

# FISHING



## STATE AND FEDERAL FISHING WATERS

**Bonito Creek:** This creek feeds Bonito Lake then runs down towards Hondo. Rainbow and brook trout can be found in the upper creek. Please practice catch and release.

**Carrizo Creek:** This creek runs from the Mescalero Lake dam and joins the Rio Ruidoso near the Chamber building. Contains native brown trout, but it is not stocked. Practice catch and release with barbless hooks.

**Eagle Creek:** Eagle creek is a spring fed creek that follows Hwy 532 down ski run road. It is not stocked, but contains a few brooks and rainbows.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** This village water reservoir is open to fishing on a year round basis. Summer hours are sunrise to 10 pm. From April 1 to October 31 non-motorized boats are allowed. You can get a permit at the Parks and Recreation office located at 801 Resort Drive, Ruidoso, NM. Phone 575.257.5030. The lake is stocked with trout frequently. Easy access with good parking. No overnight camping is allowed.

**Rio Ruidoso River:** The river runs through Upper Canyon, through town, and to Hondo. Contains rainbows and browns and is stocked year round. Can be accessed by the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center and Two Rivers Park.

**Tularosa Creek:** This creek runs for several miles beginning at the boundary of the reservation. It is stocked and open year round.

## MESCALERO RESERVATION FISHING WATERS

***Fishing on Tribal Lands does not require a NM fishing license. You must however, obtain a permit from the Mescalero Tribe to fish the tribal waters. For more information call the Tribal office at 575.464.4494***

**Mescalero Lake:** This gorgeous trout lake is located at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort. Permits may be obtained at the hotel front desk. Boat docks are open from April to September and hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Eagle Lakes:** These lakes are located about 3 1/2 miles up Ski Run Road. Daily permits can be purchased at the area entrance office. 575-336-4668

**Rio Ruidoso:** Go to the end of Main Road in Upper Canyon. A gate marks the beginning of the reservation. The upper portion of the river is located above the gate. This area is stocked with rainbows and open from May to September.

**Silver Lake:** This stocked trout lake is located off state Hwy 244 in the southern part of the Mescalero reservation. Fishing permits are required and can be obtained at the Silver Lake office. Open May to September.

### PRIVATE FISHING WATERS

**Seeping Springs Trout Lake:** Located 4 miles east of the race track is a spring-fed trout pond. No fishing license required. Open Year Round . 575-378-4216.

### STATE FISHING REGULATIONS

All persons 12 years of age and older are required to obtain a New Mexico fishing license to fish in public waters. The yearly license is valid from April 1 to March 31. New Mexico issues one day, five day, and annual licenses. License can be purchased at WalMart and Western Auto in Ruidoso. Fishing season is year round. License are not required for the Mescalero Reservation, but daily permits can be purchased.

For more information call:

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

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