

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:

Navajo Lake: On January 17, Dalton King of Aztec caught an 18 pound northern pike. He was using a Lucky Craft Pointer 78DD running at a depth of about 6 feet.

NORTHEAST AREA

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: The lake is open to ice fishing with restrictions. The open area is between the boat ramps and out to the orange flags. As of Monday, the ice in this area was about 14 inches thick. Fishing was slow but there were a few trout, kokanee and perch caught by anglers using ice jigs, salmon eggs and roe sacs. For updated ice conditions call the park office at 575-377-1594.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: As of Monday there was 9.5 inches of ice on Lake Maloya and 14 inches on Lake Alice. Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, dough baits and corn.

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-to-fair using salmon eggs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 53cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 544cfs. Fishing for trout was slow. Fishing for northern pike was fair using jerk baits and large flies.

STORRIE LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few trout taken on salmon eggs.

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 continued to be very light.

ALBUQUERQUE

- AREA DRAINS:** Trout fishing on the Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Peralta and Corrales drains was good using salmon eggs, small gold spinners, dead chickens and parachute adams.
- BLUEWATER LAKE:** Rain and warm weather created thin ice conditions over the past weekend. 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 53cfs and 108cfs respectively. Trout fishing below Abiquiu was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and spinners.
- COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- 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. Fishing pressure was light.
- JACKSON LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using spinners and salmon eggs.
- JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 32cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the lower Jemez was fair-to-good 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. There were a few northern pike caught by anglers using suspending jerk baits. 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 499cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using egg patterns, small streamers, parachute adams, leeches and midges. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, streamers, spinners and jerk baits.
- 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, salmon eggs, leeches and Super Dupers. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was good using leeches and zebra midges.

SOUTHWEST AREA

- BEAR CANYON:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, worms and power bait.
- BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using spinners, spoons, salmon eggs, power bait and cheese.
- BURN LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good using power bait, salmon eggs, cheese and spoons.
- CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and spoons for white bass and an occasional striped bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow but a few were taken by anglers using spinner

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

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait, homemade dough baits, spinners and cheese.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 142cfs. Fishing was slow.

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

LAKE ROBERTS: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and garlic cheese for 10-to-15 inch fish.

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 0.46cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, worms, power bait and spinners.

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

BOTTOMLESS

LAKES: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs and cheese.

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 15cfs. Trout fishing was very good using power bait. A few fish were also taken on salmon eggs.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 7.8cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 17,323 rainbow trout averaging 10.3 inches in length in the following waters:

BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, BURN LAKE, CHAMA RIVER-Below Abiquiu, CORONA POND, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, GLENWOOD POND, GREENE ACRES LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JACKSON LAKE, LAKE VAN, NED HOUK PONDS, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County, RUIDOSO RIVER & YOUNG POND. In addition, crews stocked 254,667 kokanee salmon fry in Navajo Lake.