

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:

Abiquiu Lake: On September 27, Max Terchila, Jr. of Albuquerque caught a 20 inch german brown. He was using a white spinner tipped with a worm.

Navajo Lake: On October 3, Andrew Orlicky of Albuquerque caught a 32 inch, 7 pound northern pike. He was fishing out of his kayak and using a tube.

Ute Lake: On October 4, the team of Massey and Johnson from Colorado weighed in a 4.94 pound smallmouth bass. They were fishing the Logan Open Bass Tournament.

Chama River: On October 4, Erlinda Rael of Albuquerque who is old enough to get a free fishing license, caught an 18 inch german brown. She was using a night crawler.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Trout fishing on the lower lake was fair-to-good using power bait, 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-to-good using worms, spinners, copper john barrs and anato mays. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good for anglers fishing from the bank and using night crawlers and power bait. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver and dough bait for catfish. A few smallmouth bass and largemouth bass were taken by anglers using crank baits, tubes, senkos and power worms. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, spoons and jigs for white bass. Walleye fishing was slow but a few were taken on deep running crank baits, spoons and bottom bouncer/worm rigs.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was fair for anglers using worms, salmon eggs and small spinners.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using roe sacs, salmon eggs, spinners and worms. Kokanee snagging was slow but a few were taken near the boat ramps. Fishing for perch was slow-to-fair using worms.

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

**LAKE MALOYA/
LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was good using spoons, power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers. T. L. Savell of Raton reported catching a limit of rainbows which weighted over 16 pounds. He was using a hammered silver spoon.

LOS PINOS RIVER: Trout fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs and spinners.

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 slow but a few fish were taken by anglers using spinners and Pistol Petes.

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was very good again this past week for anglers using power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, spinners and worms.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 62cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs, spinners and copper john barrs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 73cfs. 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 266cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river was good using streamers, spinners, and night crawlers. Fishing for smallmouth bass below Pilar was fair using river craw crank baits and streamers.

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

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, cheese and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, tubes, senkos and salt craws for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using night crawlers, liver and dough bait for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was fair trolling shad raps and reef runners at 20-to-25 feet for walleye. The previous week, Max Terchila, Sr. and Max Terchila, Jr. caught 4 walleye between 16 and 19 inches using the shad rap off lead core line at the northeast end of the lake. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair using crank baits, minnows and tubes. A few brown trout were caught by anglers fishing for walleye.

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

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 599cfs and 596cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair 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, spinners and salmon eggs for rainbow trout.

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

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: Trout fishing from the bank was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and roe sacs. We had no reports from boaters. 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 64cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Cebolla, East Fork and San Antonio was fair-to-good using worms, copper john bairs, anato mays, spent partridge and adams.

LAGUNA Del CAMPO: (Burns Canyon Lake) We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

NAVAJO LAKE: Kokanee snagging opened this past week but the action was a bit slow. Anglers reported taking 4-to-6 fish a day. Best areas were near the Pine arm marina and the south corner of the dam. Fishing for all other species was slow with very light fishing pressure. A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using small worms on drop shot rigs off main lake points.

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 709cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was fair-to-good for anglers using small streamers, small gray and chocolate emergers, pheasant tail nymphs and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using night crawlers, jerk baits, 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 Central Pond was fair using worms and night crawlers for bluegill. Fishing was fair using stink bait for catfish. 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 for all species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, spinners, minnows, crank baits and spoons for white bass. Anglers able to find a feeding school of white bass did very well. Fishing was fair 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, crank baits, salt craws and jigs. A few striped bass were taken on live bait.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 90cfs. 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 for all species.
QUEMADO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using worms, power bait, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on tiger musky.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,630cfs. 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 and power bait.
BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was slow for all species.
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 using salmon eggs, 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 was slow for all species.
PERCH LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 57cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing for smallmouth bass was good for anglers using black lizards and tubes and working them from 2-to-12 feet. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was extremely light.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing for catfish was slow but a few were caught on liver and night crawlers. A few walleye were taken by anglers using minnows and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs. A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using crank baits, tubes and minnows.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 9,115 rainbow trout averaging 10.2 inches in length in the following waters:
FISHING CLINIC WATERS & QUEMADO LAKE.