

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:

Ute Lake: On February 26 Jim Welch of Fritch, TX caught a 6.28 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a minnow.

Corrales Riverside Drain: On February 27 Carlos Hosea of Bernalillo caught and released a 19.5 inch northern pike. He was using a spinner.

Santa Rosa Lake: On February 28 Lorenzo Loveless, age 10, of Albuquerque caught a 25 inch 5.25 pound walleye. He was using a night crawler.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARENTE LAKES: We had no reports from anglers this week.

CLAYTON LAKE: Opening weekend fishing was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and corn for trout. One 16 inch walleye was caught on night crawlers and several mud cats were caught on worms and night crawlers.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few bass and catfish caught this past week. Best baits for the bass were senkos, jigs and worms. Anglers fishing for catfish did best using worms and minnows.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Due to deteriorating ice conditions the lake is closed to fishing at present. For updated conditions call the park office at 575-377-1594.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Bank fishing for trout at Lake Maloya was very good using rainbow and pink power baits for 12-to-14 inch fish. Lake Alice was closed due to thin ice. For updated conditions call the state park office at 575-445-5607.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: The lake opened to fishing on March 1 but we had no reports from anglers.

MONASTERY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon peach and garlic power baits, salmon eggs and spinners.

PECOS RIVER: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, worms and small bead head nymphs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 58cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 703cfs. Fishing was slow and the water was starting to get a bit murky from the runoff.

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

STUBBLEFIELD: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was fair using suspending jerk baits at the upper end of the Ute Creek arm and on the upper end of the Canadian arm for white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows and night crawlers for catfish. A few walleye were taken on jig and white grub combinations fished at 12-to-14 feet. A few smallmouth bass were taken on minnows. We had no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

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

**ALBUQUERQUE
AREA DRAINS:** Fishing for trout was slow but there was one surprise catch of the Corrales Drain. (See Catches of the Week.)

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

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 49cfs and 316cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow for most species but there were a few northern pike taken on spinner baits and deep diving crank baits and a few catfish taken on beef liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow.

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 was slow-to-fair near the La Laja boat ramp using Z Rays, power bait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout. Fishing from boats was slow but there was one lake trout caught by anglers trolling a crank bait at 60 feet. Fishing pressure was very light.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 80cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Cebolla and the lower Jemez was fair using worms, salmon eggs and small bead head nymphs. We had no reports on other streams.

MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait just off the bottom.

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits, deep diving crank baits and slow rolled spinner baits for northern pike. The best reports came from anglers fishing the main lake and the San Juan arm. A few smallmouth bass were taken on worms and jigs fished at 16-to-25 feet. A few trout were taken by anglers trolling jointed Rapalas on the main lake. We had no reports on other species.

RAMAH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 499cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, leeches, egg patterns, parachute adams, dead chickens

and small hair jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was good using salmon eggs, power bait, worms, jigs 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 for some but slow for others. Best baits were salmon peach, cheese and garlic power baits and spoons. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was fair-to-good using zebra midges, leeches and egg patterns.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spoons, salmon eggs and power bait. A few largemouth bass were taken by anglers using jigs and spinner baits.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing continued to be slow for all species. The water was quite murky.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, spoons and minnows for white bass and a few walleye. Fishing was fair using senkos, jigs, worms and chigger craws for black bass. Most of the bass were in less than 10 feet of water. Fishing for all other species was slow.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait, cheese and homemade dough baits.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 105cfs. We had no reports from anglers.

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

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

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on tiger musky.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,230cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair-to-good using worms and spinners for trout. A few walleye were taken by anglers using grubs and sassy shad. 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, spinners 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.

CARLSBAD

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

GRINDSTONE

RESERVOIR: Trout fishing was very good using salmon eggs and pink, red and rainbow power bait. The best reports came from anglers using salmon eggs.

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

LAKE VAN: We had no reports from anglers this week.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 96cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs.
PERCH LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 7.2cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few bass and walleye caught over the past weekend. Best baits were night crawlers, chigger craws, sweet beavers, jigs and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was fair using minnows, jigs and spoons for walleye. Anglers fishing for walleye reported catching a few bass and crappie.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 16,692 rainbow trout averaging 9.9 inches in length in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BURN LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EAGLE NEST LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Village of Pecos to Villanueva, PERALTA DRAIN, STORRIE RESERVOIR & YOUNG POND.