

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:

None submitted.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

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. The ice has been holding at about 14 inches. Fishing this past week was fair-to-good for perch and fair for trout. Best baits were ice jigs, salmon eggs and wax worms and the best action was around the south boat ramp. For updated ice conditions call the park office at 575-377-1594.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: As of Monday there was about 9 inches of ice on Lake Maloya and 12 inches on Lake Alice. Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, 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.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 43cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 508cfs. Fishing for trout was slow. A few were taken by anglers using spoons. Fishing for northern pike was slow-to-fair using jerk baits and big bunny leeches.

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

UTE LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. There were a few white bass taken by an anglers using spoons and fishing up the Canadian arm of the lake.

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 and Corrales drains was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, small gold spinners, wax worms and parachute adams.

BLUEWATER LAKE: As of Monday the ice was ranging from 4-to-8 inches. Fishing for all species was slow and fishing pressure was very light. 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 51cfs and 108cfs respectively. Trout fishing below Abiquiu was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and spinners. Trout fishing below El Vado was slow.

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

EL VADO LAKE: Most of the lake was clear of ice as of Monday. Fishing was slow and fishing pressure was very light.

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

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

HERON LAKE: Bank fishing in the Ridge Rock area was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and home made dough baits for rainbow trout and a few small lake trout. We had no reports from boaters.

JACKSON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using spinners and salmon eggs.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 27cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the lower Jemez was 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 brown trout caught by anglers trolling jointed crank baits on light line. We also heard of one small northern pike taken on a deep diving crank bait.

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

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 493cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using hair jigs, leeches, midges, wooly buggers and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, jigs, leeches 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 fair using power bait, salmon eggs and bunny leeches. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was fair using leeches, small streamers and zebra midges.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

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

BURN LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, cheese and spoons.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was good using worms from the bank for carp. Fishing was slow for all other species but there were a few white bass, walleye and largemouth bass taken by anglers using spoons, jigs and minnows.

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

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and homemade dough baits.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 107cfs. Fishing was slow.

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

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

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 0.26cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

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

BOTTOMLESS

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

GRINDSTONE

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

JAL LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and spinners.

LAKE VAN: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and power bait.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 15cfs. Trout fishing was good using power bait, worms and salmon eggs.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow near Hollywood on Monday was 9.1cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was fair jigging chartreuse slab spoons and drifting minnows for 15-to-17 inch walleye. Anglers drifting minnows also reported catching a few crappies. We had no reports on other species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 15,884 rainbow trout averaging 10.2 inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BURN LAKE, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EUNICE LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, PERALTA DRAIN & YOUNG POND.

In addition, crews stocked 1,007,265 kokanee salmon fry in Eagle Nest Lake and Navajo Reservoir.