

# 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:**

**Conchas Lake:** On October 1, Mike Bengé of Amarillo, TX caught a 5 pound largemouth bass. He was using a Bill Norman Deep Li'l N. He also caught a 23 inch walleye while using a Rapala Flat DT. Both fish were caught in the Big Island area.

**Rio Grande:** On October 4 near Pilar, Michael Bishop landed a 42 inch northern pike. He was using a six inch jerk bait. He also caught several pike in the 10 pound range on the same jerk bait and indicated that the pike are really starting to get aggressive with the cooler water temps.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARENTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was good trolling cow bell/spinner/worm combinations and using power bait, salmon eggs, worms and Pistol Petes.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 37cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, spinners, scuds, parachute adams, copper john bairs and small bead head pheasant tails.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and power bait. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using liver, night crawlers and dough bait for catfish. A few black bass were taken by anglers using deep running crank baits 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 and minnows.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and small orange Rooster Tails and Panther Martins.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was very good for anglers working the area between the boat ramps early in the day. Fishing for trout was good drifting Platte River specials and power bait. Anglers fishing from the bank did well in the Six Mile area using power bait for trout.

**HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs under a bubble.  
**LAKE MALOYA/**

- LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was good using spoons, power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers. Fishing at Lake Alice was good using salmon eggs and power bait.
- LOS PINOS RIVER:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms and red and orange 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 from the bank was good using power bait, salmon eggs and worms.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 84cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms, salmon eggs, spinners, parachute adams, caddis and copper john barrs.
- RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 83cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, streamers and night crawlers.
- RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 301cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river was good using streamers, spinners, and night crawlers. Fishing for northern pike near Pilar was good using sucker imitation jerk baits for pike up to 42 inches.
- SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was good using Kastmasters, Rooster Tails and wooly buggers.
- SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, cheese and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.
- UTE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using live minnows for walleye. Fishing was fair-to-good using minnows, liver and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure over the past week was very light.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

- ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using deep running crank baits, spoons and swim slabs for walleye. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow-to-fair using crank baits, minnows and tubes. We had no reports on other species.
- 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 but a few were taken by anglers using worms, spinners and Pistol Petes.
- CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 401cfs and 253cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers and spinners for brown trout and salmon eggs and night crawlers for rainbow trout. 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- FARMINGTON LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using worms, Pistol Petes and sparkle power bait.

**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 44cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, East Fork, Rio Las Vacas and the Guadalupe was fair-to-good using spent partridge, caddis, adams and worms.

**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 was very good this past week near the Pine arm marina and at the south corner of the dam. Fishing for all other species was slow with very light fishing pressure.

**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 485cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was fair-to-good for anglers using small streamers, black bead head pheasant tail nymphs, emergers, red annelids, orange sparkle worms and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, streamers and spinners.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms 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 spinners for trout. Fishing was fair using stink bait for catfish. Trout fishing at the Catch and Release pond was good using dead chickens, egg patterns and small streamers.

## **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. The water was quite murky.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, spoons, minnows, grubs and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair-to-good 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, spinner baits, top water lures, 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 391cfs. Fishing on the Middle Fork was slow. We had no reports from the East Fork or the main river.

**GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, corn, power bait and spinners.

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was good using cut bait, liver and minnows for catfish. We had no reports on other species.  
**QUEMADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using worms, power bait, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes. A few tiger musky were hooked on spinners, power bait and jerk baits.  
**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 552cfs. Fishing was slow.

#### **SOUTHEAST AREA**

**BATAAN LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using spinners, salmon eggs, worms 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

#### **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 98cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 44cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and small bead head nymphs.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair for anglers using lizards, tubes and worms at 2-to-15 feet. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was extremely light.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing for catfish was fair for anglers using liver, dough baits and night crawlers. Fishing for all other species was slow. The water was low and quite murky. Fishing pressure was extremely light.

#### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 37,913 rainbow trout averaging 10.4 inches in length in the following waters: **COSTILLA CREEK, DRY CIMARRON, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE ALICE-Sugarite Canyon, LAKE MALOYA, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos and Villanueva to I-40, RED RIVER-Below Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RIO GRANDE-Middle, RIO LAS VACAS, SAN JUAN RIVER-Quality Waters & STORRIE RESERVOIR.**

In addition, crews stocked 700 Rio Grande cutthroat trout averaging 12.2 inches in length in the Rio Grande above Pilar.