

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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## Week of August 16, 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:

**Elephant Butte:** On August 8, James Koons of Silver City caught a 15 pound striped bass. He was using live bait.

**El Vado Lake:** On August 16, Kaila N. Siebuhr caught a 2.5 to 3 pound rainbow trout while fishing with power bait in the early morning hours.

**Abiquiu Lake:** On August 16, Chris Ewer of Albuquerque caught a 26.5 inch walleye. He was using a perch colored crank bait.

**Ute Lake:** On August 16, Danny Campbell of Friona, TX caught a 7.9 pound largemouth bass while fishing a tournament. On August 17, Ben from the Ruf Nec Tackle store caught a 4.1 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a top water lure.

**Sumner Lake:** On August 16, Shane Shipman of Rio Rancho caught a 3.2 pound largemouth bass. He was fishing from the bank and using Hog Wild catfish bait.

### NORTHEAST AREA

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was fair this past week for anglers using power bait during the day and flies in the early morning and late evening hours. Fishing for perch was good for anglers using worms.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Cimarron as of Monday was 42cfs. Trout fishing was fair for anglers using yellow stimulators, streamers, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and spinners. Anglers fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes caught a few trout while using salmon eggs and Pistol Petes under a bubble.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. The area has received heavy rains and flash flooding has occurred over the past few days. The lake rose 8 feet on Sunday night and the water was quite murky.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using jerk baits, top water lures, tubes, baby brush hogs and chigger craws for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits, grubs, spinners and top water lures for white bass. Fishing was good using liver, shrimp, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for bluegill was fair using worms. We had no reports on other species.

**COYOTE CREEK:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Bank fishing was good for perch but slow for trout and kokanee. The best bait for perch was worms. Fishing from boats was sporadic but a few good trout and kokanee were taken by anglers using spinners and power bait.

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

#### LAKE MALOYA/

**LAKE ALICE:** Evening fishing at Lake Maloya was fair this past week for anglers using black gnats, hoppers, 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 fair for anglers using cheese bait, corn and salmon eggs under a bubble.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 76cfs. Trout fishing was very good here and on Cow Creek and the Mora for anglers using salmon eggs, night crawlers, spinners, stimulators, elk hair caddis, bead head pheasant tail nymphs and copper john barrs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 125cfs. Trout fishing was good for anglers using spinners, olive wooly buggers, hoppers, copper john barrs, wooly worms, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 416cfs. Trout fishing in the Pilar area was good using hoppers, jerk baits, night crawlers and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was good for anglers using Kastmasters, Daredevles, Panther Martins, hoppers and wooly buggers.

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

**STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was good using grasshoppers and power bait for trout. Anglers fishing with hoppers also reported catching smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish at night was good for anglers using night crawlers and liver.

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

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for catfish continued to be 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 for anglers using top water lures, crank baits, jerk baits, tubes and white grubs. Fishing for white bass was good for anglers using top water lures, spinners and crank baits. The white bass are schooled up and if you can find a school you can have a blast. Fishing for bluegill was good using worms. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was reported as good by some anglers but slow for others. The best reports came from anglers fishing this past Saturday. They were catching smallmouth bass and walleye in 12-to-25 feet of water. At times they were drifting jigs, chartreuse or white grubs and tubes while at other times they were casting or trolling crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

**ANIMAS RIVER:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**CANJILON LAKES:** Trout fishing was slow.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 480cfs and 596cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers, streamers, Panther Martins, power bait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout. The trout ranged in size from 10-to-19 inches. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow. The flow below El Vado was expected to drop to 200cfs during the week.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good for anglers using top water lures, crank baits, tubes and chigger craws for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Anglers reported good catches off the bluffs and in the east side brush. Fishing was fair using crank baits, minnows and spinners for white bass. A few catfish were taken by anglers fishing at night and using liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**FENTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow. A few trout were taken by anglers using salmon eggs and worms.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing continued to be quite good for anglers using rainbow, red or orange kokanee killers, Double Whammies and Fish Creek spinners tipped with corn. Most of the fish were taken at depths of 30-to-35 feet. The best action was in the morning hours. Fishing for lake trout was slow.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 31cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, Rio Las Vacas, Rio Guadalupe and the East Fork was good this past week for anglers using dry flies, small spinners 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 Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow-to-fair using baby brush hogs, power worms, crank baits, jerk baits and top water lures. The fish were scattered and taken at depths of 6-to-30 feet. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits and top water lures for northern pike. A few crappie were taken by anglers using grubs, tubes and small worms and fishing near Bancos Canyon. Fishing was fair trolling spinners tipped with corn at 35-to-45 feet for kokanee. Most of the action

was from Simms Mesa to the dam. Anglers fishing for kokanee also caught a few trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was at 491cfs. Trout fishing was fair using emergers, sparkle worms, wooly buggers, small bead head pheasant tail nymphs, dead chickens, light colored emergers, Griffith's gnats and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using green power bait, night crawlers, spinners 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 very good using night crawlers for bluegill and shrimp and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing at the Catch and Release pond was fair for anglers using dead chickens, scuds, leeches, Griffith's gnats and egg patterns.

## **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 slow-to-fair using crank baits, minnows, top water lures, spinners and grubs for white bass. Anglers fishing for white bass also picked up a few walleye. We had no reports on other species. The water was quite murky.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was good using cut bait, shrimp and liver over baited holes and from the bank for catfish. The best action was reported by anglers fishing at night. Fishing was fair using live bait for striped bass. A few stripers were also taken on top water lures and deep running crank baits. Fishing was fair using crank baits, top water lures, minnows, spinners and grubs for white bass. The best reports this past week came from anglers fishing near Rock Canyon, the east end of Long Point, McRae Canyon and by Kettle Top. Fishing was fair using top water lures, crank baits, tubes, power worms and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

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

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 204cfs. 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.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was slow for all species but a few trout were taken by anglers using power bait and 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 2,140cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

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

**BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and spinners.

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

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 103cfs. Fishing was very good using liver and night crawlers for catfish. This area will be closed beginning August 22 for about 14 days during a major water release.

**PERCH LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flows at Ruidoso on Monday were not available. We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Bank fishing for catfish was good for anglers using night crawlers, hot dogs and liver. Fishing was fair using tubes, baby brush hogs, chigger craws, crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few walleye were taken by anglers using crank baits and grubs. A major water release is scheduled to begin on August 22 and last for about 14 days.  
**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species. A few bass and catfish were taken by anglers fishing from the bank and using spam and catfish bait. A major water release will begin on August 22 and last for about 14 days.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 19,324 rainbow trout averaging 10.5 inches in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CANJILON LAKES, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above and Below El Vado, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, FAWN LAKES, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER EAST FORK, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RED RIVER EAST FORK & WEST FORK, RIO LAS VACAS, RIO PUEBLO, SEVEN SPRING BROOD POND & SHUREE PONDS.