

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.

FREE FISHING DAY: Mark your calendar for September 27. This is a free fishing day. No license is required to fish public waters. All other rules apply. Take the whole family and have a great day of fishing fun!

CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

Ute Lake: On September 26, David McWilliams of Borger, TX caught an 8.44 pound walleye. He was using a jig.

NORTHEAST AREA

- CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was fair-to-good using marshmallows, corn, salmon eggs, worms and Pistol Petes. A few perch were taken on worms.
- CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 37cfs. Trout fishing was fair using worms, spinners, beetles and copper john barrs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs.
- CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.
- CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using night crawlers, liver and dough baits for catfish. A few smallmouth bass and largemouth bass were taken by anglers using jigs, spinner baits, tubes and power worms. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and jigs for a mix of white bass and crappie.
- COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was good for anglers using worms, power bait and small spinners.
- EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Trout and kokanee fishing was fair this past week for anglers fishing from boats and from the bank. Best baits were power bait, garlic cheese, spinners tipped with corn and salmon eggs. A few perch were taken on worms and power bait. Kokanee snagging season opens October 1.
- HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.
- LAKE MALOYA/
LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was good using power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers. This past week, several 3-to-5 pound and one 8 pound rainbow were stocked along with 200 brown trout between 6 and 8 inches. Fishing at Lake Alice was good using power bait and salmon eggs.
- LOS PINOS RIVER:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- MAXWELL LAKES** Fishing was slow for all species.
- MCALLISTER LAKE** Due to poor water quality, the lake will remain closed until further notice.
- MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs.
- MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good using power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, spinners and worms.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 43cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs, spinners and copper john barrs.
- RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 78cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, streamers, salmon eggs and night crawlers.
- RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 262cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river was good using streamers, spinners, copper john barrs and night crawlers. 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:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, cheese and salmon eggs. Best reports again this week came from anglers fishing near the inlet.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was good using jigs, minnows, night crawlers and spoons for catfish. Fishing was slow for walleye with only a few taken by anglers using assorted jigs, spoons and baits at depths of 28-to-45 feet. Fishing was slow for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few were caught by anglers using tubes, spinner baits and jigs. Fishing for white bass was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow with reports of only a few walleye, smallmouth bass and brown trout caught. Best baits were Gulp shiners, crank baits and minnows worked over suspended fish at 16 feet. A few of the bass were caught on tubes and spinner baits worked at 10-to-20 feet.

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

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was very slow for all species.

CANJILON LAKES: Trout fishing was slow. A few were taken by anglers using worms and salmon eggs.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 593cfs and 656cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers for brown trout and salmon eggs and night crawlers for rainbow trout. The water was murky. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using worms and salmon eggs for rainbow trout.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. A few small white bass were taken by anglers using minnows and spoons.

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

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

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs and power bait for fish up to 12 inches.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was good for some but slow for others. Several anglers reported catching limits. The fish were scattered and were hitting a variety of baits. Anglers are reminded that it is unlawful to possess a kokanee from October 1 thru November 13.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 17cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Cebolla, East Fork, San Antonio and Rio Guadalupe was good using worms, foam beetles, red and black ants and adams. One angler reported doing very well while floating worms on the Cebolla.

LAGUNA Del CAMPO: (Burns Canyon Lake) Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and salmon eggs under a bubble.

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

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was slow but there were a few taken by anglers using jigs, cut tail worms and tubes at depths of 20-to-25 feet. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using spinner baits and jigs. Kokanee snagging season opens October 1.

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

RIO PUEBLO: We had no reports from anglers this week.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was at 702cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was good for anglers using small gray and chocolate emergers, pheasant tail nymphs, red annelids and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using night crawlers, jerk baits, salmon eggs, streamers and spinners.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms, Pistol Petes, spoons and spinners.

SEVEN SPRINGS

BROOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using worms and night crawlers for bluegill. Fishing was fair using stink bait for catfish. A few bass were taken by anglers using flies and spinners. Trout fishing at the Catch and Release pond was poor.

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 slow-to-fair using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The water was quite murky.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair using grubs, minnows, crank baits and spoons for white bass. Fishing was fair-to-good with rod and reel and with trotlines using cut bait, dough bait, night crawlers and liver for catfish. Fishing was slow but a few largemouth bass and smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using worms, tubes, spinner baits and jigs. We had no reports on other species.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 86cfs. 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: Fishing was slow but a few catfish were caught by anglers using liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, worms, wooly worms and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on tiger musky.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 39cfs. Fishing was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was good using spinners, wooly buggers, salmon eggs under a bobber and power bait.

BOSQUE REDONDO: We had no reports from anglers this week.

BOTTOMLESS LAKES: Fishing was slow. Stocking has been suspended.

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: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, corn, power bait 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 109cfs. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and stink bait. Fishing for all other species was slow.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 4.2cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Walleye fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, Gulp shad and bottom bouncer/worm rigs at 20-to-30 feet. Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, power worms, jigs and spinner baits for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species but we did have one report of a mixed limit of largemouth and smallmouth bass taken off main lake points. The angler was using a spinner bait.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 14,509 rainbow trout averaging 10.1 inches in length in the following waters: **BONITO LAKE, CANJILON LAKES, COSTILLA CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JACKSON LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, NUTRIAS LAKES-aka Trout Lakes, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN ANTONIO RIVER & SAN JUAN-Below Quality Waters.**