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Land Management Agency Links

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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.

NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Clayton Lake: Jerome Martinez (above, left), age 7, of Albuquerque and Christian Fuentes (above, center; with Martinez), age 7, of Rio Rancho caught three 14-inch rainbow trout using PowerBait on May 28.

Cow Creek: Lee Dyer (above, right) of Santa Fe caught his first New Mexico trout, a 6-inch brown trout, using worms on May 27.



Eagle Nest Lake: Sophia Chavez (above, left), age 11, of Albuquerque caught and released a 20-inch rainbow trout using Orange PowerBait on May 28. Heather LeDoux and son Mateo Trujillo (above, center) of Taos caught five trout over 20 inches long using PowerBait on May 28. Noah Quick (above, right), age 9, of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using Salmon Peach PowerBait on May 28.



Lake Maloya: Danaya Jay Gonzales (above), age 5, of Albuquerque caught her first two fish, both rainbow trout, using a gold bead-head Pheasant-tail Nymph fly from the ADA dock on June 4.



Morphy Lake: Arturo "TJ" Padilla Jr. of Las Vegas (above, left) caught a 19-inch rainbow trout using Pink PowerBait on June 4. Angelo Ortiz, age 10, of El Pueblo caught an 18-inch trout using Chartreuse PowerBait on May 29. Michael (above, center) and Melinda Leyba (above, right) of Cleveland caught one 21-inch and two 19-inch rainbow trout using Kastmaster lures on May 28.



Pecos River: Jose Martinez (above, left) caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using a Panther Martin spinner on June 3. Alianah Trujillo (above, center), age 10, of Rio Rancho caught her limit of trout using worms on June 1.

Ute Lake: Aldo Galvan (above, right) of Farwell, Texas, caught a 2-pound, 15-ounce largemouth bass using a 6th Sense swim jig on June 3.

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Cabresto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using silver-and-black bead-head flies.

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Blue Fox minnow lures and spinners.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 39 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using Cimarron Specials, San Juan Worm flies, worms and PowerBait. Fishing for trout at Gravel Pit Lakes was slow when using Salmon Peach PowerBait, Sherbet PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, jerkbaits and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for walleye was good when trolling using silver Rapala lures, nightcrawler worm harness-spinner rigs and Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for crappie was fair to good when using live minnows and nightcrawler worms.

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 good when using Orange PowerBait, Salmon Peach PowerBait and Garlic Glitter PowerBait. Fishing for pike was good when using large spinners

and spoons. 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 slow. Anglers reported the only bites they were getting were on salmon eggs and PowerBait fished on the bottom.

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, but the lake is still closed.

Lake Alice: Fishing for trout was fair when using corn, Yellow PowerBait, Green PowerBait, Rainbow Gulp PowerBait and Salmon Peach PowerBait.

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good when using gold bead-head Pheasant-tail Nymph flies and Salmon Peach PowerBait. 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: Fishing for trout was good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies, small, yellow-bodied Panther Martin spinners, brown nymph flies and PowerBait. 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 very good when using Kastmaster lures, Chartreuse PowerBait and Pink PowerBait.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 325 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Panther Martin spinners, worms and Garlic PowerBait.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 234 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using worms.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 3,380 cfs. Anglers reported high water levels, murky water color and poor fishing conditions.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 94 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 59 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 138 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using bead-head 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. The lake is open from 6:30 am to 8 pm Thursday-Sunday.

Shuree Ponds: Closed to fishing until July.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Purple PowerBait and Garlic PowerBait.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken liver, nightcrawler worms and punch bait. Fishing for bass was fair when using swim jigs. The main lake water surface temperature was in the high-60 F range, and the water was dirty.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Bluewater Lake: Henry and Eli Rodarte (above, left) of Albuquerque caught 15 tiger muskie up to 38 inches long using hot dogs on June 2-3. Michael Beaty (above, right) of Albuquerque caught a 42-inch tiger muskie using a rainbow, trout-pattern Ufish lure on May 27.

Canjilon Lakes: Nikolai R LaVolpa, age 6, of Albuquerque caught his limit of trout using worms and PowerBait on May 29.



Cochiti Lake: Mr. Mick Kitchen (above) of Tesuque caught a 37-inch pike using a perch-pattern Rapala lure on May 27.



Fenton Lake: Elysia Hidalgo (above, left) of Rio Rancho caught a 20-inch rainbow trout using worms on June 4. Teresa Lucero (above, center) of Laguna Pueblo caught her limit of trout using PowerBait and worms on June 3. Jeff and Kathy Thomas (above, right) of Rio Rancho caught their limits of trout using PowerBait on May 26.



Jemez Waters: Henry Webb (above, far left), age 5, of Rio Rancho caught and released a 14-inch rainbow trout using a Tenkara rod with a green Woolly Bugger fly on the lower Rio de las Vacas on June 3.

McGaffey Lake: Jewel Cody (above, second from left), age 9, of Standing Rock caught six trout using PowerBait Trout Nuggets on May 27. Ezekiel Cody (above, second from right), age 4, of Standing Rock caught a 16-inch catfish using Gulp salmon eggs on May 27.

Navajo Lake: Stephanie Rivera (above, far right) of Bloomfield caught a 29.5-inch, 9.81-pound brown trout trolling using a Firetiger lure on May 29.



Seven Springs Brood Pond: Marcus Sanchez, age 9, Mateo Sanchez, age 11, and Z Wheeler (above, left), age 9, of Rio Rancho caught multiple trout up to 17 inches long using Pink PowerBait on June 3. Elias Gabaldon (above, center), age 10, of Los Lunas caught his limit of trout up to 17 inches long using worms on June 3. Landon Miera and Zeke Lucero (above, right), ages 7 and 3, both of Rio Rancho caught several rainbow trout up to 18 inches long using black Pistol Pete spinner flies fished with a bobber on May 26.



Tingley Beach: Truman Rose (above, left), age 5, of Tijeras caught his first bass using nightcrawler worms in the kids' pond on May 30.

Trout Lakes: Kiana Martinez (above, center), age 5, of La Mesilla caught her limit of rainbow trout with family using Green PowerBait on May 28. Sophie Lopez (above, right), age 3.5, of Cebolla caught multiple rainbow trout using PoweBait Eggs and Red, White and Blue PowerBait.

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Abiquiu Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using shrimp and nightcrawler worms.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 3,080 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using rainbow trout pattern Ufish lures, large spinners and hot dogs.

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

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using worms and PowerBait.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for pike was fair to good when using perch-pattern Rapala lures.

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.

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

Grants Riverwalk Pond: Fishing for catfish was fair when using cut carp bait. Fishing for bluegill was good when using yellow Panther Martin spinners.

Heron Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 94 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using green Woolly Bugger flies, stimulator dry flies and 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 carp was fair to good when using worms.

McGaffey Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using PowerBait Trout Nuggets. Fishing for catfish was slow to fair when using Gulp salmon eggs.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using firetiger lures. Fishing for pike was fair when using crankbaits and Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using grubs and tube jigs.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 1,310 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,590 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 and chicken liver near Corrales.

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 4,340 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair to good when using cone-head, crystal Woolly Bugger flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair when using nightcrawler worms and egg-pattern flies.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using pink PowerBait, worms, and black Pistol Pete spinner flies fished with a bobber.

Tiger Park Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using purple Pistol Pete spinner flies.

Tingley Beach: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut bluegill bait and shrimp. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms.

Trout Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using various colors of PowerBait and PowerBait Eggs.

SOUTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Snow Lake: Calder Lopez (above), age 11, of Rio Rancho caught his first trout, about 11 inches long, using Orange PowerBait on May 30.

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

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using swimbaits. 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.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass was fair when using Texas-rigged weightless craw baits in shallow water and swimbaits. Fishing for white bass was fair when using curly-tail grubs, Super Duper lures and crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using silver Rat-L-Trap lures, Super Duper lures and Jack Hammer chatterbaits. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using fresh cut bait.

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

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 48 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using raw chicken.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait.

Percha Dam: Fishing for walleye was fair when using live minnows, crankbaits and worms. Fishing for white bass was fair when using crankbaits and curly-tail grubs.

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

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 2,280 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut bait and chicken liver near Hatch.

Snow Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Orange PowerBait and silver Kastmaster lures.

Trees Lake: Fishing for catfish was good when using beef liver, chicken liver, garlic-dough bait and worms. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using jigs with curly-tail grubs.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was slow when using hot dogs.

SOUTHEAST

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Bosque Redondo Lake: Bobby Garcia (above, left) of Portales caught a 12-pound, 5-ounce catfish while fishing for bass using a plastic Texas-rigged YUM CrawBugs on May 27.



Green Meadow Lake: Nick Keele (above, right) of Hobbs caught a 30-inch, 16-pound carp using a black Berkley worm on May 31.



Grindstone Reservoir: Austean Harden (above, left) of Roswell caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using Garlic PowerBait on June 1.

Santa Rosa Lake: Karl McDonald (above, right) of Artesia caught a 25-inch rainbow trout using a white spinner bait on May 29.

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Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using worms, Garlic 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 Rooster Tail spinners. Please visit the [Open Gate webpage](#) for more information on [this property](#).

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 3 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 Texas-rigged YUM Crawbug lures.

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.

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. Fishing for carp was good when using black Berkley worms.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair when using chicken liver.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when Garlic PowerBait.

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

Lake Van: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using shrimp and nightcrawler worms.

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

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing for catfish was very good when using chicken liver, shrimp and worms. Fishing for bass was slow.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 0 cfs.

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 11 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for walleye and crappie was fair when using live minnows.

Sumner Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using live minnows and chartreuse curly-tail grubs.

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

Tips and Tricks – A Canoe Adventure with a Young Fisherman

By Jessica Fisher

When an 11-year-old boy wants to go fishing, how can you say no?

I am a sucker through and through. If my nephew wants something, Aunt Jessica says, “let’s do it.” Well, this time, his request was no easy task. It involved loading an old fiberglass canoe onto a makeshift, quickly assembled rack in Grandpa’s truck.

We did a test run at the house to make sure that we could load it by ourselves. We did it! We loaded the fishing gear into the truck and headed out with a promise to return before dark.

We hit the small, shallow lake with a splash. As he rigged up his fishing rod, he told me all about his canoe. He was so proud of it. He and Grandpa had split the cost to purchase it. He pointed out the refinished seats while directing me on where to paddle the canoe. There were lots of directions from the young fisherman while he fished and I paddled. He told me that I could put a line in the water too; if I wanted.

One of his many directions was to stay close to the bank because that was where the fish were. In no time, he managed to snag some vegetation on the bank. “Aunt Jess, get me closer so I can get up on the bank to get my lure unstuck,” he ordered. As I maneuvered the canoe to the steep bank, I stated what would soon become my mantra: “you better not tip this canoe over, if you do, you’ll be sorry.”

“Go over there, that is where I caught a fish last time,” were his new orders. We worked the far end of the lake while swatting mosquitoes. “Fish on!” he shouted as he jumped up. I squealed, “you better not tip this canoe over, if you do, you’ll be sorry.”

After I calmed him down enough to land the fish, he experienced more excitement as we watched it flop around the bottom of the canoe. Again, I stressed to him, “you better not tip this canoe over, if you do, you’ll be sorry.”

We were still afloat and our adrenaline was pumping. There were more fish to be caught. We – well, actually, I – paddled us around the edge of the lake to where a snag was partially sticking out of the water. Great fish habitat, but also the chance for disaster. After a few casts, the inevitable happened. He snagged his favorite lure in the tree. Again, I was given lots of directions, “go this way, not that way, move a little closer.” I reiterated, “you better not tip this canoe over, if you do, you’ll be sorry.”

The recovery mission was a bust; we were not able to retrieve his favorite lure, but luckily, we were still afloat. As he rigged up his line again, I said, “it’s probably time to head back.”

He reluctantly agreed but insisted that he would keep fishing while I slowly paddled us back to the boat launch. My back muscles were screaming; I just wanted to stand up. When I reached the launch, I let my nephew climb out of the canoe first. As soon as he exited, I stood up and the canoe started to tip over. As I tipped over in slow motion, I thought to myself, I should have let him pull the canoe onto the bank. I fell into the lake with a giant splash. My clothes dripped streams of water as I exited the lake. As my nephew stood drily on the lake bank, he looked at me and asked, “what happened?” He grinned as he said, “I didn’t tip the canoe over.”

Through my shivers, his youthful fatigue and the impending darkness, we managed to get the canoe in the truck. When we pulled into our driveway, at around 10 p.m., our family laughed and said they were just about to come looking for us.

We've had a few adventures since that one. We got a four-wheeler stuck in the snow. We've shopped for his first shotgun. I truly hope there are a few more adventures before he is too cool to hang out with his Aunt Jess.

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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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