing for bass was good when using plastic worms.

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

Navajo Lake: Fishing for trout was slow when using Rapala lures. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using large streamer flies and spoons. Fishing for bass was slow.



Eli M. of Tijeras caught and released a 20-inch brown trout using a beadhead prince nymph fly on May 7 on the Jemez River.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 3,880 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,570 cfs. 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: Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait near the Village of Corrales area.

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 1,650 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was slow to fair when using Yong Wing flies and leech-pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was slow to fair when using worms and egg pattern flies. Streamflow

is anticipated to rise multiple times throughout the month of May. Visit <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nm/nwis/current/?type=flow> for current flow rates.

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

Tiger Park Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using Kastmaster lures and bead-head nymph flies.

Tingley Beach: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut bluegill bait and Orange PowerBait. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using watermelon-colored plastic crawdad lures and Bubble Butt worms. Fishing for trout was slow.

Trout Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Panther Martin spinners.



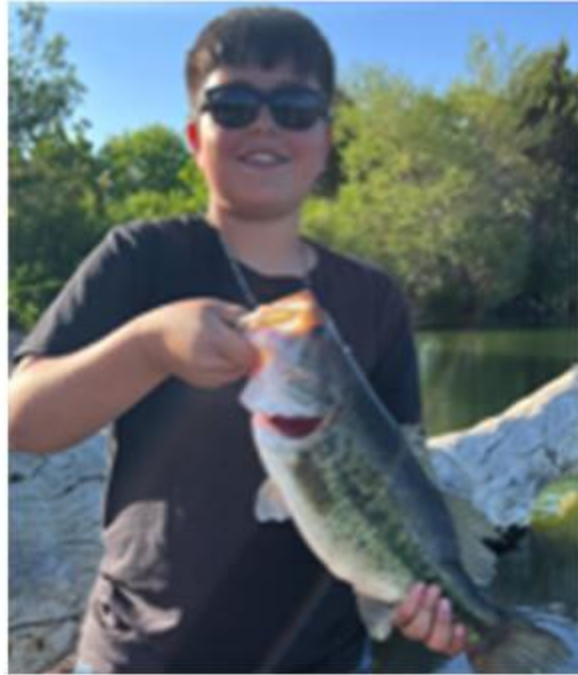
Isaiah Jaramillo, age 7, caught a 2-pound large-mouth bass using a Bubble Butt worm in the Children's Pond at Tingley Beach on May 14.



Lawrence Chavez of Albuquerque caught and released a 17-inch Rio Grande cutthroat trout using wax worms on May 13 at Fenton Lake.



Soren Simenson, age 5, of Albuquerque caught four rainbow trout using nightcrawler worms on May 6 at Fenton Lake.



Matthew and Andres Bachicha, ages 10 and 12, of Albuquerque caught two 4-pound largemouth bass using watermelon-colored plastic lures on May 11 at Tingley Beach.

Southwest Fishing Report

Alumni Pond: Fishing for catfish was slow when using beef liver and chicken liver. Fishing for bass was fair when using perch-pattern crankbaits, Bomber crankbaits and floating shad-pattern lures.

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

Bill Evans Lake: The lake is now open. The old boat ramp has been modified to provide better access for non-motorized watercraft, and several fishing jetties have also been added. The new boat ramp remains closed until the lake's water level rises, at which time the new boat dock will be installed. For current conditions, contact the department's Fisheries Management Division at 505-476-8055. Anglers are encouraged to visit surrounding lakes such as Bear Canyon Lake, Lake Roberts and Trees Lake for alternate fishing locations.



Nick F. of Las Cruces caught a 25-inch walleye using a crankbait on April 29 at Caballo Lake.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair when using curly-tail grubs and small crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was good when using white Bomber lures, Rat-L-Trap crankbaits, and curly-tail grubs.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair to good when using shad-pattern jerkbaits, square-billed crankbaits, live minnows and swimbaits. Fishing for white bass was fair to good when using curly-tail grubs and crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using live minnows and jigs. Fishing for crappie was fair good when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using raw shrimp at the marina.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using artificial worms.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 153 cfs.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using Orange and Chartreuse PowerBait fished with a bobber.

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair when using garlic marshmallow bait and PowerBait.

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using Garlic PowerBait and Panther Martin spinners.

Rancho Grande Ponds: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 2,230 cfs.

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

Trees Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using 3-inch, soft-plastic worms.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs, beef liver, chicken liver and cut carp bait.

Southeast Fishing Report

Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait and various flies. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using plastic worms.

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

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

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 7 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. The lake is full but needs time for aquatic habitat to develop in order to sustain a healthy fish population. The city hopes to reopen the lake for recreational purposes in June 2024.

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut shad bait. Fishing for bass was good when using deep-diving, pumpkin-colored crankbaits.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair to good when using live minnows. Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using chicken-breast bait and crankbaits.

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

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



Elizabeth Garcia, age 15, of Santa Rosa caught a 19-inch catfish using Pautzke salmon eggs on May 14 at Perch Lake.

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

Eunice Lake: Fishing for all species was slow when using Panther Martin spinners, Pistol Pete spinner flies, corn and salmon eggs.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass was good when using nightcrawler worms with garlic scent.

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using Garlic PowerBait and Salmon Peach PowerBait.

Harry McAdams Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Van: Fishing for catfish was fair when using worms.

Ned Houk Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 110 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs, night crawler worms and cut bait.

Perch Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using Pautzke salmon eggs.

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

Rio Ruidoso: Streamflow at Hollywood Monday morning was 22 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for all species was slow. The water temperature was in the upper 50 F range, and water quality was poor with high levels of turbidity.

Sumner Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair when using live minnows and Berkley Flicker Shad lures.

Timberon Ponds: Fishing for trout was fair when using Woolly Worm flies.

Tips and Tricks – Hit the High Country in Pursuit of Completing the New Mexico Trout Challenge

When local New Mexico angler Aaron Sanchez set out to complete the [New Mexico Trout Challenge](#), he did a fantastic job documenting the fish he caught and some of our state's most beautiful trout specimens. Look at these beauties - and consider taking on the challenge yourself!

Here are some tips from Aaron:

“First and foremost, make sure to do your research. Whatever species it is that you are trying to catch - understand where they live, what they eat and how they survive in their respective environments. Understanding these things will help you get one in the net. Also, you must put in the time exploring and searching for these fish. Pick the lake/stream that you are going to fish and get out there and explore. A lot of these native fish live in areas that are not easy to get to. Put the effort in to find them, and it’ll be well worth it. The fish are amazing, and the places they live are, too.”



Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout



Rainbow Trout



Brown Trout



Brook Trout



Gila Trout

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!

