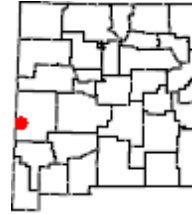




# Rancho Grande Ponds, Reserve, OG.157



**Access Type:** Fishing, Walk-in Only.

**Hours:** Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.

**Information:** Rancho Grande Ponds provides up to 4.0 surface acres of fishable water contained in two impoundments. It is located in GMU 16A approximately 7 miles west of Reserve, NM near the intersection of NM-12 and US-180.

The Rancho Grande Ponds are spring fed with maximum depths of near 15 feet. The pond edges are surrounded by emergent vegetation and shallower waters are filled by cattails. Alligator juniper, willows, and cottonwoods are also found around the ponds providing limited shading. The ponds presently support populations of bluegill, bass, and catfish. The ponds are also stocked with trout for anglers during the winter months.

**Permitted Activities:** Fishing only is permitted on this property during the seasons and dates specified in the Open Gate lease agreement between the Department of Game and Fish and the landowner. Access to the property is subject to the terms and conditions in the Open Gate lease agreement and is restricted to the following permitted activities:

Permitted Activities	Available Dates	Remarks
Fishing only	Open year round.	<p>Anglers 11 years of age and younger are not required to hold a fishing license. Anyone may fish without a license on free fishing days only, but bag limits and other rules still apply.</p> <p>See property rules for special use restrictions.</p> <div><p>See 2025-2026 Fishing Rules and Info Book for more information</p></div>

**Open Gate** is a program that leases private lands to improve public access for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Open Gate leases are funded exclusively by hunters, anglers, and trappers through the purchase of the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV).

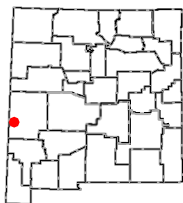
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**Property Rules:** The following rules will be posted onsite and enforced at the discretion of the Agency:

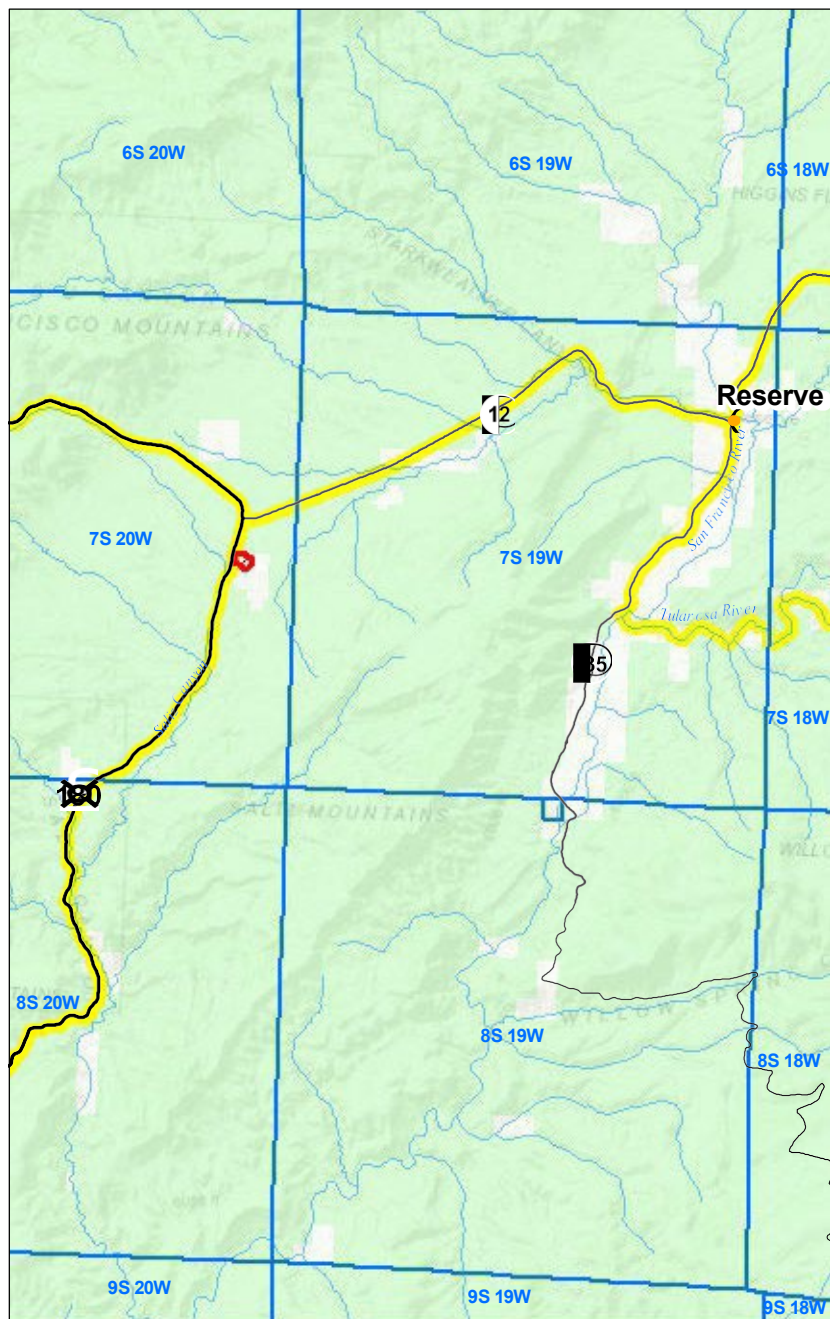
- Use of this Open Gate Property is restricted to properly-licensed anglers for the following permitted uses: **Fishing**
- No access unless you are a properly-licensed angler.
- Each properly-licensed angler may be accompanied by no more than two guests.
- Fish size, bag, and possession limits will be set at the discretion of the Agency and posted on the property.
- Fishing is allowed from the shoreline only.
- Boats, canoes, kayaks or floating devices are prohibited on the property.
- For safety concerns swimming, wading or entry into the water from the property is prohibited.
- No motor vehicle travel on property except in designated parking area. Walk-in access only at designated location(s).
- No entry into closed areas.
- No destructive acts, including vandalism, graffiti, theft, removal or defacing natural features, resources or signs.
- No ice fishing allowed.
- No target practice.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No littering.
- **Access allowed from sunrise to sunset.**
- Pets may be allowed by Landowner but must remain on leash.

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