

Fishing in Las Cruces



Is there anywhere to fish in town?

- **Alumni Pond** is located on NMSU campus, next to the Pan-American Center.
- **Young Pond** is in Young Park, located in the 800 block of S. Walnut Street off of E. Lohman Avenue.

There are maps to both on the back of this flier.

Do I need a license?

Any anglers 12 years of age and older need a fishing license.

What kind of fish can I catch?

In colder months, we stock both Alumni and Young Ponds with rainbow trout. When it's warmer, we stock channel catfish. There are also other fish species present, like sunfish, smallmouth bass and carp.



Rainbow trout



Channel catfish

What should I use for bait?

For catfish, live worms, hotdog pieces and stink bait work well. For trout, salmon eggs, power bait and worms do the job. You could also try fly fishing for trout.

Can I keep the fish I catch?

At Alumni and Young Ponds, you can keep 2 catfish of any size per day, and can have 4 in your possession. At the same ponds, you can keep 5 trout of any size per day and can have 10 trout in your possession. ("Possession" limits mean it would be illegal to keep 5 trout today, for example, if you already had 6 at home in the freezer.)



See our website for weekly stocking and fishing reports:

wildlife.state.nm.us/fishing/weekly-report/

Be sure to check our annual fishing proclamation for any rules or regulations changes.

