

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.

REMINDER FOR ALL ANGLERS: The new license year begins April 1. Be sure to renew and pick up a copy of the Rules and Regulations before heading out on your next trip.

CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

San Juan River: On April 6, Mark Fields of Albuquerque caught a 24 inch rainbow while fishing in the Texas Hole. He was using a bead head black hares ear.

Heron Lake: On April 10, Ted Larson of Los Lunas caught an 8 pound 8 ounce 27 inch lake trout. He was trolling a rainbow bomber at 25 feet.

Cochiti Lake: On April 10, George Erickson of Santa Fe caught and released an 18 ¼ inch smallmouth bass. He was using a red crank bait.

Abiquiu Reservoir: On April 10 Andres Alvarado age 5 of Santa Fe, boated a 20 inch 3 pound 9 ounce walleye. He was trolling a Salmo lure in 27 feet of water.

Conchas Lake: On April 12, Jermaine Jones stationed in Alamogordo, NM caught a 4.65 pound largemouth bass while using a 7 inch Zoom worm. On the same day John Estle of El Paso caught a 3.58 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a senko clone.

Santa Rosa Lake: On April 12, Bob Bulcock of Los Lunas caught and released a 6 pound largemouth bass and a 5 pound male walleye. On the same day Marco Galvin of Los Lunas caught three 3 pound largemouth bass. They were swimming Texas rigged worms.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARENTE LAKES: Trout fishing was slow.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 32cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, night crawlers and Pistol Petes. The only other catch reported was a few mud cats caught on worms. Fishing pressure was light.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing for white bass was fair using crank baits and grubs. Fishing was fair using senkos, worms, chigger craws, jerk baits and sweet beavers for smallmouth bass

and largemouth bass. A few walleye were taken on minnows, crank baits and grubs. A few catfish were taken by anglers using stink bait.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was very good using green and rainbow power baits and salmon eggs. Fly fishing was slow.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Trout fishing was sporadic to say the least this past week. Some anglers did well using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners and Pistol Petes for a mix of rainbow trout and perch while others reported fishing as slow. The lake is open for launching boats.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing was good at both lakes using power bait, salmon eggs and home made dough baits. One 20 inch trout was taken at Lake Maloya while the rest were in the 8-to-12 inch class. The area received some snow over the past weekend but the roads are open.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was fair using power baits, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

MONASTERY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and power bait.

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait, worms and wooly buggers.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 140cfs. Trout fishing on the upper river and on the Mora was fair using copper john barrs, prince nymphs and salmon eggs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 74cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, salmon eggs, worms, wooly buggers and bead head hares ears.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 727cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing continued to be slow for all species this past week. Fishing pressure was very light. The lake has filled and boats can be launched.

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

STUBBLEFIELD: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was good using minnows and jig and minnow combinations at depths of 10-to-12 feet for walleye. Fishing was good using jigs and jerk baits in less than 10 feet of water for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using minnows and small jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair-to-good using stink bait and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using jigs, minnows, crank baits and grubs for white bass.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few brown trout and walleye caught by anglers trolling assorted lures over 20-to-30 feet of water.

ALBUQUERQUE

AREA DRAINS: We had no reports from anglers this week.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Trout fishing was slow but there were a few taken by anglers using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 560cfs and 629cfs respectively. Fishing was slow with just a few trout taken by anglers using chartreuse/neon Z Rays. They were caught by an angler fishing below El Vado.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow with just a few smallmouth bass, walleye and white bass caught. Best baits were crank baits, senkos and chigger craws.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, spinners, night crawlers and salmon eggs.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Pistol Petes, power bait and salmon eggs. The area received 10-to-12 inches of new snow over the past weekend but roads were in good condition.

HERON LAKE: Fishing from the bank was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and spinners for trout. Fishing from boats was fair trolling rainbow colored crank baits for lake trout and rainbow trout.

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

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 80cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Jemez, San Antonio, East Fork and Cebolla was fair using black and green copper john barrs, worms and salmon eggs.

MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish caught by anglers using power bait and salmon eggs.

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, jerk baits, worms and jigs for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using jigs for crappie in La Jara, Uhl and Bancos canyons. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits, spinner baits and swim baits for northern pike. A few trout were taken by anglers using power bait and worms. 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 Texas Hole and Upper Flats areas was fair using midges, San Juan worms, parachute adams, RS2s, leeches, red annelids and streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, hair jigs and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs, worms, spoons and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair-to-good using Pistol Petes and power baits mixed with bread. Fishing for bluegill was good using worms. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was good using RS2s, midges, chamois leeches and small streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs, worms and corn. A few bluegill were taken on worms. We had no reports on other species.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing for white bass was fair-to-good using crank baits, curly tail grubs and spinners. A few walleye were taken on grubs.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair-to-good using shad, cut bait and stink bait on trotlines and with rod and reel for channel catfish. Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, jigs, minnows and grubs for white bass. There was good white bass action near the Black Bluffs, Long Point and Rock Canyon. Fishing was fair using minnows, crank baits, chigger craws, worms and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few walleye were caught by anglers using minnows, small jigs and grubs. Fishing was fair using live bait for striped bass.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 73cfs. Trout fishing on the Forks was slow-to-fair using small bead head nymphs and worms.
GLENWOOD POND: Trout fishing was good using spinners and power bait.
LAKE ROBERTS: Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, salmon eggs, worms and power bait. Fishing for bass was fair using worms and crank baits. Fishing was fair using stink baits for catfish.
PERCHA DAM: Fishing was fair using chartreuse and white grubs and crank baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species.
QUEMADO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,760cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair using white and chartreuse grubs for walleye and a few white bass. Fishing below Caballo was fair using grubs and crank baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and wooly buggers. Fishing on Bonito Creek was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.
BOSQUE REDONDO: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BOTTOMLESS LAKES: Trout fishing was slow.
BRANTLEY LAKE: Anglers are to practice catch and release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish. We had no reports from anglers this week.
CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners and worms.
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Trout fishing was good using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, spinners, worms and power bait.
JAL LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE VAN: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing pressure was very light.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 106cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.
PERCH LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 14cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, worms and small bead head nymphs.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was fair using crank baits, chigger craws, jigs, worms and tubes for largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, grubs and worms for walleye and crappie. On Sunday the fishing was hot for Bob Bulcock and his grandson Marco Galvin of Los Lunas as they caught over 20 crappie, several largemouth bass, a smallmouth bass and one big walleye in just 3 hours time. They were using Texas rigged worms in 6-to-12 feet of water.
SUMNER LAKE: This past Friday, fishing was fair using minnows and grubs for walleye and a few crappie. Over the weekend fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 24,029 rainbow trout averaging 10.1 inches in length in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BONITO LAKE, CEBOLLA RIVER, CLAYTON LAKE, EAGLE NEST LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, FENTON LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JACKSON LAKE, LAKE FARMINGTON, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, NEGRITO CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos and Village of Pecos to Villanueva, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters, SNOW LAKE & UNIVERSITY RESERVOIR-aka Alumni Pond.
In addition, crews stocked 811,610 walleye fry in CONCHAS LAKE.