

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of January 17, 2009**

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](mailto: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:**

**Elephant Butte Lake:** On January 11, Kaley McDonald age 6 caught her first New Mexico fish. It was a 16 inch largemouth bass. She was using a black spinner bait and fishing at the south end of the lake.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** The lake opened to ice fishing with restrictions on January 16. The open area is between the boat ramps and out to the orange flags. No snow mobiles or ATVs are permitted on the ice. Fishing was slow but there were a few trout and perch caught by anglers using ice jigs, salmon eggs, wax worms and roe sacs. For updated ice conditions call the park office at 575-377-1534.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** As of Monday there was 9.5 inches of ice on Lake Maloya and 13 inches on Lake Alice. Trout fishing at Maloya was good in the boat ramp area. Best baits were salmon eggs, dough baits and corn. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow.

**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 but there were a few fish taken on salmon eggs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 52cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 458cfs. Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few northern pike caught by anglers using large flies.

**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 generally slow for all species but there were a few white bass taken on spoons worked at 25 feet.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

- ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.
- ALBUQUERQUE AREA DRAINS:** Trout fishing on the Corrales, Bernalillo and Albuquerque drains was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, wax worms, small gold spinners and parachute adams.
- BLUEWATER LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week. 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 91cfs and 208cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs.
- COCHITI LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- 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 fair-to-good using power bait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout up to 14 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 25cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the lower Jemez was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and copper john barrs. We had no reports on other streams.
- MANZANO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and cheese.
- 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 499cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good for some but slow for others. Best baits were leeches, egg patterns, San Juan worms, streamers and small jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, streamers, spinners 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 very good using power bait and Pistol Petes. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using leeches, zebra midges, egg patterns and 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.
- CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, jigs and spoons for white bass and an occasional striped 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:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, spinners and cheese.

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 94cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was good using power bait.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, garlic cheese and spoons.

**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.

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

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

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, spoons, spinners and power bait.

### **BOTTOMLESS**

**LAKES:** Trout fishing at the Devil's Inkwel and at Cottonwood was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and cheese.

**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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**LAKE VAN:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and spoons.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 13cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

**PERCH LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon 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 for all species.

### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 37,528 rainbow trout averaging 11.0 inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BATAAN LAKE, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLACK RIVER, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDED DRAIN, ESCONDIDA LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Village of Pecos to Villanueva, PERALTA DRAIN, RIO GRANDE-Elephant Butte to Caballo & SAN JUAN RIVER-Quality Waters.