

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:

Brazos River: On October 10, Seth Kohrs caught and released a 23 inch rainbow trout. He was using a Rapala floating minnow.

Lake Maloya: On October 15, Chuck Valdez of Raton caught a rainbow trout estimated to be between 3 and 5 pounds. He was using a spoon and fishing near the dam.

Chama River: On October 15 below El Vado, Jim Butler of Quemado caught a 20 inch brown trout. He was using a Pistol Pete. On October 18, Philip Lovato of Albuquerque caught a 22 inch brown while using a night crawler. On the same day Kurt Duerre of Los Alamos caught a 22 inch 4.25 pound brown. He was using a brook trout colored Rapala.

Storrie Lake: On October 18, Hector Tercero of Las Vegas caught a 22 inch, 5 pound catfish. He was using Velveeta cheese.

Santa Rosa Lake: On October 18, Denise Hipp of Albuquerque caught a 4 pound walleye. On the same day Rick Hipp caught a 5 pound walleye and caught another one on October 19. They were using Rat-L-Traps. On October 18, Tom Wasson of Albuquerque caught a 3.92 largemouth bass. He was using a tube.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARENTE LAKES: Trout fishing on the lower lake was good using spinner/worm combinations, power bait, salmon eggs, worms and Pistol Petes. A few perch were taken by anglers using worms.

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

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was slow. There were a few trout and catfish taken by anglers using power bait, home made dough bait and worms.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was fair using worms in the north dock area for crappie. Fishing for all other species was slow. We had a report of a 13 pound, 33 inch walleye caught by an angler fishing deep but have no other details.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and small spinners.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Kokanee snagging was good for anglers working the area between the boat ramps. Fishing for trout was good drifting Platte River specials, worms and power bait. Trout fishing from the bank was fair using power bait, roe sacs and spinners.

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 and Pistol Petes. Jim Elam reported catching a limit of 12-to-14 inch trout while fishing the north end of the lake and using a Pistol Pete. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow. The water was murky.

LOS PINOS RIVER: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, egg patterns, power bait, worms 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-to-fair using salmon eggs, spinners and Pistol Petes.

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was very good using wooly buggers and small midges under a bobber. A few fish were also taken on salmon eggs and power bait.

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

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 72cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, streamers, copper john barrs and night crawlers.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 317cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river was good using streamers, spinners, and night crawlers. Fishing for northern pike near Pilar was good using jerk baits and spinners for pike.

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

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was very good using cheese and salmon eggs. Anglers using cheese also caught a few catfish.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was fair using live minnows and jigging spoons for walleye. Fishing was fair-to-good using minnows in the brush in 7-to-10 feet of water for crappie. Fishing was good using liver and night crawlers over baited holes for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and jigging spoons in 20-to-35 feet of water for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

ANIMAS RIVER: Trout fishing was fair using chamois leeches, egg patterns and worms.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was very 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 242cfs and 61cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for a mix of brown and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using worms, spinners and salmon eggs for rainbow trout.

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

EL VADO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms, Rooster Tails and 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.

JACKSON LAKE: We had no reports from anglers but the lake was recently stocked with rainbow trout.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 25cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, East Fork, Cebolla and the Guadalupe was fair-to-good using, caddis, adams, small spinners, copper john barrs 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:We had no reports from anglers this week.

NAVAJO LAKE: Kokanee snagging was good this past week at the south corner of the dam. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow but a few were taken by anglers using tubes and 4 inch worms. A few trout were taken by anglers using roe sacs. We had no reports on other species.

RAMAH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 469cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was fair-to-good for anglers using small streamers, bead head pheasant tail nymphs, RS2s, emergers, red annelids, orange sparkle worms and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, streamers and spinners.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

SEVEN SPRINGS

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

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Central Pond was fair using night crawlers for catfish and bluegill and power bait, Pistol Petes and spinners for trout. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was very good using egg patterns, dead chickens, RS2s and chamois leeches.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: Fishing was slow for all species.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, corn/salmon egg combinations, worms and wooly buggers. We had no reports on other species.

BURN LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. The water was quite murky. A few catfish and walleye were caught by anglers fishing near the boat dock. They were using night crawlers for the catfish and minnows and spinners for the walleye.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, spoons and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using cut bait, dough bait, night

crawlers and liver over baited holes for catfish. A few striped bass were taken on live bait. 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 146cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

GLENWOOD POND: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs.

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

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver and minnows for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 16cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using small streamers, 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 using brown wooly buggers, 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 96cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 62cfs. Fishing was fair using small bead head nymphs for trout up to 10 inches.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair-to-good for anglers using tubes and crank baits. Most of the fish were in less than 10 feet of water. Fishing was fair using tubes and lipless crank baits in shallow water for walleye.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 11,355 rainbow trout averaging 9.4 inches in length in the following waters: ANIMAS RIVER, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CHAMA RIVER-Below Abiquiu, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, JACKSON LAKE & SAN JUAN-Below Quality Waters.