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Navajo Dam: (505) 632) 5385

Mountain States Guide Service <sup>1 2</sup>

Navajo Dam: (505) 320-2602

Resolution Guide Service <sup>2</sup>

Navajo Dam: (505) 632-5717

Rise N Fly Guide Service

Navajo Dam: (505) 860-4272

Sandstone Anglers

Aztec: (505) 215-9600

San Juan Angler

Durango: (970) 382-9978

Soaring Eagle Lodge <sup>1 2</sup>

Navajo Lake: (505) 632-3721 or (505) 632-5621

### Fishing Shops

Abe's Motel and Fly Shop <sup>1 2</sup>

Navajo Dam: (505) 632-2194

Navajo Dam Enterprises <sup>1 2</sup>

Navajo Dam: (505) 632-3245

Sims Marina <sup>1 2</sup>

Navajo Dam: (505) 320-0885

<sup>1</sup> sells fishing tackle

<sup>2</sup> rents fishing equipment

**Disclaimer: This listing is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to recommend any particular business.**

## Fishing Essentials

- State and/or Native fishing license
- Rod/reel/line: 4-6 weight is ideal
- Leaders: 3-5x; bring one of each
- Tippets: 3-5x; bring one of each
- Drinking water: hydration packs are ideal
- Long-sleeve shirt & fishing hat
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Polarized sunglasses
- Waders and boots
- Mosquito repellent
- Digital camera

### State & Native Fishing License Information

NM Dept. of Game and Fish

Northwest Area: (505) 222-4700

Fishing Tip: Get your New Mexico state fishing license quick and easy! Buy it online at:

<https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us>.

### Information On Fishing License

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Southwest Region: (970) 247-0855

Navajo Nation

(928) 871-6451

Southern Ute Indian Tribe DOW

(970) 563-0130



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## World Class Fishing

Some of the finest angling in America is within a 45-minute drive of Aztec. Whether it's the legendary San Juan River, the meandering stretches of the Animas River, the bountiful depths of Navajo and Jackson lakes, or the hidden splendor of Simon Canyon, Aztec is a fishing paradise. Fish on!

## QUALITY WATERS: SAN JUAN RIVER

Downstream from Navajo Lake State Park, the San Juan River is rated among the Lower 48 states' top-three trout fishing destinations. "Quality Waters" below the dam run cold and clear, the ideal habitat for brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout that number as many as 15,000 per mile. Fish average 15 to 20 inches in length, with six- to 10-pound lunkers not uncommon. First-timers can hire seasoned guides who are experts in getting the most out of this renowned Colorado River tributary. "The Juan" is located 27 miles west of Aztec on NM 173. *Special note: Unique angling restrictions are in effect on rivers with a "Quality Waters" designation.*

## NAVAJO LAKE STATE PARK

Nourished by the Pine and San Juan Rivers, Navajo Lake offers 150 miles of shoreline plus more than 200 camping and picnic sites, two improved boat ramps and two full-service marinas. In addition to its vaunted boating and sailing, Navajo tempts fishing enthusiasts with trophy sized brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, carp, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish and kokanee salmon. Navajo Lake is 27 miles west of Aztec on NM 173.

## ANIMAS RIVER

Born high in Colorado's snow-laden San Juan Mountains, the undammed Animas River rambles through Aztec and Farmington until it finally spills into the lower San Juan River. Virtually the entire stretch is renowned for its copious fishing, yet anglers more often rave about the river's mesmerizing desert landscapes and fertile riparian habitats. Accessible from US 550 and NM 516. *Note: Much of the river is accessible to the public, however long stretches flow through private and Native American property, requiring anglers to secure access and/or special-use permits, as well as state fishing licenses.*

## SIMON CANYON

Regarded a hidden gem by locals, Simon Canyon is a breath-stealing oasis that's nourished by the San Juan River. Access is via NM 173 (Navajo Dam Road) and the Cottonwood Campgrounds entrance just past Mile Marker 17. Visitors enjoy picnic tables, restrooms, hiking along the river, ancestral Puebloan ruins and outstanding trout fishing.

## JACKSON LAKE

Jackson Lake's bright blue waters offer excellent year-round fishing for trout, catfish, bluegill and bass in a serene, unpopulated setting. Lake is a 1/4-mile hike from the parking area on NM 170/La Plata Highway just west of Aztec.

## Fishing Guides & Shops

### Fishing Guides

Blue Sky Fly Fishing  
Navajo Dam: (505) 634-0582

Born & Raised <sup>1 2</sup>  
Navajo Dam: (505) 632-0492

Fisheads San Juan River Lodge <sup>1 2</sup>  
Navajo Dam: (505) 634-0463