

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:

San Juan River: On January 9, Shawn Jones of Albuquerque caught and released a 24.5 inch rainbow trout. He was using a large streamer.

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 9 inches of ice on Lake Maloya and 13 inches on Lake Alice. Trout fishing was very good at both lakes using power bait, salmon eggs, home made dough baits and ice jigs.

MONASTERY LAKE: As of this past Monday the lake was covered with ice and is closed to ice fishing. Look for good fishing here in the spring.

PECOS RIVER: Trout fishing was slow. There was considerable ice on the river above the Town of Pecos. Fishing below town was fair using salmon eggs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 47cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 464cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers and small Kastmasters. We had no reports on other species.

STORRIE LAKE: As of Monday there was a thin layer of ice on most of the lake but a few open spots for bank fishing. Trout fishing from the bank was good using salmon eggs and power bait. For updated ice conditions call the park office at 505-425-7278.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. A few smallmouth bass and walleye were taken by an angler using a jigging spoon at 52 feet and fishing near the dam.

NORTHWEST AREA

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

AREA DRAINS: Trout fishing on the Corrales, Belen, Bernalillo and Albuquerque drains was slow-to-fair using wax worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports from Peralta.

BLUEWATER LAKE: As of Monday there was about 4.5 inches of ice around the shoreline of the lake. Fishing was slow for all species. For updated ice conditions, call the state park office at 505-876-2391.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 183cfs and 204cfs respectively. Fishing was slow and fishing pressure was very light due to heavy snow pack in the area.

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 but open to other activities. For updated ice conditions, contact the park office at 575-829-3630.

HERON LAKE: Bank fishing near the La Laja boat ramp was good using power bait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout up to 16 inches. 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 22cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the lower Jemez was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs. We had no reports on other streams.

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-to-good using egg patterns, leeches, San Juan worms and large streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using Kastmasters, salmon eggs, 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 slow-to-fair using power bait and Pistol Petes. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was fair-to-good using leeches, egg patterns and green streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait, cheese and Kastmasters.

BURN LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs and garlic cheese. The best reports came from anglers fishing the west side of the lake.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using slab spoons and jigs for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow. Fishing for

catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver 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 107cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

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 fair-to-good using salmon eggs, worms, spoons and spinners.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, spoons and power bait.

BOTTOMLESS

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

GRINDSTONE

RESERVOIR: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 12cfs. Trout fishing was very good using salmon eggs, garlic cheese and power bait.

PERCH LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, Gulp eggs, power bait and corn.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 6.5cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing this past week was slow but there were a few fish taken by anglers fishing near the dam and using spoons and jigs. They caught a mixed bag of carp and walleye.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 12,170 rainbow trout averaging 10.7 inches in length in the following waters: **BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, BURN LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, GLENWOOD POND, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County & YOUNG POND.**