

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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## Week of August 2, 2008

This fishing report has been generated from the best information available from officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, however, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

If you have a catch of the week story or just want to tell us about your latest New Mexico fishing experience, send it to us at [fishforfun2@hotmail.com](mailto:fishforfun2@hotmail.com). We may include your story in our next report. For catches of the week, include name, date, location, type of fish, length and bait used.

### CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

**El Vado Lake:** On July 27, Anthony Ortega, age 7 of Alcalde caught a 17 inch largemouth bass. He was using a yellow crappie jig tipped with salmon eggs. Using the same crappie jig with no bait on August 4 at Abiquiu, he caught a 2 pound walleye.

**Elephant Butte:** On July 29, Tom Johnson of T or C caught and released a 6.1 pound largemouth bass. He was using a buzz bait.

**Ute Lake:** On July 30, Calvin Liles of Logan caught a 6.25 largemouth bass. He was using a buzz bait.

**Navajo Lake:** On July 31, Patrick Gallegos caught a 35 inch 10 pound northern pike. He was using a Rapala in 16 feet of water in front of the dam.

**Pecos River:** On August 1, Eugene Salas of Clovis caught a 27 inch 7 pound rainbow trout. He was using a black and gold Panther Martin and fishing near Terrero.

**Aztec Pond:** On August 1, Jayden Shaw age 6 of Aztec caught a 9 inch 1 pound bluegill. He was using a grasshopper he caught at Grandma's house.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** On August 2, Greg Burpo of Albuquerque caught a 21 inch walleye. He was using a fire tiger crank bait.

**Conchas Lake:** On August 2, Michael Murphy of Albuquerque caught a 5.1 pound largemouth bass and a 3.5 pound smallmouth bass. He was trolling for walleye off a side planer and using a silver and blue Reef Runner.

**Tingley Beach:** Over the past two weeks, Jeremy Trujillo age 10 of Albuquerque caught a 22 inch and a 25.5 inch catfish at the Central Pond. He caught the big one while using night crawlers and the smaller one on a lure.

### NORTHEAST AREA

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was fair-to-good this past week for anglers using power bait, hoppers and worms. Fishing was good using worms for perch.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest as of Monday was 45cfs. Trout fishing was fair for anglers using yellow sallies, San Juan worms, humpys and spinners. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow-to-fair for anglers using spinners, power bait and salmon eggs.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** There was light pressure on the lake this past week and fishing slowed considerably. A few trout were taken by anglers using worms and power bait. We had no reports on other species.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using crank baits, worms, drop shot rigs, tubes, jerk baits and top water lures for a mix of largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good trolling deep running crank baits for white bass. We received good reports from anglers fishing near Rattlesnake Island and from some fishing on the north side of the lake. A few white bass were also taken on grubs, jigs and spinners. A few walleye were taken by anglers using grubs, spinner/night crawler combinations and spoons. Fishing for bluegill was fair using poppers and worms.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair this past week for anglers using green and rainbow glitter power baits and salmon eggs.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Anglers fishing in the Six Mile area reported the best trout and kokanee fishing success again this past week. They did well drifting power bait and salmon eggs, trolling pink and orange spinners tipped with corn and still fishing using power bait. Most of the trout were taken in 15-to-26 feet. Fishing for perch was good using worms.

**HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good for anglers using black gnat and black ant patterns, hoppers, stimulators, copper john barrs and salmon eggs.

**LAKE MALOYA/  
LAKE ALICE:** Bait fishing for trout was at best sporadic again this past week. Anglers reported good action one day and slow the next at both lakes. Our best reports came from anglers fishing the evening hours at Lake Maloya and using Pistol Petes and an assortment of dry flies.

**MAXWELL LAKES** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**MCALLISTER LAKE** Due to poor water quality, the lake will remain closed until further notice.

**MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good for anglers using cheese bait, corn, salmon eggs and small spinners.

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish taken by anglers using flies in the early morning and late evening hours and by bait anglers fishing deep from boats.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 71cfs. Trout fishing was very good again this past week for anglers using night crawlers, spinners, stimulators, wooly buggers, elk hair caddis and copper john barrs. Other anglers did well drifting salmon eggs and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 107cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, hoppers, wooly buggers, wooly worms, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 440cfs. Trout fishing in the Pilar area was good for anglers using black and olive wooly buggers, black gnats, hoppers, using jerk baits, night crawlers and spinners. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using jerk baits, spinners and wooly buggers. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was fair for anglers using hoppers, ant patterns, wooly buggers, spinners, spoons and Pistol Petes.

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and power bait for trout. Fishing for catfish was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

**STUBBLEFIELD:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was the best bet for anglers here this past week. Best baits were worms, tubes and jerk baits worked at depths of 3-to-20 feet. A few good fish were also taken by anglers using buzz baits. A few white bass were taken by anglers trolling crank baits at 28-to-35 feet. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was fair for anglers using tubes, jigs, worms, crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Most of the bigger bass were found in less than 10 feet of water. Anglers fishing for bass also reported picking up a few small walleye. Keeper walleye were a bit harder to come by this week. A few anglers found the right spot and caught them at 28 feet while using minnows and jigs. A few catfish were taken by anglers fishing at night and using night crawlers, liver and minnows.

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**CANJILON LAKES:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 445cfs and 642cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was slow-to-fair using grass hoppers, night crawlers, salmon eggs and wooly buggers for a mix of brown and rainbow trout. Above El Vado, fishing was fair using wooly buggers, hoppers and worms for trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was fair using Rooster Tails, crank baits and minnows for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using buzz baits, crank baits, worms, tubes and jigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and cut bait at night for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair for anglers using Rooster Tails, Panther Martins and night crawlers. The best reports coming in were from anglers fishing near the dam.

**FARMINGTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**FENTON LAKE:** Fishing was fair for anglers using power bait, worms and Pistol Petes for rainbow trout. The water was off color.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing continued to be quite good this past week although the fish were a bit deeper. Most were caught at depths of 30-to-35 feet. Anglers did well using bright red, pink and orange lures

including Crippures, Double Whammies and Z Rays. A few kokanee and rainbows were also taken by anglers trolling Tasmanian Devils. Fishing for lake trout was slow.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 17cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, San Antonio and East Fork was fair-to-good for anglers using parachute adams, royal wulffs, hoppers, small gold spinners, worms and salmon eggs.

**LAGUNA Del CAMPO:** (Burns Canyon Lake) We had no reports from anglers this week.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

**MCGAFFEY LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing for kokanee and rainbow trout was good for anglers trolling Rooster Tails, Panther Martins, Arnies, Double Whammies and Crippures tipped with corn and fished at depths of 25-to-45 feet. Fishing was fair using crank baits, spinner baits and buzz baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using tubes, worms, top water lures, spinners, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. A few largemouth bass were caught by anglers using worms and crank baits. Fishing was slow-to-fair using small jigs, worms and poppers for bluegill and small perch. A few catfish were taken by anglers using cut bait and liver and fishing in La Jara Canyon.

**RAMAH LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was at 508cfs. Trout fishing was fair using orange and red sparkle worms, red annelids, small bead head pheasant tail nymphs, dead chickens, Griffith's gnats and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, spinners, cheese baits, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and jerk baits.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, power bait, worms and salmon eggs.

**SEVEN SPRINGS**

**BROOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair using worms and flies for bluegill and small bass. A few catfish were taken by anglers using stink bait and worms for catfish. At the Catch and Release Pond trout fishing was fair early in the day for anglers using parachute adams, dead chickens, ant patterns and Griffith's gnats.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

**BEAR CANYON:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**BURN LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was fair using crank baits, minnows and grubs for white bass. A few walleye were taken by anglers trolling crank baits and bottom bouncer/worm rigs. We had no reports on other species. The water was quite murky.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, top water lures, live bait, spinners and grubs for white bass. The best reports this past week came from anglers fishing near Rock Canyon, McRae Canyon and by Kettle Top. Fishing for walleye was slow-to-fair for anglers using crank baits, jigs, live bait and jerk baits. Fishing was fair using power worms, top water lures, crank baits, senkos and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Striped bass fishing was slow but a few were taken by anglers using live bait and deep running crank baits. Fishing was fair using cut bait, shrimp, hot dogs and Gulp crawlers for catfish. Most of the catfish action was at the upper end of the lake.

**ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 115cfs. Fishing was slow.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was generally slow for all species but a few catfish were taken by anglers using night crawlers and liver.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 599cfs. Fishing below the Butte and below Caballo was slow-to-fair using night crawlers, cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**SNOW LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

**BATAAN LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**BONITO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**BOTTOMLESS**

**LAKES:** Fishing was slow. Stocking has been suspended due to a golden algae bloom.

**BRANTLEY LAKE:** Anglers are to practice catch and release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish.

**CARLSBAD**

**MUNICIPAL LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**JAL LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**LAKE VAN:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 103cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

**PERCH LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flows at Ruidoso on Monday were not available. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was fair for anglers using top water lures, power worms, crank baits, jigs and senkos for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using cut bait and chicken liver for catfish. Walleye fishing was kind of hit and miss as a few angler reported success while others had a tough time. Best baits were jig and minnow combinations, grubs and crank baits fished in the main channel. We had no reports on other species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species and fishing pressure was light. A few catfish were taken by anglers fishing at night and using liver. We had no reports on other species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 17,346 rainbow trout averaging 9.7 inches in the following waters: **CEBOLLA RIVER, COSTILLA CREEK, COW CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, FAWN LAKES, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, HOPEWELL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above and Below Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND & SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR.**