

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:

Ute Lake: On December 12, Jim O'Connor of Amarillo, TX caught a 10.13 pound walleye. He was using a slab spoon in 30 feet of water.

NORTHEAST AREA

CONCHAS LAKE: There was a great deal of wind on the lake this past week. We had no reports from anglers.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Strong winds broke up most of the ice on the lake and the north side and main area were open to bank fishing. We had no reports from anglers.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: As of Monday both lakes were frozen over but considered unsafe for ice fishing. For updated conditions contact the state park office at 575-445-5697.

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos as of Monday morning was 42cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, copper john barrs and worms.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 42cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using streamers and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 328cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, streamers and jerk baits. We had no reports on other species.

SHUREE PONDS: We had no reports from anglers this week. The ponds close for the season December 31.

SPRINGER LAKE: There was a thin layer of ice on the lake which is closed to ice fishing. Check this one out next spring.

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

UTE LAKE: When the winds died down, fishing for white bass was fair-to-good using slab spoons and blade baits. Anglers fishing for white bass also caught a few good size walleye. See Catches of the Week. Most of the fish caught were in 30-to-38 feet of water and on the main lake. 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, Corrales and Belen drains. Best baits were salmon eggs and corn.

BLUEWATER LAKE: As of Monday the lake was still free of ice but we had no reports from anglers.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 246cfs and 108cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using spinners and worms for brown and rainbow trout to 18 inches. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

EL VADO LAKE: As of Monday the lake was still free of ice for bank fishing but we had no reports from anglers.

FARMINGTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and power bait. We had no reports on other species.

FENTON LAKE: As of Monday the lake was still closed to fishing due to thin ice conditions. For updated ice conditions, contact the park office at 575-829-3630.

HERON LAKE: Bank fishing was good using power bait, roe sacs and salmon eggs for rainbow trout and small lake trout. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 17cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez and East Fork was slow-to-fair 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 was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

RAMAH LAKE: We had no reports from anglers.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 504cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair using streamers, zebra midges, dead chickens, emergers and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using Kastmasters, night crawlers, jerk baits, streamers and copper john bars.

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

TINGLEY BEACH: Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using salmon peach and cheese power baits, Pistol Petes and leech patterns. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using chamois leeches, egg patterns, zebra midges and streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and power bait.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms, corn and power bait. A few fish were also taken on 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 slow-to-fair using slab spoons and jigs for white bass. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait and liver with most of the

action taking place at the upper end of the lake. Fishing for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and striped bass was slow.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Trout fishing was 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 73cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

GLENWOOD POND: Fishing was good using salmon eggs.

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

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: As of Monday there was some thin ice in the coves but most of the lake was open to bank fishing. Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes and power bait for trout.

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

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 0cfs. Fishing was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

BOSQUE REDONDO: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, corn, Pistol Petes 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-to-good using salmon eggs, corn, spinners and power bait.

JAL LAKE: Fishing was good using power bait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 17cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, home made dough baits and power bait.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 5.9cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light. Anglers on the water this past Saturday zeroed.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 21,748 rainbow trout averaging 11.1 inches in length in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CORONA POND, EUNICE LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, LAKE MALOYA, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Village of Pecos to Villanueva, RIO GRANDE-Middle & RUIDOSO RIVER.