



## Fishing Guides

### Float 'n Fish <sup>1 2</sup>

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

### 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

## 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

*Note:*

<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

**New Mexico** (505) 222-4700

[www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us)

**Colorado** (970) 247-0855

[cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)

**Navajo Nation** (928) 871-6451

[www.nndfw.org](http://www.nndfw.org)

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe** (970) 563-0130

[www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov)



New Mexico, USA

Aztec Visitor Center

110 N. Ash Avenue

Aztec, NM 87410

(505) 334-9551 | (888) 543-4629

[goaztec@aztecnm.gov](mailto:goaztec@aztecnm.gov)

  @CityofAztec



# AZTEC FISHING



# EXPLORE

City of Aztec Public WiFi

[www.aztecnm.com](http://www.aztecnm.com) (888) 543-4629



## 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!

### San Juan River Quality Waters

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.

*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.

*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.*



### Cutter Dam Reservoir

Cutter Dam Reservoir is a little known body of water located about 8 miles south of Blanco, New Mexico and east of Largo Canyon. A picturesque little lake with beautiful cliffs and scenery it covers approximately 64 acres. Access to the lake is possible from two locations, however neither access is paved, so four wheel-drive, high clearance vehicle is highly recommended.

### 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

### 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