

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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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:

**Ute Lake:** On August 6, Joe Ellis of Logan caught a 4.88 and a 5.13 largemouth bass. He was using white grubs. On August 10, Josh Priesen of Moriarty caught an 18.5 inch and a 16 inch walleye and a 15 inch smallmouth bass. He was using a Cotton Cordell crank bait and also caught several white bass.

**Elephant Butte:** On August 10, Edward J. Enriquez caught a 3 pound smallmouth bass and a 3 pound largemouth bass. He was fishing the morning hours and using a silver colored Rapala DT-6.

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## NORTHEAST AREA

- CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake slowed considerably this past week. A few trout were taken by anglers using Pistol Petes, double hackle peacock nymphs and salmon eggs. A few perch were taken on worms.
- CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Cimarron as of Monday was 55cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good for anglers using yellow sallies, humpys, caddis, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports from anglers at the Gravel Pit Lakes.
- CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. A few trout and small catfish were caught by anglers using worms.
- CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using drop shot rigs, tubes, jerk baits and top water lures for a mix of largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass caught were in the 10-to-13 inch range. Fishing was fair using crank baits, grubs, spinners and top water lures. The best reports came from anglers fishing around Big Island and near Rattlesnake Island. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. Anglers did best fishing at night and over baited holes. Fishing for bluegill was fair using worms. We had no reports on other species.
- COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair this past week for anglers using salmon eggs, small dry flies and power bait.
- EAGLE NEST LAKE:** The best trout and kokanee action here again this week was reported by anglers fishing in the Six Mile area. They did well trolling red, rainbow and orange colored spinners tipped with corn or power bait and by drifting power bait and salmon eggs. A few trout were also taken by anglers fishing from anchored boats and using power bait just off the bottom in 12-to-15 feet of water. Fishing for perch was good using worms.
- HOPEWELL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE MALOYA/  
LAKE ALICE:** Evening fishing at Lake Maloya was good this past week for anglers using an assortment of dry flies, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. Most of the action was near the dam. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow.
- MAXWELL LAKES** Fishing was slow.
- 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 and salmon eggs under a bubble.
- MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish taken by anglers using flies in the early morning and late evening hours.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 71cfs. Trout fishing was good this past week for anglers using night crawlers, spinners, stimulators, elk hair caddis, small humpys, royal wulffs and copper john barrs. Other anglers did well drifting salmon eggs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 119cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good for anglers using spinners, black wooly buggers, wooly worms, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 464cfs. Trout fishing in the Pilar area was good again this past week for anglers using black and olive wooly buggers, hoppers, jerk baits, night crawlers and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and power bait for trout. Fishing for catfish was slow.

**STUBBLEFIELD:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for catfish was quite good this past week for anglers fishing over baited holes. They were using night crawlers, liver and dough baits. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair-to-good for anglers using top water lures, 4 inch worms and white grubs. Fishing for white bass was good for anglers using top water lures, spinners and crank baits. Anglers using crank baits also caught a few good walleye. The white bass are schooled up and if you can find a school you can have a blast. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was fair for anglers using grubs, tubes, worms, crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. The best action was reported by anglers fishing in areas where there was a mix of big rocks and brush. Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling deep running crank baits and using grubs and spoons in deep water for walleye. Most of the action was at the upper end of the lake. A few good size catfish were taken by anglers using night crawlers, minnows and shrimp. We had no reports on other species.

**ANIMAS RIVER:** Trout fishing was fair using small copper john barrs, prince nymphs, dead chickens and worms.

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

**CANJILON LAKES:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair for anglers using spoons, spinners, Pistol Petes under a bubble and power bait.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 380cfs and 583cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was slow-to-fair using Panther Martins, power bait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was fair early and late in the day using crank baits, grubs and spinners for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, minnows, grubs and tubes for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using night crawlers, liver and cut bait at night for catfish. A few perch were taken by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair for anglers using spinners, power bait and night crawlers.

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

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

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was good again this past week for anglers trolling rainbow, red, pink or orange spinners, kokanee killers, sockeye slammers and Crippures tipped with corn. Most of the fish were taken at depths of 30-to-33 feet. Bank fishing for trout was slow. Fishing for lake trout was slow.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 27cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and Cebolla rivers was fair-to-good for anglers using small dry flies, small spinners and salmon eggs.

**LAGUNA Del CAMPO:** (Burns Canyon Lake) Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and wet flies under a bubble. A few trout were also taken by anglers using spoons.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and spoons for stocked rainbows.

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing for kokanee and rainbow trout was good for anglers trolling Panther Martins, Arnies, Double Whammies and Crippures tipped with corn and fished at depths of 35-to-45 feet. Fishing was fair using spinner baits, jerk baits and buzz baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using tubes, top water lures, spinners, grubs, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. A few largemouth bass were caught by anglers using worms, tubes, top water lures and crank baits. Fishing was fair using small jigs, worms and poppers for bluegill and small perch. Fishing for catfish was fair for anglers using cut bait and liver.

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

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was at 502cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using small bead head pheasant tail nymphs, dead chickens, light colored emergers, Griffith's gnats

and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was slow but a few trout were caught by anglers using yellow and green power bait, spinners and jerk baits. The water was murky.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair 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, top water lures and grubs for white bass. 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, minnows, spinners and grubs for white bass. The best reports this past week came from anglers fishing near the Jungles, Rock Canyon and by Kettle Top. Fishing was fair using top water lures, crank baits, salt craws, tubes, senkos and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass were taken off main lake and secondary points. Striped bass fishing was fair using live bait during the day time hours and top water lures late in the evening. Our best reports came from anglers fishing near the Jungles. Fishing was good using cut bait, shrimp, hot dogs and Gulp crawlers over baited holes for catfish.

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

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 327cfs. Fishing was slow.

**GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was fair for anglers using salmon eggs under a bubble. The pond is quite mossy this time of year. The Ziehl family from Las Cruces stopped here last Friday and the boys, Jordan age 6 and J.J. age 8 managed to catch several fishing using the bubble and egg method including a 16 inch rainbow landed by J.J.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Overall fishing was slow but there were a few good size trout taken by anglers using salmon eggs.

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,260cfs. Fishing below Caballo was slow-to-fair using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species or from anglers below Elephant Butte.

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

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

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

**BONITO LAKE:** The lake area was reopened this past weekend for the first time since the flooding but we had no reports from anglers.

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**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 129cfs. 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-to-good for some anglers using tubes, baby brush hogs and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Top water lures worked best early in the morning. Plastics worked on 15-to-20 foot brushy flats through the day time hours. Bank fishing for catfish was good for anglers using night crawlers, hot dogs and liver. We had no reports on other species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 9,992 rainbow trout averaging 9.2 inches in the following waters: EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, HOLY GHOST CREEK, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, MT VIEW PONDS, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters & WINSOR CREEK.