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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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[The 2024-25 license year is here. Get your new Fishing License now!](#)

2023-24 Fishing Licenses are no longer valid. A 2024-25 Fishing License is now required since the new license year began on April 1. The [2024-25 Fishing Rules and Information Booklet \(RIB\)](#) is available online and in print in 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.

NORTHEAST

NORTHEAST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Conchas Lake: Thomas Vigil Jr. of Tijeras caught and released a 21-inch, 7-pound smallmouth bass using a nightcrawler worm in about 17 feet of water on May 26.



Eagle Nest Lake: Joe Lopez, President of the North Valley and Bear Canyon Senior Center Fishing Clubs, caught a 21-inch rainbow trout using corn-colored PowerBait on May 28.



Morphy Lake: Charles Chaves of Rio Rancho caught his limit of trout using a yellow Panther Martin spinner on May 28.



Pecos River: Daniel Edwards of Albuquerque caught two 17-inch rainbow trout using spinners on May 25.

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Cabresto Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using bead-head nymph flies.

Charette Lakes: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using spinners, brown trout-pattern spoons and bright-green-colored PowerBait.

Cimarron River: Streamflow near Cimarron Tuesday morning was 36 cubic feet per second (cfs). Fishing for trout was fair to good when using red San Juan worm flies.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair to good when using worms, and black with blue-flake Strike Kings Rag bugs. Fishing for walleye was good when using worms, bright-colored Flicker Shad lures and jerkbaits.

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

Cowles Ponds: Fishing for trout was good when using salmon eggs.

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 Natural Scent PowerBait and Garlic PowerBait. Fishing for pike was slow to fair when using Streamer flies. For updated lake conditions, visit the [park's webpage](#) or call the park office at 575-377-1594.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing for trout using spinners, PowerBait and flies was slow.

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: Fishing for trout was good when using silver spoons. 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: 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 yellow Panther Martin spinners.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos Tuesday morning was 146 cfs. Fishing for trout was good when using spinners.

Red River: Streamflow below the Red River Hatchery on Tuesday morning was 99.4 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair to good when using salmon eggs.

Rio Grande: Streamflow below the Taos Junction Bridge on Tuesday morning was 883 cfs. Fishing for trout was slow to fair when using nymph flies. Anglers reported high water levels and poor visibility due to runoff water from melting snow in the high country.

Rio Hondo: Streamflow near Valdez Tuesday morning was 77.3 cfs.

Rio Mora: Streamflow near Terrero Tuesday morning was 29.6 cfs.

Rio Pueblo: Streamflow near Peñasco Tuesday morning was 103 cfs.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Pistol Pete spinner flies and PowerBait.

Shuree Ponds: Closed until July 1.

Springer Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

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

Stubblefield Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was good when using jerkbaits and swimbaits. Fishing for white bass was good when trolling and casting using Berkley Flicker Shad lures. Fishing for bass was good when using wacky-rigged worms, Ned rigs, swimbaits and Berkley MaxScent Hit Worms and Flat Worms. Fishing for crappie was good when using live minnows and small jigs. Fishing for catfish was fair when using punch bait and cut bait. The main lake's water surface temperature was in the mid-60 F range, and the water's color was clear.

NORTHWEST

NORTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Bluewater Lake: Anthony Urias, age 7, of Albuquerque caught his limit of trout using Garlic PowerBait on May 27.



McGaffey Lake: Carson Gaona of Albuquerque caught a 17.5-inch rainbow trout using a worm provided by a fellow fisherman paying it forward on May 26.



San Juan River: Jonathon Casados of Albuquerque (above left) caught a 23-inch rainbow trout using a red annelid fly on May 26. Gavin M. Garcia of Albuquerque (above right) caught and released a 35-inch brown trout using a homemade leech-pattern fly on May 22.



Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Oliver A. Chavez Melchor, age 5, of El Paso, Texas (above left), caught a 12-inch rainbow trout using a chartreuse bead-head nymph fly on May 25. Mateo Sanchez, age 11, and Marcus Sanchez, age 10, of Rio Rancho (above right) caught their limits of trout using rainbow-colored PowerBait on May 25.

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Abiquiu Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good when using plastic worms. Fishing for crappie was fair when using small crappie-pattern lures. Contact the Abiquiu Lake Main Office at 505-685-4371 for updated lake conditions and closure information.

Animas River: Streamflow below Aztec Tuesday morning was 2,080 cfs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Garlic PowerBait. Fishing for tiger muskie was fair when using trout-pattern swimbaits.

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

Canjilon Lakes: Fishing for trout was slow. Anglers reported lots of debris in the water.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing for white bass was fair to good when using white swimbaits.

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 when using PowerBait and bead-head nymph flies. 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 JBT Hare Rigs with Boilie Bait.

Jemez Waters: Streamflow near Jemez Tuesday morning was 37.1 cfs. Fishing for trout was fair when using dry flies.

Laguna del Campo: Fishing for trout was fair when using blue and pink Mepps spinners, various PowerBait and salmon eggs.

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

Lake Farmington: Fishing for trout was good when using spinners, spoons and Rainbow Glitter PowerBait.

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

McGaffey Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using worms and Natural Scent Glitter PowerBait.

Navajo Lake: Fishing for pike was fair to good when using jerkbaits. Fishing for bass was slow to fair when using crankbaits.

Rio Chama: Streamflow below El Vado Lake Tuesday morning was 486 cfs; streamflow below Abiquiu Lake Tuesday morning was 469 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 to good when using red, white, and blue PowerBait.

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

San Juan River: Streamflow near Archuleta Tuesday morning was 357 cfs. Fishing for trout in the quality waters was good when using Red Annelid flies, leech pattern flies, red San Juan

worm flies, and foam-wing midge-emerger pattern flies. Fishing for trout in the bait waters was fair to good when using PowerBait, nymph flies and worms.

Seven Springs Kids' Pond: Fishing for trout was good when using chartreuse bead-head nymph flies, rainbow-colored PowerBait and worms. Rio Grande chub are a native fish in the Jemez River drainage and can be found in the Seven Springs Kids' Ponds. Anglers often mistake these awesome native fish for an invasive species and leave them on the banks to die. If you catch a Rio Grande chub, please do not leave it on the bank; return it to the water where it can survive as part of our native ecosystem.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver. Fishing for bass was fair to good when using Whopper Plopper lures and white curly-tail grubs.

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

SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST CATCHES OF THE WEEK



Gilita Creek: *Jud Soulsby of Las Cruces caught and released a 14-inch Gila trout using a brass-head black nymph fly in the Gila Wilderness and a 20-inch desert sucker in the Gila River West Fork near Forks Campground using worms on May 23.*



Lake Roberts: Raiden, age 6, of Albuquerque caught a 15-inch rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on May 26.



Quemado Lake: Dale Escobar of Red Hill caught a 22-inch, 4-pound rainbow trout using a nightcrawler worm on May 27.



Whitewater Creek: Daniel Romero, age 12, of Hagerman caught his first Gila trout, about 14 inches, using worms near the Catwalk in the Gila Mountains on May 26.

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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 bass was fair to good when using spinnerbaits.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using green tubes. Fishing for white bass was very good when using Flicker Shad lures, chrome Kastmaster lures, green tubes, umbrella shad rigs and chartreuse curly-tail grubs. Fishing for crappie was fair when using live minnows. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using live minnows, cut shad bait and cut carp bait.

Escondida Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using Texas-rigged plastic worms.

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

Gila River: Streamflow near Gila Tuesday morning was 11 cfs.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using nightcrawler worms. Fishing for catfish was fair when using nightcrawler worms.

Percha Dam: Fishing for white bass, crappie and largemouth bass was fair when using white grubs.

Quemado Lake: Fishing for trout was fair when using nightcrawler worms and corn PowerBait.

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

Rio Grande: Streamflow below Elephant Butte Dam on Tuesday morning was 2,170 cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using chicken liver near Socorro.

Snow Lake: Fishing for trout was good when using PowerBait, corn, salmon eggs and cheese bait.

Trees Lake: Fishing for bass was good when using 3-inch plastic worms.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was good when using chicken and nightcrawler worms.

SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST CATCH OF THE WEEK



Alto Lake: *Gideon Maxwell, age 8, of El Paso, Texas, caught a 22-inch, 4.6-pound rainbow trout using Orange PowerBait on May 26.*

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Alto Lake: Fishing for trout was fair to good when using Orange PowerBait and spinners.

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 Tuesday morning was 13 cfs.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bonito Lake: The lake remains closed due to the Blue 2 Fire. Visit <https://www.nmfireinfo.com> for the latest information.

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using worms.

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 bass was fair to good when using live minnows.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing for bass was fair to good when using Texas-rigged, green-colored Bandito plastic bugs.

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

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

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

Green Meadow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing for trout was good when using Berkley Flicker Shad lures, various types of PowerBait and worms.

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

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

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

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

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing for catfish was fair to good when using frozen blackberries.

Pecos River: Streamflow below Sumner Lake Tuesday morning was 88.3 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 Tuesday morning was 4.54 cfs.

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

Santa Rosa Lake: The boat ramp was closed due to the recent block release of water to Brantley Reservoir. Inflow is 50 cfs and the water color is murky with anglers reporting light fishing pressure.

Sumner Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow when using crankbaits.

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

Tips, Tricks and Stories – A Navy Veteran's Love for Fishing

By Hugo Melchor

I lived in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, for 16 years after my Naval service of more than 20 years. I learned how to tie flies and fly-fish from the very best in the area, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. They are based out of Albuquerque and serve disabled veterans.

I will never forget the teachings of Mr. William Fragos, Dave Patton and the awesome volunteers like Adam Sena and Mr. Rick Leutich. THEY MADE MY LIFE BETTER! I recommend this program to veterans as another way to cope with our disabilities.



Recently, I spent six awesome days in the month of May on the San Juan River catching and releasing a lot of fish on flies that I tied. We had a lot of fun with my family, Project Healing Waters' Albuquerque volunteers and Air Force veteran Terry West.

Thanks so much to New Mexico Game and Fish for all you do for our fisheries and creating great memories. My therapy has been very successful. All fish were caught and released safely using barbless hooks. The journey continues.



Hugo Melchor with a trout that he caught using his own hand-tied flies and his trusty fly-fishing pole.



Flies tied by Hugo Melchor.

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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