

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. 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 28, Dale Walters of Dalhart, TX caught a 3.84 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a top water lure.

Navajo Lake: On August 30, Johnny Johnson of Farmington caught a 10 pound northern pike. He was fishing a bass tournament and using a crank bait.

Conservancy Park Lake: On August 28, Andrew Leong of Rio Rancho caught and released a 28 inch 10 pound channel catfish. He was fishing the Central Pond and using cat food dipped in Charlie's Blood Bait.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Trout fishing on the lower lake was good using power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and streamers. Fishing was good using worms for perch.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 9.3cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, small spinners, tricos and stimulators. Fishing on the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair-to-good using small spoons and flies and salmon eggs under a bubble.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was slow but a few bluegill, trout and mud cats were taken by anglers using spinners, crank baits and worms.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was good using top water lures, crank baits, tubes, worms, brush hogs, jerk baits and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the bass were small. Fishing was fair trolling crank baits and bottom bouncer/worm rigs for walleye and white bass. Most of the good action again this week was on the north side of the lake. Night fishing was good using liver, night crawlers, shrimp and dough bait for catfish.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was slow.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing from the bank and from boats was a bit slow this past week. A few perch were taken on worms. A few rainbows were caught by anglers trolling and drifting spinners, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers on light line. We had no reports on kokanee.

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Fishing at Lake Maloya was good using home made dough baits, salmon eggs, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports from Lake Alice.

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 using cheese bait, corn, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes under a bubble.

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing slow. A few fish were taken on power bait and spinners.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 328cfs. Trout fishing before the recent heavy rains was good here on Cow Creek and on the Mora for anglers using salmon eggs, night crawlers, spinners, elk hair caddis, stimulators and hoppers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 125cfs. Trout fishing above and below the town of Questa was good for anglers using San Juan worms, streamers, copper john bairs, spinners, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 338cfs. Trout fishing from above Taos to below Pilar area was good using hoppers, wooly buggers, Chernobyl ants, night crawlers and spinners. Fishing for pike was fair using large bunny leeches and jerk baits.

SHUREE PONDS: Trout fishing was good using small Kastmasters, wooly buggers, hoppers and Panther Martins.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, salmon eggs and power bait for trout. Fishing for catfish at night was fair using night crawlers and liver.

STUBBLEFIELD: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing for white bass was very good using top water lures, Lytle Secrets, Kastmasters and crank baits. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair-to-good using top water lures, lipless crank baits, tubes and spinner baits. A few largemouth bass were taken on tubes, top water lures and worms. Fishing for catfish was very good for anglers using liver, dough baits and night crawlers.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was fair trolling bottom bouncer/Wally Pop rigs, Reef Runner and Bevy Shad at 20-to-25 feet for walleye. A few were also taken using tubes and curly tail grubs in and around brush in 8-to-15 feet of water. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow but a few good fish were taken by anglers using top water lures, crank baits, tubes and jigs. We had no reports on other species.

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

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using in line spinners and jerk baits for tiger musky. Fishing for trout and catfish was slow.

CANJILON LAKES: Trout fishing was slow but a few were taken by anglers using worms and power bait.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 969cfs and 697cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, hoppers, streamers and Panther Martins for brown trout and a few rainbows. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair using tubes, chigger craws, top water lures and crank baits for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits, minnows and spinners for white bass. Fishing was fair using liver, night crawlers and hot dogs for catfish. A few crappie and bluegill were taken on small tubes, worms and jigs. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, spinners and night crawlers for trout.

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

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, sparkle power bait and Pistol Petes.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was very good again this past week. Anglers did well trolling Panther Martins, Double Whammies and Fish Creek spinners tipped with corn. Orange seemed to be the best color and most of the fish were taken at depths of 34-to-39 feet. The best action was in the morning hours. Bank fishing and fishing for lake trout was slow.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 68cfs 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 hoppers, royal wulffs, parachute adams, small spinners and salmon eggs.

LAGUNA Del CAMPO: (Burns Canyon Lake) Trout fishing was fair using spinners, spoons and salmon eggs under a bubble.

MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow but a few were taken by anglers using power bait.

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was good using small tubes, worms and jigs in Bancos, Uhl and La Jara canyons for crappie. Fishing was good using Brush Babies, spinner baits, Rat-L-Traps and buzz baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using tubes, senkos, worms, brush hogs and crank baits for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good trolling Arnies, Panther Martins and Rooster Tails at 27-to-43 feet for kokanee and rainbow 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 934cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was fair using streamers, orange sparkle worms, red annelids, dead chickens, emergers, Griffith's gnats and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, wooly buggers, night crawlers, spinners and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spoons, Pistol Petes, 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 and worms for bluegill. Fishing was very good using cat food, hot dogs, dough bait and night crawlers for catfish. A few bass were taken on spinners, worms and tubes. Trout fishing at the Catch and Release pond was slow.

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 but a few catfish were caught on liver and night crawlers.
- CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but a few white bass were taken by anglers using crank baits, spinners, grubs and top water lures. We had no reports on other species.
- ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was good trolling and casting crank baits and using top water lures, sassy shad and spoons for white bass. The best reports came in from anglers fishing near McRae Canyon. Fishing was good using cut bait, shrimp, dough bait and liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using live shad for striped bass. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, power worms and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.
- ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using hot dogs, night crawlers, liver and stink bait for catfish.
- GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 149cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.
- GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was fair for anglers using salmon eggs under a bubble.
- LAKE ROBERTS:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow.
- QUEMADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, spinners and salmon eggs.
- RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,160cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.
- SNOW LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BATAAN LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using worms, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes under a bubble and spinners.
- BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- BOTTOMLESS LAKES:** Fishing was slow. Stocking has been suspended.

SOUTHEAST AREA

- 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:** Jason Smith reported to us that he caught 7 catfish 15 inches or better while fishing at night and using liver. We had no other reports.
- GRINDSTONE**
- RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs, corn, worms and spinners.
- JAL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE VAN:** Fishing was slow but a few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and night crawlers.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 102cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair-to-good using liver, night crawlers and stink bait.
- PERCH LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 46cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.
- SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was good using top water lures, crank baits, tubes, jigs and worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, shrimp, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.
- SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species. A few white bass were taken by anglers trolling crank baits.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 19,012 rainbow trout averaging 10.2 inches in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CANJILON LAKES, CHAMA RIVER-Above and Below El Vado, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO-aka Burns Lake, LOS PINOS RIVER, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ LAKE & SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 3,996 channel catfish averaging 17.1 inches in length in the following waters: BATAAN LAKE, BOSQUE REDONDO, BURN LAKE, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley

Beach, CORONA POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND-aka River Walk Pond, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE VAN, ROSWELL KIDS POND AND YOUNG POND.