

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 February 5, Dalton King of Aztec caught a northern pike that weighed about 14 pounds. He was fishing near Francis Canyon and using a 78DD Pointer jerk bait in less than 10 feet of water.

Lake Maloya: On February 7, a Mr. Pacheco from Raton caught a 3.5 pound rainbow trout. He was fishing near the boat ramp and using homemade dough bait.

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 slow-to-fair using ice jigs, salmon eggs and roe sacs for perch and rainbow trout. For updated ice conditions call the park office at 575-377-1594.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: As of Monday Lake Maloya was closed due to thinning ice conditions. Lake Alice remains open with about 14 inches of ice. For updated conditions call the state park office at 575-445-5607.

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

PECOS RIVER: Trout fishing above and below the town of Pecos was slow.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 56cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 595cfs. Fishing for northern pike was slow but there were a few fish caught on jerk baits. Fishing for trout was slow.

STORRIE LAKE: Fishing was slow.

UTE LAKE: A few smallmouth bass were taken by anglers fishing the shallows and using plastics. We had no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was generally slow but there were a few good size brown trout and smallmouth bass caught along the bluffs west of the boat ramp. Anglers were using fathead minnows.

ALBUQUERQUE

AREA DRAINS: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque, Peralta, Belen and Corrales drains was good using salmon eggs, small gold spinners, power bait and parachute adams. Joseph Romero reported that he and others caught limits of trout on the Peralta Drain while using power bait and salmon eggs.

BLUEWATER LAKE: As of Monday the ice was melting and considered unsafe for ice fishing. 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 56cfs and 84cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

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.

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-to-good 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: On February 4, Riki Faust reported that the lake was covered with ice and there was no fishing activity.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 33cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the lower Jemez and on the East Fork this past week was fair using salmon eggs. 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 but there were a few northern pike and brown trout caught. Most of the pike action was near Francis Canyon. The pike were scattered from 5-to-28 feet and were caught on jerk baits and deep diving crank baits. Best baits for the trout were jointed crank 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 504cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using midges, egg patterns, leeches, wooly buggers and small hair jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, jigs, spoons 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 Pistol Petes and green, garlic scented power bait. At the Catch and Release Pond, fishing was fair-to-good using olive leeches and zebra midges.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

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

BURN LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs.
CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos and jigs in fairly shallow water for largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows and spoons for white bass. Fishing was good using worms for carp. We had no reports on other species. Surface water temps over the weekend ranged from 45-to-48 degrees.
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 90cfs. We had no reports from anglers.
GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE ROBERTS: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and cheese. A few trout were also taken on 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 5.5cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BOSQUE REDONDO: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, wet flies under a bubble, spoons and power bait.
BOTTOMLESS LAKES: We had no reports from anglers this week but trout fishing should be good as the lakes were recently stocked.
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, garlic cheese and power bait.

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 good using salmon eggs, spoons and power bait.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 19cfs. Trout fishing was good using power bait, worms and salmon eggs.
PERCH LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and Pistol Petes under a bubble.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 1.8cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good drifting minnows for walleye and crappie. A few fish were also taken by anglers using slab spoons, jig and worm combinations, jig and grub combinations and Gulp worms. We had no reports on other species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 79,696 rainbow trout averaging 8.9 inches in length in the following waters: **BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, EAGLE NEST LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE**

ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell & PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County.
In addition, crews stocked 1,007,265 kokanee salmon fry in Eagle Nest Lake and Navajo Reservoir.