

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of March 7, 2009**

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](mailto: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:**

**Cochiti Lake:** On March 3 Kevin Schroeder of Albuquerque caught a 5.9 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a custom painted Rapala.

**Chama River:** On March 7, Andrew Orlicky caught a 24inch german brown. He was fishing below Abiquiu Reservoir and using a gold Rapala husky jerk.

**Ute Lake:** On March 8, Jason Lara of Hereford, TX caught a 3.82 smallmouth bass. On the same day, Larry Mohler of Logan caught a 4.37 pound walleye. He was using a minnow.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Fishing was slow.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 12cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, small spinners and salmon eggs.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow with just a few small trout and catfish caught by anglers using power bait and worms.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing for smallmouth bass was slow-to-fair using senkos, jigs and crank baits. Fishing for white bass was slow but a few were taken by anglers using minnows and crank baits. Fishing for catfish was fair using worms and minnows.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** The lake has opened to bank fishing and is accessible between the boat ramps and at the south end of the lake. Over the weekend, fishing was good using power baits and salmon eggs for trout up to 20 inches.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Bank fishing for trout at Lake Maloya was very good using power bait, home made dough baits, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Lake Alice has opened for bank fishing but we had no reports from anglers.

**MCALLISTER LAKE:** Closed due to high golden algae content.

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait for 15-to-19 inch trout.

**MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon peach power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 58cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, salmon eggs and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 64cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 784cfs. Fishing on the upper Rio was slow for all species.

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few northern pike caught by anglers using cut bait. The lake level is up and boat can be launched.

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

**STUBBLEFIELD:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using jerk baits and minnows for a mix of walleye and white bass. Anglers using jerk baits reported catching several walleye in less than 10 feet of water. Fishing was fair-to-good using jerk baits, jigs, crank baits and spinner baits for black bass. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers and minnows for catfish.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, swim slabs and jig and grub combinations for walleye and smallmouth bass. A few brown trout were caught by anglers using crank baits and minnows.

**ALBUQUERQUE AREA DRAINS:** Fishing on the Albuquerque and Bernalillo Drains was slow. We had no reports from Corrales, Peralta or Belen.

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

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 193cfs and 297cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow-to-fair using jerk baits and spinners for brown trout.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, spinner baits and jerk baits for northern pike. A few good size smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**FENTON LAKE:** The northwest corner of the lake has opened to bank fishing. Over the weekend fishing was fair-to-good using power bait and Pistol Petes for 8-to-10 inch trout.

**HERON LAKE:** Bank fishing was fair-to-good in the Ridge Rock area and near the La Laja boat ramp using power bait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout and an occasional small lake trout. We had no reports from boaters.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 68cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Cebolla, the East Fork 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.

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few smallmouth bass, northern pike and trout caught this past week. Best baits were drop shot worms and jigs for the bass, jerk baits for the pike and jointed crank baits for the trout. Most of the action was on the main lake and on the San Juan arm. 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 using red annelids, wooly buggers, leeches, egg patterns, dead chickens and small hair jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, power bait, jigs and jerk baits.  
**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing from the bank was very good using salmon peach and garlic power baits. Anglers fishing from boats did very well using jerk baits for 14-to-20 inch trout.  
**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 good using salmon eggs, garlic cheese, worms, Pistol Petes and power bait.  
**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using spoons, salmon eggs and power bait. We had no reports on other species.  
**BURN LAKE:** Fishing was slow.  
**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing continued to be slow for all species. The water was quite murky.  
**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, spoons and minnows for white bass and a few walleye. Fishing was fair using senkos, jigs, sweet beavers and chigger craws for black bass. We had no reports on other species.  
**ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow.  
**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 126cfs. Trout fishing on the Forks was slow.  
**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait, garlic cheese 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 1,230cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair using worms and spinners for trout. A few walleye and white bass 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, wet flies under a bubble and power bait.  
**BOTTOMLESS LAKES:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait 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.  
**CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

## **GRINDSTONE**

- RESERVOIR:** Michael Chavez of Roswell reported that the trout fishing was still very good this past weekend. He and two others battled the wind but caught their limits using salmon eggs.
- JAL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE VAN:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms, power bait and salmon eggs.
- PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 98cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs.
- PERCH LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, Pistol Petes and spinners.
- RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 4.3cfs. Trout fishing was slow but a few fish were taken by anglers using salmon eggs.
- SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using grubs and crank baits for walleye. A few black bass were taken by anglers using chigger craws, senkos, crank baits and jigs. Anglers fishing for bass also picked up a few crappie. We had no reports on other species.
- SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and jigs for walleye. Anglers fishing for walleye reported catching a few bass and crappie.

## **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 22,123 rainbow trout averaging 10.3 inches in length in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHARETTE LAKES-Lower, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, GLENWOOD POND, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, NED HOUK PONDS, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County, RIO GRANDE-Middle & SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR.