

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:

Abiquiu Lake: On February 16, Dan Brophy of Espanola caught a 10 pound 8 ounce walleye. He was using a fathead minnow in 26 feet of water. With the help of his fishing partner Jeff Barr of Los Alamos, they were able to release the fish in good shape.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

EAGLE NEST LAKE: The entire lake opened to ice fishing this past Friday. Ice thickness averaged about 15 inches. Fishing in the neck area was good using ice jigs, roe sacs and salmon eggs for rainbow trout. Best perch fishing reports came from the north dock area where anglers were doing well using ice jigs, salmon eggs and wax worms. For updated ice conditions call the park office at 575-377-1594.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Lake Maloya was closed to ice fishing but there was some open water fishing near the dam. Trout fishing was good using power bait and homemade dough bait. At Lake Alice, ice fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and home made dough baits. 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 was slow.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 50cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 610cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: High winds kept anglers away this past week. We had no reports.

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

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using fathead minnows for walleye and an occasional smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

ALBUQUERQUE

AREA DRAINS: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque, Peralta and Corrales drains was good using salmon eggs, power bait, wax worms, small spinners, copper john barrs and parachute adams.

BLUEWATER LAKE: The lake is open to bank fishing but we had no reports from anglers this week.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 54cfs and 100cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing for some anglers was good using beef liver at 25 feet for catfish. We had no other reports.

EL VADO 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. Fishing from boats was fair drifting power bait for rainbows. The only ice left on the lake was in the marina area and some of the shallow coves.

JACKSON LAKE: We had no reports from anglers.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 34cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez below the Ranger Station was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs. We had no reports on other streams.

MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon peach and cheese power baits.

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was generally slow with a few northern pike caught on the San Juan arm and the main body of the lake and a few trout caught on the main body. Best lures were perch colored shad rap for the pike and jointed Rapalas for the trout. 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 493cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using red annelids, San Juan worms, streamers, wooly buggers, dead chickens and small hair jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was good using salmon eggs, jigs, worms 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 good using salmon peach, green and yellow power baits, super dupers and olive and green leeches. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was fair-to-good using olive leeches, chamois leeches, red annelids and zebra midges.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spoons, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and power bait.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing continued to be slow for all species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was generally slow for all species. A few white bass were taken by anglers using spoons and minnows. A few largemouth bass were taken on senkos, jigs and worms. We had no reports on other species. Surface water temps over the past weekend ranged from 46-to-48 degrees.

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

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 83cfs. We had no reports from anglers.

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

LAKE ROBERTS: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and cheese. A few trout were also taken on spoons and wooly buggers.

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 5cfs. Trout fishing below Elephant Butte was fair using worms, power bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species. Fishing below Caballo was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

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

BOTTOMLESS LAKES: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and power bait.

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

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 19cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait and salmon eggs.

PERCH LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 1.3cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was fair using worms, minnows, jigs and spoons for walleye. Most of the fish were taken at depths of 16-to-25 feet. We had no reports on other species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 15,915 rainbow trout averaging 11.2 inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLACK RIVER, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL DRAIN, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK POND-aka Tingley Beach, CORONA POND, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, ESCONDIDA LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR,

**MONASTERY LAKE, RIO GRANDE-Elephant Butte to Caballo & SAN JUAN RIVER-Below
Quality Waters.**