

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of September 13, 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:

**Abiquiu Lake:** On September 10, Amy Anderson and her husband Stan Kosiewicz of Los Alamos caught and released several walleye up to 5 pounds. They were fishing the upper end of the lake and using crank baits and bottom bouncer/worm rigs.

**Morphy Lake:** On September 13, Mike McLuty of Las Vegas caught a 25 and 3/8 inch rainbow trout. He was using rainbow glitter power bait.

## NORTHEAST AREA

- CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was good using salmon eggs, worms under a bubble and corn/marshmallow combinations. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.
- CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 37cfs. Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, small spinners, copper john barrs and stimulators. Fishing on the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using salmon eggs under a bubble.
- CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using tubes, worms, top water lures and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair casting grubs and trolling deep running crank baits and bottom bouncer/worm rigs for walleye and white bass. Fishing was fair using liver, night crawlers and dough bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill.
- COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and worms.
- EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow from boats but picked up a bit for anglers fishing from the bank. Best baits were power bait and salmon eggs. A few perch were taken on worms.
- HOPEWELL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE MALOYA/  
LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was fair using Pistol Petes, home made dough baits and salmon eggs. We had no reports from anglers at Lake Alice.
- LOS PINOS RIVER:** Trout fishing was very good for anglers using salmon eggs, spinners and worms.
- MAXWELL LAKES** The water was extremely low and fishing was slow.
- MCALLISTER LAKE** Due to poor water quality, the lake will remain closed until further notice.
- MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using cheese bait, power bait and salmon eggs.
- MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good for Mike McLuty who with his son and daughter caught limits of trout fishing near the dam and using glitter power bait.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 62cfs. Trout fishing here and on the Mora was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, night crawlers, spinners, copper john barrs and bead head prince nymphs.
- RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 82cfs. Trout fishing was very good using wooly buggers, spinners, salmon eggs and night crawlers. At the hatchery pond, trout fishing was 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 in the Pilar area was fair-to-good using wooly buggers, night crawlers and spinners.
- SHUREE PONDS:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- SPRINGER LAKE:** The water was extremely low and fishing was slow.
- STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was good using garlic cheese for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was quite good this past week. Anglers did well using buzz baits and spinner baits. A few bass were also taken on tubes and crank baits. Fishing for white bass was very good for anglers who found the schools. They did well using top water lures, crank baits, grubs and spoons. Fishing for all other species was slow.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using deep running crank baits, bottom bouncer/worm rigs and minnows for walleye. Fishing was good using crank baits, tubes, jigs and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Anglers fishing for smallmouth also caught a few rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

**ANIMAS RIVER:** Trout fishing was good using streamers, pheasant tail nymphs, spinners and San Juan worms.

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using trout colored jerk baits for tiger musky. Fishing for trout and catfish was slow.

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

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 302cfs and 596cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and spinners for brown trout and salmon eggs for rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but a few trout were taken by anglers using night crawlers, power bait 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 fair trolling Crippulures, kokanee killers and purple sockeye slammers tipped with corn at 35-to-40 feet. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 21cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, the East Fork and the San Antonio was good using royal wulffs, copper john barrs, 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 was slow-to-fair using tubes, jigs, top water lures, spinner baits and power worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits and spinner baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was at 824cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using streamers, orange and red sparkle worms, gray and chocolate emergers, dead chickens, egg patterns and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, streamers, spinners and jerk baits.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, worms, power bait, spoons 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 good using night crawlers, flies and worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair-to-good using dough bait and night crawlers for catfish. A few bass were taken on spinners, worms, flies 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. Anglers fishing for white bass picked up a few walleye. We had no reports on other species.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was 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, near Rock Canyon and in McRae Canyon. Fishing was good using cut bait, shrimp, dough bait and liver for catfish.

Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. A few striped bass were taken by anglers using live shad.

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

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 201cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow for all species.

**GLENWOOD POND:** Fishing was good using salmon eggs for trout.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, streamers and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was good trolling black with gold Panther Martins and Pistol Petes for trout and an occasional tiger musky.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 121cfs. We had no reports from anglers below the Butte. Fishing below Caballo was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. 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 fair using salmon eggs under a bobber, spinners and bead head prince nymphs near the inlet.

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was slow-to-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:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver for catfish.

**GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was fair 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 134cfs. Fishing for catfish was good using liver, night crawlers and stink bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 73cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was fair using crank baits, tubes, top water lures 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 fair using liver, night crawlers and dough bait for catfish. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, tubes and top water lures for smallmouth bass.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 22,704 rainbow trout averaging 11.0 inches in the following waters: ANIMAS RIVER, AZTEC POND, BLUEWATER LAKE, CEBOLLA RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, CLAYTON LAKE, COYOTE CREEK-Near Guadalupita, COYOTE CREEK POND, JACKSON LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER EAST FORK, LAKE FARMINGTON, LOS PINOS RIVER, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RIO GRANDE-Middle, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters & SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.