

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

*NM Fishing Report prepared for ABQSportfishing.com by Bill Dunn*

**Week of November 8, 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:**

**Springer Lake:** On November 8, Adrian Gibbs age 9 of Pecos caught a 13 inch perch. He was using a night crawler.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 5.9cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using small bead head nymphs.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, spoons and crank baits for white bass. A few walleye were taken by anglers using spoons. Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow-to-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 was fair-to-good this past week in the Six Mile area, the Honey Hole area and between the boat ramps. Bank fishing for trout was fair for anglers using roe sacs, power bait and salmon eggs.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was rated as good-to-excellent by anglers using spoons, flies, salmon eggs and power bait. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow and the water was 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 46cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, copper john barrs and egg patterns.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 62cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using San Juan worms, wooly buggers, egg patterns, copper john barrs and night crawlers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 328cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river was good using wooly buggers, copper john barrs, spinners and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was good using spoons, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes.

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was fair using night crawlers for perch and small catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was good using salmon eggs, corn and rainbow power bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for white bass was fair using jigs, spoons and blade baits at 30-to-35 feet. A few walleye were also taken on spoons. Fishing for catfish was fair using spoons, liver and night crawlers. Fishing was fair using tubes, worms, baby brush hogs and crank baits and worms for smallmouth bass.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow with the exception of a few walleye being taken by anglers using spoons and trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and deep running crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing continued to be 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 44cfs and 72cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using egg patterns, spinners and night crawlers for trout. Most of the action was for brown trout with just a few rainbows taken. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and spinners for trout. We had no reports on kokanee.

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

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

**HERON LAKE:** Opens for kokanee snagging November 14. Bank fishing was good using roe sacs, salmon eggs and power bait.

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

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 21cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, Cebolla, San Antonio and East Fork was fair for some but slow for others. A few trout were caught by anglers using salmon eggs, copper john bars and worms.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good for anglers using Panther Martins and Gulp chunky cheese bait.

**MCGAFFEY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair for anglers using cheese, corn and power bait.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Kokanee snagging slowed considerably this past week. There were a few taken near the dam and in Francis Canyon. Fishing for trout was fair using roe sacs and salmon eggs on the main lake near the snagging areas. 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 508cfs. Trout fishing was fair for some but slow for others. Best flies in the Quality Waters were dead chickens, Griffith's gnats, RS2s, red annelids, chamois leeches and egg patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and streamers.

**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 fair-to-good using salmon eggs and power bait. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using egg patterns, dead chickens chamois leeches and RS2s.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

- BEAR CANYON:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.
- BURN LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs and power bait.
- CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow for some but good for others looking for white bass. Anglers did best using spoons, minnows and crank baits. Fishing was fair using cut bait, liver and night crawlers for catfish. A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using worms, senkos, tubes and jigs. 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 94cfs. Trout fishing on the Middle Fork was good using a variety of nymphs and Letort crickets. Devon Fletcher reported catching 7 browns, 3 rainbows and a Gila trout in six hours of fishing last Tuesday.
- LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and worms.
- PERCHA DAM:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- QUEMADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, wooly buggers and spinners. We had no reports on tiger musky.
- RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 0cfs. Fishing was slow on this stretch but a few walleye were caught on the river below Caballo. Anglers were using minnows and night crawlers.

## **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. The lake will close for the season on November 30.
- BOSQUE REDONDO:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BOTTOMLESS LAKES:** We had no reports from anglers but the lakes were recently stocked with trout.
- 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, spinners, salmon eggs and power bait.
- JAL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**LAKE VAN:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and worms.  
**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was .37cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.  
**PERCH LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, spinners and Pistol Petes.  
**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 69cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was slow-to-fair using tubes, jigs, baby brush hogs, spinner baits and crank baits. Fishing was fair using tubes, sassy shad and crank baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species.  
**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was very slow for all species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 9,015 rainbow trout averaging 11.4inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County & ROSWELL KIDS POND.  
In addition, crews stocked 94,781 kokanee salmon averaging 3.8 inches in length in Heron Reservoir and Navajo Reservoir.