

Fishing in New Mexico



Regular Fishing Seasons: Year Round (April 1- March 31)

Limit: Daily Bags limit is **5 per day**, 10 in possession, for Trout and Salmon. Up to 2 Cutthroat Trout may be included in the limit of 5 Trout. For other areas, please refer to the current New Mexico Fishing Proclamation.

License Requirement: ALL persons 12 years or older, while fishing in New Mexico, must have on their person a current New Mexico fishing license. Anglers 11 yrs. of age and younger do not need a fishing license. Resident anglers who are 70 years of age and older need a Free Fishing License available at any Department office or license vendor. New Mexico fishing licenses are not required on Tribal Reservations and private Class A Lakes. *(Vendor fees are \$1 extra per document. All fishing licenses include trout stamp.)*

License Fee:

| | Resident | Non- Resident |
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| Annual Fishing | \$25 | \$56 |
| One-day Fishing (midnight–midnight) | \$12 | \$12 |
| Five-day Fishing | \$24 | \$24 |
| Junior Annual Fishing (12-17) | \$5 | \$15 |
| Senior Annual Fishing (65-69) | \$8 | N/A |
| Annual Fishing 70 & over | FREE * | N/A |
| Handicapped Annual Fishing | \$8 | N/A |
| Game- Hunting & Fishing | \$30 | N/A |
| Junior Game-Hunting & Fishing | \$15 | N/A |
| Senior or Handicapped Game Hunting & Fishing | \$31 | N/A |
| Duplicate License | \$6 | \$6 |
| Habitat Improvement Stamp | \$5 | \$5 |
| Habitat Management & Access Validation | \$4 | \$4 |
| Second Rod Validation | \$4 | \$4 |

* = **NO** Habitat Improvement Stamp, Habitat Management & Access Validation or 2nd Rod Validation is required with this license. This free license is available to NM residents ONLY.

Habitat Improvement Stamp: \$5.00 - A Habitat Improvement Stamp is required for all anglers from age 12 and older who fish on USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management properties. Habitat Improvement funds are used for such projects as restoration of lakes and trout streams.

Habitat Management & Access Validation: \$4.00 -A Habitat Management & Access Validation must be purchased separately by all anglers, hunters and trappers. Only those younger than 18, 100% disabled resident veterans and resident anglers 70 & older are exempt from purchasing this validation.