

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of November 15, 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:**

**Tingley Beach:** On November 11, Isaiah Roybal age 9 caught and released a 36 inch grass carp. He was using a spinner and fishing in the Children's Pond.

**Fenton Lake:** On November 13, Dee Keaty age 80 caught her first fish, a rainbow trout. She was trolling a green Pistol Pete.

**San Juan River:** On November 15, Matt Pelletier of Albuquerque caught a 26 inch rainbow trout. He was fishing the Cable Hole and using a dead chicken.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 4.9cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was fair for anglers working the south side by boat. The snagging is about over as the fish were getting quite soft. Bank fishing for trout was slow with just a few fish taken on power bait and roe sacs.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was rated was very good using salmon eggs, home made dough baits and power bait. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow and the water was quite murky.

**LOS PINOS RIVER:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, bead head nymphs and worms.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 67cfs. Trout fishing was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, copper john barrs, small spinners and egg patterns.

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

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 312cfs. Trout fishing was good using wooly buggers, copper john barrs, spinners

and night crawlers for brown trout and a few rainbows. Fishing for northern pike was slow but there were a few taken by anglers using large flies and jerk baits. 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 fair-to-good using salmon eggs, cheese and power bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing for white bass was fair using spoons at 30-to-32 feet around Horseshoe Bend and Watson Island. Anglers fishing for white bass also caught a few walleye. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

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

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

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing continued to be very slow for all species.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 91cfs and 72cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using wooly buggers, Panther Martins and night crawlers for brown trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

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

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

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

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few trout taken by anglers drifting and trolling Pistol Petes.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was very good last Friday and Saturday but slowed on Sunday. Fishing for rainbow trout was very good near the spillway. Best baits were roe sacs and salmon eggs. Anglers fishing for rainbows and using roe sacs also caught a few lake trout near the dam and in the Willow Creek area.

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

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 28cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez and East Fork was fair using salmon eggs, copper john barrs and worms. Fishing on the San Antonio and Rio Cebolla was slow.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using spinners, power bait and Gulp chunky cheese bait.

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Kokanee snagging here appears to be over for the year. Trout fishing was slow with just a few taken by anglers using roe sacs 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 slow-to-fair in the Quality Waters section. Best baits were dead chickens, red hots, RS2s, wooly buggers and BWOs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, garlic cheese and streamers.

**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:** Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using salmon eggs and power bait. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using egg patterns, zebra midges, dead chickens and RS2s.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

**BEAR CANYON:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good using power bait, worms, cheese, salmon eggs and spinners. 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. Fishing pressure was very light.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using spoons and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using cut bait, liver and night crawlers for catfish. A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using small worms, jigs and crank baits. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, garlic cheese, salmon eggs and corn.

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 90cfs. Trout fishing on the Middle Fork was slow-to-fair using a variety of bead head nymphs.

**GLENWOOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers but the pond was recently stocked and trout fishing should be good.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was fair using 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 0cfs. Fishing was slow on this stretch but a few walleye and catfish 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 salmon eggs 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:** Trout fishing at the Devil's Inkwel and at Cottonwood was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was .31cfs. 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 64cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using bead head nymphs and salmon eggs.

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

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was fair trolling rip sticks and reef runners at 16-to-20 feet over 20-to-30 feet of water for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 17,323 rainbow trout averaging 10.8 inches in length in the following waters:  
**BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CORONA POND, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESCONDIDA LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE ALICE-Sugarite Canyon, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE MALOYA, MAXWELL LAKE 13, NED HOUK PONDS, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell and Village of Pecos to Villanueva, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County & RIO GRANDE-Elephant Butte to Caballo.**