

New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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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. 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:

Chama River: On November 29, 15 year old Nick Campos of Rio Rancho caught and released a 20 inch brown trout. He was using a leather leech. He also caught several fish in the 15-to-19 inch range using the same pattern.

Ute Lake: On November 28, Joe Ellis of Logan caught a 7.17 pound walleye. He was using a jigging spoon and fishing on the main lake. On November 29, Calvin Liles of Logan caught a 9.50 walleye. He was using a jigging spoon.

NORTHEAST AREA

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 1.9cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, spoons and worms off main lake points for smallmouth bass. The bass were in 16-to-20 feet of water. We had no reports on other species.

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

EAGLE NEST LAKE: There was some kokanee snagging activity this past week between the boat ramps in the early morning hours and near the Honey Hole in the mid day hours. A few of the fish were soft but most were in good shape. Trout fishing from anchored boats and from the bank was fair for anglers using power bait and roe sacs. Trolling for rainbows was fair-to-good using light line gear with spinners, spoons and Platte River specials. Fishing for perch was slow.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was very good using salmon eggs, home made dough baits and power bait. Lake Alice had ice forming and was unsafe for fishing. Fishing pressure was light.

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 56cfs. Trout fishing was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, spinners and streamers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 63cfs. Trout fishing was fair using Rapalas, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 360cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good 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 continued to be quite good this past week for white bass and walleye action was picking up. Best baits were slab spoons and jigs worked at 25-to-35 feet on the main lake. Anglers jigging for bass also caught a few catfish. We had no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA DRAINS: Trout fishing was fair-to-good on the Albuquerque, Bernalillo Drain and Corrales Drain using salmon eggs, spinners and small wet flies. We had no reports from Belen or Peralta.

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

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 58cfs and 55cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was good using wooly buggers, leeches, green Panther Martins and night crawlers for trout.

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

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners. The best action was reported near the dam and at the upper end of the lake.

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

FENTON LAKE: As of Sunday there was a thin layer of ice on the lake which was unsafe for fishing. For updated ice conditions, contact the part office at 575-829-3630.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee snagging was slow but there were a few fish taken by anglers working near the dam and in the Willow Creek area. Trout fishing was very good for anglers using roe sacs, power bait and salmon eggs in the snagging areas.

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 28cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez and East Fork was fair using egg patterns, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and worms. Fishing on the Cebolla was slow.

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

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon egg/corn combinations, salmon eggs and cheese.

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow-to-fair using jigs and tubes in 20-to-25 feet of water. 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 good through the Quality Waters. Best flies were UFOs, zebra midges, streamers, wooly buggers, dead chickens and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait water was good for anglers using trout colored jerk baits, gold Kastmasters, night crawlers, salmon eggs and assorted flies.

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, spinners and Pistol Petes. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using dead chickens, chamois leeches, foam beetles and small bead head nymphs.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was very good using garlic cheese, salmon eggs, power bait, wooly buggers and spinners. A few small bass were caught by anglers using spinners.

BURN LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair trolling and casting crank baits and using jigs and minnows for white bass. Most of the action was around the Black Bluffs and Kettle Top with a few taken in the Rock Canyon area. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow-to-fair using tubes, worms and senkos in 5-to-15 feet of water. A few striped bass were taken on live bait. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver, cut bait and dough bait on trotlines and with rod and reel.

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

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 99cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers.

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

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 here and below Caballo was slow for all species.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

BOSQUE REDONDO: Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, flies under a bubble and power bait.

BOTTOMLESS

LAKES: Trout fishing at the Devil's Inkwell and at Cottonwood was fair-to-good 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 using salmon eggs, spinners, Pistol Petes and power bait.

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was .51cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

PERCH LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 8.5cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using small bead head nymphs.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing pressure was very light over the past week and non-existent over the weekend. We had no reports.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 14,756 rainbow trout averaging 10.9 inches in length in the following waters:

ANIMAS RIVER, AZTEC POND, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, BURN LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE VAN, ROSWELL KIDS POND & YOUNG POND.

In addition, crews stocked 1,365 Rio Grande cutthroat trout averaging 4.9 inches in length in **PINE LODGE CREEK.**