



## Fishing

From pristine high-mountain lakes and streams to large reservoirs and lazy meandering rivers, [New Mexico's waters](#) provide some of the best fishing in the Southwest.

The Department of Game and Fish is committed to maintaining the quality of the state's fisheries, improving fish habitat and restoring native sport fishes, while also providing outstanding recreational angling opportunities for the public.

Anglers can find a variety of [warm-water species](#), including largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, catfish, bluegills, perch and pike in lakes and reservoirs; as well as a variety of [trout](#) species in lakes, rivers and streams throughout the state.

We [raise and stock](#) more than 2 million fish each year to provide recreational fishing in many of the state's popular waters. Successful reintroduction and stocking efforts also have increased fishing opportunities for [native Rio Grande cutthroats](#), [Gila trout](#), [Kokanee salmon](#) and [tiger muskie](#).

[Angler Education Fishing Clinics](#) offer basic fishing-skills clinics for school kids, families, community and civic groups.

Check back often for [fishing and stocking reports](#), [rules and information](#), and [public fishing water maps](#) and more.

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## Details

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## Services

Leisure/Recreation/Sports

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## Locations

### Rock Lake Fish Hatchery

*1025 Hatchery Rd.  
Santa Rosa, NM 88435*

**Phone:** (575) 472-3690

**Hours:** 8 am to 5 pm, Closed Saturday and Sunday

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## **Parent Organization**

### **New Mexico Department of Game & Fish**

It is the mission of New Mexico's Game and Fish Department: "To conserve, regulate, propagate and protect the wildlife and fish within the state of New Mexico using a flexible management system that ensures sustainable use for public food supply, recreation and safety; and to provide for off-highway motor vehicle recreation that recognizes cultural, historic, and resource values while ensuring public safety."

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