

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of November 22, 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:**

**Conchas Lake:** On November 16, Salesse Pratersch caught a 3.5 pound largemouth bass. She was using a chartreuse spinner bait. On the same day John Chavez caught a 4 pound walleye. He was using a black and silver Rapala. Both fish were caught in the early morning hours near the dam.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** On November 22, Nathaniel Madrid age 5 and Manny Madrid age 4 of Edgewood caught their first fish, a 13 inch trout and a 10 inch trout. They were using power bait.

**San Juan River:** On November 22, Wayne Coales of Espanola caught a 25 inch rainbow trout. He was fishing the Cable Hole and using a black wooly bugger.

**Ute Lake:** On November 22, Seth Moore of Claude, TX caught a 7.46 pound walleye. He was using a slab spoon.

**Chama River:** On November 22, Tom Lopez of White Rock caught a 20 inch brown trout. He was using a wooly bugger.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 5.2cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few bass and walleye caught by anglers trolling crank baits near the dam and at the north end of the lake.

**COYOTE CREEK:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow from boats and from the bank. A few rainbows were taken by anglers using power bait. There was a bit of ice around the edges of the lake but not enough to hinder fishing. Kokanee snagging appears to be over for the year.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was very good using salmon eggs, home made dough baits and power bait. A few fish were taken on spinners. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow.

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

**MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs and cheese.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 48cfs. Trout fishing was good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, streamers, egg patterns, copper john bars and small spinners.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 64cfs. Trout fishing was fair using Rapalas, copper john bairs, wooly buggers and night crawlers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 338cfs. Trout fishing was fair using streamers, spinners, jerk baits and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** There was a thin layer of ice on the ponds which was unsafe for fishing.

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

**STORRIE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, cheese and power bait for trout.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was very good using slab spoons at 30-to-35 feet on the main lake for white bass and walleye. A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using spoons and jigs. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

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

**ALBUQUERQUE AREA DRAINS:** Trout fishing was good on the Bernalillo Drain, Belen Drain and Corrales Drain using salmon eggs, spinners and small wet flies.

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was slow. A few trout were taken by anglers using salmon eggs and power bait.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 89cfs and 84cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was good using wooly buggers, baetis, Panther Martins and night crawlers for trout.

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

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

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

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

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee snagging slowed this past week but there were a few fish taken daily by anglers working near the dam. Trout fishing was very good for anglers using roe sacs and salmon eggs in the snagging area.

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

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 27cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez and East Fork was fair using small yellow and peach egg patterns, salmon eggs and copper john bairs. We had no reports from the San Antonio and Cebolla.

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

**MCGAFFEY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon egg/corn combinations and cheese.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species. There were a few smallmouth bass taken by anglers using jigs and drop shot rigs. A few trout were taken on salmon eggs and roe sacs. 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 516cfs. Trout fishing was very good over the past weekend for anglers fishing the Quality Waters and using large streamers and wooly buggers. Other good flies were San Juan worms, leech patterns and egg patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, garlic cheese, jerk baits and streamers.

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

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was very good using power bait and Pistol Petes. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using Griffith's gnats, dead chickens, chamois leeches, foam beetles and size 16 & 18 bead head nymphs.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

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

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good using power bait, cheese, salmon eggs, wooly buggers 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 continued to be very light.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using liver, cut bait and minnows for catfish. Fishing was fair using spoons, minnows and jigs for white bass. A few smallmouth bass and largemouth bass were taken by anglers using jigs and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 85cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**GLENWOOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers.

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

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers and salmon eggs.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 0cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

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

**BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, 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 Inkwell and at Cottonwood was fair using power bait and salmon eggs.

**BRANTLEY LAKE:** Anglers are to practice catch and release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish. This is a good place to work on bass fishing techniques over the winter months.

### **CARLSBAD**

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

### **GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs and power bait.

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

**LAKE VAN:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and power bait.

**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 7.8cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using small bead head nymphs.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing for walleye was fair using crank baits over flats in 8-to-12 feet of water. Anglers fishing for walleye also picked up a few good smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows over baited holes for catfish.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for most but fair for a few anglers fishing near the dam and using jigs for a mix of walleye and crappie. We had no reports on other species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 9,618 rainbow trout averaging 10.9 inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, FENTON LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JACKSON LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE ROBERTS, MCGAFFEY LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, PERALTA DRAIN, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters & SNOW LAKE.

In addition, crews stocked 1,000 Gila trout averaging 4.8 inches in length in WILLOW CREEK-Gila Drainage.