

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:

Tingley Beach-Catch and Release Pond: On January 3, Marcus Garcia age 8 of Albuquerque caught and released a limit of trout including a 15 inch rainbow. He was using a cream leech pattern. On the same day Angelico Chavez of Las Vegas while using a green streamer caught and released a limit of trout including a 16 inch rainbow.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

EAGLE NEST LAKE: As of this past Monday the ice was still considered unsafe for fishing. For updated conditions call the park office at 575-377-1534.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: As of Monday there was about 8 inches of ice on Lake Maloya with the exception of the area around the spillway which was off limits. Fishing was good using home made dough baits, power baits and green and brown wooly buggers. At Lake Alice the ice was 11 inches thick. Fishing was good using salmon eggs and homemade dough baits.

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

PECOS RIVER: Trout fishing was slow. A few fish were taken by anglers using salmon eggs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 59cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 501cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and streamers. We had no reports on other species.

STORRIE LAKE: As of Monday there was a thin layer of ice on the lake which was unsafe for fishing. For updated conditions call the park office at 505-425-7278.

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

NORTHWEST AREA

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

- AREA DRAINS:** Trout fishing on the Corrales, Belen and Albuquerque drains was slow-to-fair using wax worms, salmon eggs and small copper john barrs. We had no reports from Bernalillo and Peralta.
- BLUEWATER LAKE:** As of Monday there was a layer of ice on the lake which was unsafe for fishing. The area received about 12 inches of snow over the weekend. Call the state park office at 505-876-2391 for updated ice conditions.
- CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 179cfs and 216cfs respectively. Fishing pressure continued to be light this past week but there were a few rainbows caught by anglers using salmon eggs and fishing below El Vado. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.
- COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light. There was a thin layer of ice on portions of the lake as of Monday.
- EL VADO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- FARMINGTON LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- 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 fair using salmon eggs and roe sacs for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.
- JACKSON LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 24cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing below Battleship Rock was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs. Fishing on the East Fork and Cebolla was slow.
- MANZANO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- MCGAFFEY LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.
- 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 egg patterns, midge pupae, San Juan worms and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using Kastmasters, salmon eggs and copper john barrs. Visibility was about 2 feet.
- SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Early last week trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs and spoons.
- TINGLEY BEACH:** Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was slow. A few trout were taken on and Pistol Petes. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using chamois and cream leeches and green and olive streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

- BEAR CANYON:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and power bait. A few fish were also taken on Kastmasters.
- BURN LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using Kastmasters, swim slabs and minnows for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass

was slow. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait and minnows. We had no reports on other species.

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

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 130cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: As of Monday there was a thin layer of ice on the lake which was unsafe for fishing.

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

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: Fishing for trout was good using power bait, salmon eggs, spoons and spinners.

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, salmon eggs and Kastmasters.

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: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and spinners.

GRINDSTONE

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

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

LAKE VAN: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait, Super Dupers, Kastmasters and Pistol Petes under a bubble.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 13cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, home made dough baits and power bait.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 9.1cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Bass fishing slowed considerably from the previous 2 weeks. Anglers reported catching only 1 or 2 fish per day. Best lures were sweet beavers fished slowly in 10-to-18 feet of water. We had no reports on other species.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing this past week was quite slow for all species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 6,590 rainbow trout averaging 11.1 inches in length in the following waters: ANIMAS RIVER, AZTEC POND, CHAMA RIVER-Below Abiquiu, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JACKSON LAKE, JAL LAKE & LAKE FARMINGTON.