

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of November 1, 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:**

**Santa Rosa Lake:** On October 29, Randy Campbell of Albuquerque caught a 4.5 pound walleye. He was using a tube and fishing the flats in less than 10 feet of water.

**Chama River:** On October 30, Ray Sisneros of Cuba caught a 20.5 inch german brown. He was fishing below El Vado Lake and using a night crawler. On November 2, Dale Johns of Albuquerque caught a 19.5 inch kokanee while fishing off the island below El Vado. He was using a night crawler.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 53cfs. Trout fishing was fair using spinners, copper john barrs, small streamers and worms.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, spoons and jigs for white bass. A few walleye were taken by anglers using spoons. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair using tubes, grubs and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging slowed considerably this past week. Bank fishing was slow with a few trout taken on roe sacs, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports from boaters.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was very good using spoons, flies, salmon eggs and power bait for rainbows up to five pounds. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow and the water was still quite murky.

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

**MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, spinners and Pistol Petes.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 44cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, night crawlers, caddis, parachute adams and copper john barrs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 62cfs. Trout fishing was good using wooly buggers, egg patterns, copper john barrs 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, copper john barrs, spinners, jerk baits, salmon eggs and night crawlers for a mix of brown and rainbow trout. 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:** Fishing was very good using salmon eggs and cheese for trout up to 15 inches. The best action again this past week was reported in the north campground area.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for white bass was good using slab spoons and blade baits at 30 feet. Anglers fishing for white bass also reported catching several catfish. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits and worms in 4-to-6 feet of water for smallmouth bass. Fishing for all other species was slow.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. A few walleye were taken by anglers trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and deep running crank baits. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was very slow for all species. Fishing pressure was extremely light.

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

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 44cfs and 72cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, nymphs and salmon eggs for a mix of brown trout, rainbow trout and kokanee. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and spinners for trout. A few kokanee were snagged by anglers who found them porpoising near the dam.

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

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow.

**HERON LAKE:** Trout fishing from the bank was fair-to-good using roe sacs, power bait and salmon eggs. 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, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was fair-to-good using royal wulffs, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and worms.

**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 this past week at the south corner of the dam and near the Pine arm boat ramp. Fishing for northern pike was fair using deep running crank baits on the main lake. A few rainbow trout were taken by anglers using roe sacs, power bait, spinners and salmon eggs. 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 496cfs. Trout fishing was good for some but slow for others. Best flies in the Quality Waters were 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:** Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was slow. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using egg patterns, foam ants, chamois leeches and RS2s.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

**BEAR CANYON:** Trout fishing was good using spinners, power bait, salmon eggs and worms.  
**BILL EVANS LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**BURN LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs and power bait.  
**CABALLO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using spoons, jigs, blades and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using cut bait, dough bait, liver and spoons for catfish. A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using tubes, jerk baits and crank baits. 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 97cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**GLENWOOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, salmon eggs, power bait and worms.  
**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.  
**QUEMADO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 15cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

## **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 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 .17cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 52cfs. 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, baby brush hogs and crank baits. Fishing was fair using tubes, grubs and crank baits for walleye. Anglers having the best luck were working the flats in 5-to-10 feet of water.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits and spoons for walleye and white bass. Most of the fish were taken at depths of 14-to-22 feet. We had no reports on other species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 3,920 rainbow trout averaging 10.3 inches in length in the following waters: **BURN LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, MONASTERY LAKE, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County & YOUNG POND.**

In addition, crews stocked 1,908 Rio Grande cutthroat trout averaging 7.9 inches in length in Costilla Creek.