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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing adventure or your catch of the week. 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.

Catches of the week are now listed before each region's fishing report to help you quickly find the best places to fish in your area.

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2023-24 Fishing RIBs and Licenses Available Online!

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

[Get your 2023-24 New Mexico fishing license!](#)

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.

NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Morphy Lake: Ethan Baca (above, left) and his grandpa, Clifford (above, right), of Santa Fe caught their limits of trout using Garlic PowerBait and salmon eggs on June 14.



Pecos River: Denny Sizemore (above) of Santa Fe caught a 17-inch brown trout using a brown spinner on June 18.

NORTHEAST FISHING REPORT

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

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was good when using Peach Glitter PowerBait and corn.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 22 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 Super Duper lures and Yellow PowerBait. 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 fair 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 small crankbaits.

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

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing for trout was good when using orange San Juan Worm flies.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Pink PowerBait and nightcrawler worms. Fishing for pike was fair 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 when using salmon eggs and PowerBait.

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 Panther Martin spinners.

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

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 fair to 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 Garlic PowerBait and salmon eggs.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 216 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using brown spinners and yellow-and-silver Panther Martin spinners.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 168 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 2,290 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Cheese PowerBait.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 84 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 42 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 85 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 salmon eggs. The lake is open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., 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 Rapala minnow lures, Rooster Tail spinners, Rainbow PowerBait 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 Wally Diver lures, Bandit lures, and spinner nightcrawler rigs on main lake points. Fishing for white bass was good when trolling using crankbaits that dive 10-12 feet deep. Fishing for crappie was slow. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms and chicken liver. Fishing for bass was fair when using Berkley MaxScent The General Hit Worms and Flat Worms. The main lake water surface temperature was in the low-70 F range, and the water was cloudy.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Bluewater Lake: Justin Remkes (above, left) of Thoreau caught and released a 40-inch tiger muskie using a large swim bait on June 17. Zadrian Garcia (above, right), age 8, of Los Lunas caught a 38-inch tiger muskie using cut bait on June 13.



Seven Springs Brood Pond: Mason Coulter (above, left), age 7, of White Rock caught a 13-inch rainbow trout using Green Garlic PowerBait on June 14. Janessa Barraza, age 9, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, caught her limit of trout using worms on June 11. Elias Barela (above, right), age 4, of Albuquerque caught his limit of rainbow trout including a 16-inch fish using Green PowerBait on June 10.

NORTHWEST FISHING REPORT

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow to fair when using jerkbaits. Fishing for bass was slow when using jerkbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 3,530 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for tiger muskie was good when using Whopper Plopper lures, cut bait and swimbaits.

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

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

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

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 fair to good when using small trout-pattern lures and a variety of PowerBait. 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 38 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using Pink PowerBait on the Rio de las Vacas. Fishing in the streams near Fenton Lake was fair to good when using foam topwater flies and PowerBait.

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 fair to good when using plastic wacky-rigged worms.

McGaffey Lake: Fishing for trout was slow.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for kokanee salmon was slow to fair when using pink and orange squid tipped with corn. 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 565 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 732 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 nightcrawler worms.

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 3,210 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair when using Baetis Nymph flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using Red Annelid flies, Salmon Peach PowerBait and salmon eggs.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using Chartreuse PowerBait, Green Garlic PowerBait, worms and Yellow PowerBait.

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

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 bluegill-pattern spinner baits.

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

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Estancia Park Lake: Carson Smithson (above, left), age 7, and Ryann Smithson (above, right), age 4, of Edgewood both caught their first fish, a largemouth bass, using a Hopper Fly on June 12.

SOUTHWEST FISHING REPORT

Alumni Pond: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using hot dogs and beef liver.

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using worms. Fishing for trout was good when using Lime Green and Peach PowerBait. The lake is now fully open! The boat ramp has

been modified to provide better access for non-motorized watercraft. A new boat dock and several fishing jetties have also been added.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair when using curly-tail grubs and small crankbaits.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for white bass was good when using white crankbaits. Fishing for walleye was fair when using chartreuse-colored Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was good when using minnows and fresh cut bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for bluegill was fair when using Siberian Corn Salmon Eggs.

Estancia Park Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using Hopper Flies.

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 31 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: 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 on Monday morning was 2,370 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 fair when using jalapeño chicken sausage. Fishing for bluegill was good when using worms.

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Brantley Lake: Rakayla Andrade (above) of Artesia caught a 17.5-inch largemouth bass using cut carp bait on June 11.



Oasis Park Lake: Kyleigh Stephenson (above), age 17, of Portales caught a 16-inch albino catfish using chicken liver on June 13.

SOUTHEAST FISHING REPORT

Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using worms and Garlic PowerBait. Fishing for bass was good when using pink Robo 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 good when using live minnows at night. Fishing for largemouth bass was fair when using cut carp bait.

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 fair when using nightcrawler worms with garlic scent. Fishing for carp was good when using small baits. Fishing for catfish was slow when using cut bait.

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using 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 chicken-liver-flavored Magic Bait.

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

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

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 99 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using hotdogs.

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 6 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for walleye and crappie was slow when using green crankbait lures.

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, Tricks and Stories – Catching Kokanee Salmon!



James Bostian, Dan Bostian and Ken Howell with a kokanee salmon caught by Dan during a GO Unlimited fishing trip for disabled veterans at Navajo Lake.

The kokanee salmon at Navajo Lake in 2023 are looking large!

Pink and orange seem to be the hot lure color right now. Spinners and squid lures are both producing very well. **Important:** Tip each hook of your spinner or squid lure with 1-3 kernels of white shoepeg corn. Place a Dodger, Christmas Tree, or various shiny attractor in-line, 1-2 feet before your lure.



Orange squid lure. Remember to put 1-3 kernels of white shoepeg corn on each hook.

The kokanee salmon have been schooling at an average depth of 20-30 feet deep in the main lake near the mouths of the St. Frances and San Juan canyons.

There are two popular methods for getting your lures to the depth where the schools of salmon are located:

1. Downriggers use a lead ball to achieve specific desired depths. Downriggers are the most accurate and effective way for you to get your lures into the strike zone.
2. Lead line uses weighted line to drag your lures to a desired depth. Lead line uses 30-foot intervals of different-colored line sections to help the angler approximate the depth of their lure based upon the number of colors they have let out. It is not an exact science, but for each color you let out your lure goes down approximately five feet. For example, if you let out five colors, you should be fishing approximately 25-feet deep. This equation will vary based upon the speed of your boat. I have generally had the best success trolling 1.5-2 mph with 5-7 colors out.

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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