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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.

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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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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



Conchas Lake: *Joseph Vigil of Los Lunas caught multiple, 2-pound smallmouth bass using a green tube on April 16.*



Morphy Lake: Cayley Salazar and Luis Macias of Arroyo Seco caught their limits of trout using Green Garlic PowerBait and white Pistol Pete spinner flies on April 14.



Ute Lake: Joey Muniz of Santa Rosa and Anthony Montoya of Albuquerque caught four walleye, 10 smallmouth bass and 35 white bass using black-and-white, 3-inch swimbaits on April 17.

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

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using Pautzke Fire Bait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Monday morning was 36 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Clayton Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Colorado Spoons and various types of PowerBait.

Conchas Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was good when using white curly-tail grubs, white fluke lures and green tube baits.

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

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

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

Eagle Nest Lake: The lake is open to fishing and boating. Fishing for trout was good when using corn. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using swimbaits. 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: We had no reports from anglers this week. 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 salmon eggs and gold spoons. The 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 Green Garlic PowerBait and white Pistol Pete spinner flies.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Monday morning was 332 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms, Panther Martin spinners, and Woolly Bugger flies.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Monday morning was 86 cfs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Monday morning was 821 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using BWO Flies, mayfly nymphs, Caddis dry flies and Streamer flies. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using Streamer flies.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Monday morning was 45 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Monday morning was 181 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Monday morning was 245 cfs.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using white corn and Pink PowerBait.

Shuree Ponds: Closed until July 1.

Springer Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Storrie Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using worms and Garlic PowerBait.

Stubblefield Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was good when using black-and-white swimbaits and jerkbaits. Fishing for white bass was very good when using black-and-white swimbaits and various crankbaits that dive 8-10 feet deep. Fishing for bass was very good when using black-and-white swimbaits, 3-inch Jackall Yammyfish stickbaits, Rapala DT crankbaits, Bandit 200 crankbaits, chatterbaits and Keitech swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair when using punch bait in shallow water. Fishing for crappie was slow. The main lake water surface temperature was in the upper-50 F range and the water was clear.

NORTHWEST

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Abiquiu Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair to good when using red, leech-pattern flies. Contact the Abiquiu Lake Main Office at 505-685-4371 for updated lake conditions and closure information.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Monday morning was 657 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using Panther Martin spinners, Kastmaster lures and Yellow Garlic Glitter PowerBait. Fishing for tiger muskie was fair when using blue-and-silver spinners. Fishing for catfish was fair when using hot dogs.

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

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

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using white swimbaits. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using green spinnerbaits and Ned rig, Z-Man Mud Minnows.

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 Kastmaster lures and Chartreuse PowerBait. For updated lake conditions and potential closure information, [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: Fishing for carp was fair to good when using Boilie Bait.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Monday morning was 374 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using worms near Jemez Springs.

Laguna del Campo: Closed until May 1.

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

Lake Farmington: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver mixed with Kool-Aid.

Liam Knight Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Navajo Lake: Fishing for brown trout was slow to fair when trolling using crankbaits. Fishing for pike was fair to good when using Rapala X-Rap lures and Streamer flies.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Monday morning was 1,690 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Monday morning was 1,170 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 only two trout.

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

Riverside Park Pond (Aztec Pond #1): Fishing for trout was fair when using rainbow-colored, Garlic PowerBait.

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

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Monday morning was 352 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was fair to good when using size-22 and size-24, Red Annelid flies and root-beer-colored Foam-Wing Emerger flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair when using spinners and nightcrawler worms.

Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs, worms and Yellow PowerBait.

Tiger Park Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using spinners and green, leech-pattern flies.

Tingley Beach: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Salmon Peach PowerBait. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using leech-pattern flies.

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

SOUTHWEST

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Escondida Lake: Alondra Segura, age 7, of Tome caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using Corn PowerBait on April 20.

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Alumni Pond: Closed for repairs until further notice.

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using crankbaits and Garlic PowerBait.

Caballo Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using cut bait. Fishing for walleye was fair when using blue crankbaits.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using shiner minnows. Fishing for crappie was fair when using Erie Dearie lures. Fishing for white bass was slow to fair when trolling using white crankbaits. Fishing for catfish was good when using cut shad bait and cut carp bait.

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

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Monday morning was 264 cfs.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was good when using Pink PowerBait and Glitter PowerBait.

Percha Dam: Fishing for white bass was fair when using Underspin swim jigs.

Quemado Lake: Fishing for all trout was fair when using crawfish baits.

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Monday morning was 867 cfs. Fishing for bass in the riverside ditches near Los Lunas was fair to good when using smoke-colored, plastic grubs.

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

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

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

SOUTHEAST

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Alto Lake: Mario and Monica Velasco of Portales caught their limits of trout using a variety of different-colored PowerBait on April 17 and April 18.



***Pecos River:** Chevy Wyatt of Roswell caught a 20-inch catfish using shrimp bait on April 21.*

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Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using a variety of different-colored PowerBait.

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

Berrendo Creek: Please visit the [Open Gate webpage](#) for more information on this property.

Black River: Streamflow at Malaga Monday morning was 22 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 to sustain a healthy fish population. The city hopes to reopen the lake for recreational purposes in June.

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

Bottomless Lakes: Fishing for trout was fair when using PowerBait.

Brantley Lake: Fishing for walleye was fair when using hot dogs.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using Pink PowerBait.

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

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

Dennis Chavez Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eunice Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using Kastmaster lures.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using homemade dough bait and white-colored PowerBait Power Eggs.

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using Mepps spinners.

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

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

Lake Van: Fishing for trout was fair when using spinners.

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

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using a variety of different PowerBait.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Monday morning was 96 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using shrimp bait.

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 40 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing for bass was fair when using Senko worms.

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

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – Fishing for Spring Crappie

When you time the crappie fishing just right, it can be a fast and furious day of catching fish. Not only are they great fun to catch, but they also provide some of the finest table fare to eat. When cooked their meat is white, firm and flaky with a mild flavor. This makes them a very easy fish to prepare – all you really need to cook them is salt, pepper and butter.

David DiBartolomeo is a seasoned crappie angler at Elephant Butte Lake, and he shares with us some tips his fellow anglers can use on their next fishing adventure.

- When the water temperature reaches 60 F, the crappie look for a place to spawn. They can be found in the back of coves in 10 feet of water around submerged trees, vegetation and other structures.
- Fish in 10 feet of water using live minnows, 1/8-ounce crappie jigs and small, chartreuse curly-tail grubs or Kastmaster lures.
- When using live minnows, let your minnow suspend in the water column.

When using jigs, curly-tail grubs and Kastmaster lures, cast them toward structure and slowly retrieve or jig your lure back to you.



George Castro from Carlsbad with a couple nice crappie he caught on a fishing trip with David DiBartolomeo.

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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