

# 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 September 5, Bob Lechel of Los Alamos caught a 4 pound 14 ounce largemouth bass. He was using a Lucky Craft Pointer 78 and fishing in 2 feet of water. On September 6, Fritz Staver of Santa Fe caught a 5 pound 4 ounce largemouth bass. He was using a top water lure.

**Red River Hatchery Pond:** On September 1, Jonas Morrison age 8 of Peralta caught a 19 inch rainbow trout. He was using a black/brown spotted Panther Martin.

**Tingley Beach:** On September 1, Derickson Begay and his fiancé caught their limits of catfish ranging from 16-to-22 inches. They were using power bait.

## NORTHEAST AREA

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was fair using 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 15cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, small spinners, tricos and copper john barrs. Fishing on the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair 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 slow-to-fair using tubes, worms, jerk baits and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the bass were small. Fishing was fair trolling deep running crank baits and bottom bouncer/worm rigs for walleye and white bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, night crawlers and dough bait for catfish.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners tipped with corn or worms, power bait and Pistol Petes for rainbow trout and a few kokanee. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.

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

### LAKE MALOYA/

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was slow-to-fair using Pistol Petes and black ants. We had no reports from anglers at Lake Alice.

**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 fair-to-good using cheese bait, power bait and salmon eggs.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 85cfs. Trout fishing here and on the Mora and Cow Creek was good using salmon eggs, night crawlers, spinners, elk hair caddis, copper john barrs and bead head prince nymphs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 94cfs. Trout fishing below the hatchery was very good for anglers using wooly buggers, copper john barrs, spinners, salmon eggs and night crawlers. At the hatchery pond, trout fishing was very good using small flies, spinners, power bait and salmon eggs.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 317cfs. Trout fishing from above Taos to below Pilar area was fair using wooly buggers, Chernobyl ants, night crawlers and spinners. Fishing in the Embudo area was slow.

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

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

**STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, cheese and power bait for trout. Anglers fishing with power bait and cheese also caught several catfish in the 4-to-5 pound range.

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

**UTE LAKE:** Cold fronts slowed the bass fishing down a bit this past weekend but anglers still managed to catch a few good smallmouth and largemouth. They were using top water lures, 4 inch tubes, spinner baits, lipless crank baits and jerk baits. Fishing for white bass was fair-to-good for anglers who found the schools and stuck with them while using top water lures and spoons. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers and dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits, tubes and spinner baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and deep running crank baits for walleye. A few were also taken by anglers using spoons on points in 24 feet of water. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

**ANIMAS RIVER:** Trout fishing was good using streamers and San Juan worms.

**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 480cfs and 683cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, streamers and Panther Martins for brown trout. A few rainbow trout were taken by anglers using salmon eggs and worms. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using chigger craws, worms and crank baits for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits, spoons and spinners for white bass and a few walleye. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but a few trout were taken by anglers using night crawlers, Panther Martins, Z Rays and salmon eggs.

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

**FENTON LAKE:** Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and sparkle power bait for trout.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was good trolling Double Whammies and purple sockeye slammers tipped with corn at 35-to-42 feet for kokanee and a few rainbow trout. Fishing from the bank was slow. We had no reports on lake trout.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 23cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, Rio Las Vacas and the San Antonio was good using royal wulffs, copper john barrs, worms salmon eggs and hoppers.

**LAGUNA Del CAMPO:** (Burns Canyon Lake) Trout fishing was fair using spinners, spoons, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs.

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

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using small tubes, and jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair using crank baits and spinner baits for northern pike. Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair trolling spinners at 35-to-45 feet for kokanee. A few rainbow trout were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using power bait and spinners.

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

**RIO PUEBLO:** Trout fishing was very good using small dry flies. The water was low and clear.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was at 681cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was fair using streamers, orange sparkle worms, dead chickens, emergers and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, spinners and jerk baits.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Pistol Petes, 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 for all species.
- CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was fair trolling crank baits and casting grubs, spoons and crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species.
- ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair-to-good trolling and casting crank baits and using top water lures, grubs and spoons for white bass. The best reports came in from anglers fishing below the Black Bluffs. Fishing was good using cut bait, shrimp, dough bait and liver for catfish. Fishing was slow-to-fair using live shad for striped bass. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.
- ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Fishing was 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 169cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow for all species.
- GLENWOOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE ROBERTS:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- PERCHA DAM:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- 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 43cfs. We had no reports from anglers below the Butte but anglers below Caballo reported catching several catfish. They were using liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.
- SNOW LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BATAAN LAKE:** Fishing was fair using liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.
- BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs under a bobber, Pistol Petes and bead head prince nymphs near the inlet.
- BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, wooly buggers and spinners.
- JAL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE VAN:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 97cfs. Fishing for catfish was fair-to-good using liver, night crawlers and stink bait. We had no reports on other species.
- PERCH LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 68cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.
- SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was fair using perch colored crank baits, tubes, jigs and worms for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using liver, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.
- SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

### **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.**