

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of October 25, 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:**

**Lake Maloya:** On October 16, Anna Joyce Savell caught a 20 inch rainbow trout. She was using a Pistol Pete.

**Tingley Beach:** On October 18 at the Children's Pond Evan Sedillo age 8 of Albuquerque caught a 25 inch catfish. He was using orange power bait and fishing for trout at the time.

**Morgan Lake:** On October 25, Sandra Haft of Albuquerque caught a 5 pound Largemouth trolling a shad colored Wiggle Wart in 17 feet of water.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing on the lower lake was good using spinner/worm combinations, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes. Charette Lakes close for the season October 31.

**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 worms. This lake closes for the season October 31.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species with light fishing pressure. There were a few smallmouth bass taken on tubes and crank baits and a few white bass taken on spoons and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was fair in the early morning hours near the boat ramps. Bank fishing was fair using roe sacs, salmon eggs and power bait for rainbow trout.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was fair fishing near the boat ramp and using Pistol Petes, power bait and salmon eggs. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow and the water was still quite murky.

**LOS PINOS RIVER:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**MAXWELL LAKES** Fishing was slow for all species. This lake closes for the season October 31.

**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 under a bobber, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs. This lake closes for the season October 31.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 52cfs. Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, night crawlers, ants, spinners and copper john barrs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 67cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using streamers, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 286cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river was good using wooly buggers, spinners, jerk baits, salmon eggs and night crawlers. Fishing for northern pike near Pilar was fair using jerk baits and spinners.

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

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

**STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was excellent this past week as several limits were taken by anglers using salmon eggs and cheese. Most of the trout were in the 13-to-15 inch range. The best action was reported in the north campground area.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using jigging spoons at 30 feet for white bass. Fishing was fair using tubes and crank baits for largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spoons at 35 feet for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using deep running crank baits, spinners and jigging spoons in 20-to-35 feet of water for walleye. A few smallmouth bass were caught on tubes, crank baits and spinners. 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 103cfs and 99cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers and salmon eggs for a mix of brown and rainbow trout up to 17 inches. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using worms and salmon eggs for rainbow trout.

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

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few trout taken by anglers using night crawlers and spinners.

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

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish taken by anglers using worms and Pistol Petes.

**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:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait and worms.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 24cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, San Antonio and East Fork was fair-to-good using, parachute adams, royal wulffs, small spinners, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and worms.

**LAGUNA Del CAMPO:** (Burns Canyon Lake) We had no reports from anglers this week. This lake closes for the season October 31.

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

**MCGAFFEY LAKE:**We had no reports from anglers this week but the lake was recently stocked with trout.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was fair-to-good this past week at the south corner of the dam and near the Pine arm boat ramp. Fishing for northern pike was good using deep running crank baits on the main lake and up the San Juan arm. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow but a few were taken on crank baits and small worms. We had no reports on other species.

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

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 491cfs. Trout fishing in the Quality Waters was good for anglers using RS2s, emergers, red annelids, chamois leeches and egg patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, streamers and jerk baits.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, spinners, power bait and worms.

**SEVEN SPRINGS**

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

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Central Pond was fair using spinners and plastics for bass and worms and power bait for catfish. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was very good using egg patterns, dead chickens and RS2s. One angler reported catching 10 trout in just a few hours while using small grey RS2s.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

**BEAR CANYON:** We had no reports from anglers but the lake was recently stocked with over 2,000 rainbow trout.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, worms, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using spinners, spoons and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using cut bait, dough bait and liver over baited holes for catfish. A few striped bass were taken on live bait 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 109cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**GLENWOOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was slow for some but good for others using salmon eggs, power bait and worms.  
**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.  
**QUEMADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, Pistol Petes and power bait. A few tiger musky were caught and released by anglers using jerk baits and spinners.  
**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 17cfs. 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 spinners, salmon eggs, worms and power bait.  
**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.  
**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 wooly buggers, salmon eggs and power bait.  
**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 94cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.  
**PERCH LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.  
**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 28cfs. Fishing was fair using small bead head nymphs and salmon eggs for trout.  
**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair using tubes, spinner baits and crank baits. Fishing was fair using tubes and crank baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species.  
**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was fair trolling crank baits at 16 feet for walleye up to 20 inches. Fishing for all other species was slow.

#### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 12,839 rainbow trout averaging 9.9 inches in length in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BONITO LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, LAKE MALOYA, LAKE ROBERTS, MCGAFFEY LAKE & RUIDOSO RIVER. In addition, crews stocked 1,546 Rio Grande cutthroat trout in MCCLURE RESERVOIR AND NICHOLS RESERVOIR.