

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:

Rio Grande: On November 29, Byron Bishop, age 10 caught and released a 36 inch northern pike. He was using a nine inch jerk bait.

Sumner Lake: On December 6, Sean Matthews of Santa Fe boated a 27 inch 5 pound walleye and a 26 inch 8 pound catfish. He was using a Leprechaun swim slab. Another 8 pound catfish was caught during the week by an angler from Clovis. He was also using a jigging spoon.

NORTHEAST AREA

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was fair using spoons in 20-to-30 feet of water for white bass and a few walleye. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was very light.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: As of this past weekend there was some thin ice in low lying areas but still plenty of open water for bank fishing. Fishing for rainbow trout was fair using power bait, roe sacs and salmon eggs. Fishing for perch was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was very good again this past week. Anglers did very well using home made dough baits, salmon eggs, worms and power bait. Lake Alice had a covering of thin ice and was unsafe for fishing. Fishing pressure was light.

MONASTERY LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-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 61cfs. Trout fishing was slow but there were a few fish taken by anglers using salmon eggs and worms.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 57cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers, spinners and night crawlers.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 317cfs. Trout fishing was fair using streamers, spinners, jerk baits and night crawlers. Fishing was fair using large jerk baits, black and chartreuse spinner baits and jigs in the Pilar area for northern pike. 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-to-good using salmon eggs and power bait for trout.
UTE LAKE: Fishing for white bass was good for some but slow for others. Anglers who did best were using slab spoons and fishing at depths of 26-to-30 feet. They were fishing the Canadian arm of the lake and also reported catching a few walleye. A few good size smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using spoons at 40-to-45 feet. 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 fair on the Albuquerque, Belen, Corrales and Peralta drains. Best baits were salmon eggs, parachute adams, worms and corn.
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 246cfs and 57cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was slow-to-fair using spinners and worms for brown trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.
COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.
FARMINGTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using worms, salmon eggs, power bait and spinners. We had no reports on other species.
FENTON LAKE: There is a thin layer of ice on the lake which is unsafe for fishing. For updated ice conditions, contact the park office at 575-829-3630.
HERON LAKE: Bank fishing was very good using power bait, roe sacs, salmon eggs and salmon egg/corn combinations for rainbow trout and small lake trout. The best areas were near the dam and near the La Laja boat ramp.
JACKSON LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
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 slow with just a few trout taken by anglers using egg patterns, salmon eggs and worms. Fishing on the Cebolla was slow.
MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was good using cheese baits and power bait.
MCGAFFEY LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing for trout was fair for anglers trolling jointed Rapalas on the main lake and up the Pine arm. A few trout were also taken by anglers using roe sacs and power bait. 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 504cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair using zebra midges, streamers, wooly buggers and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using Kastmasters, night crawlers, salmon eggs, Panther Martins, jerk baits, streamers and copper john barrs.
SANTA CRUZ LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
TINGLEY BEACH: Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using power bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using dead chickens, chamois leeches, egg patterns, streamers and small bead head nymphs.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 slow-to-fair trolling and casting crank baits and using slab spoons for white bass. Most of the action was around the Black Bluffs, the east end of Long Point and near McRae Canyon. Fishing for catfish was fair using cut bait and liver on trotlines and with rod and reel. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow but there were a few taken by anglers using tubes, worms and jigs in 10-to-20 feet of water. A few striped bass were taken on live bait.

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

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 71cfs. 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.

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

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 good using salmon eggs, corn, Pistol Petes, flies under a bubble and power bait.

BOTTOMLESS

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

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 24cfs. Fishing was slow but a few trout were taken by anglers using salmon eggs and power bait.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 9.8cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

SUMNER LAKE: For a few days this past week, fishing was good-to-excellent using swim slab spoons for walleye, white bass, smallmouth bass and catfish. Pink and white were the popular colors and most of the fish caught were taken at depths of 26-to-30 feet of water.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 9,331 rainbow trout averaging 11.2 inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESCONDIDA LAKE, FISH ED. POND-Albuquerque, GREENE ACRES LAKE, MANZANO LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County & RIO GRANDE-Elephant Butte to Caballo.

In addition, crews stocked 7,600 fingerling Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the Pecos River from Cowles to the Village of Pecos.