

# **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](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:**

**Caballo Lake:** On May 1, Clifford Holloway caught a 24 inch walleye. He was using a 3 inch grub. He also caught a 17 inch largemouth bass on a crank bait and both fish were caught while fishing from the bank.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** On May 2, Jake Laney of Tijeras caught a 30 inch walleye. He was fishing from the bank and using a 3 inch grub.

**Storrie Lake:** On May 5, Evelyn Marquez of Las Vegas caught a 22 inch largemouth bass. She was using power bait.

**Navajo Lake:** On May 6 K.C. Garrison of Farmington caught a 6 pound smallmouth bass. He was fishing by the Sims marina and using minnows. On May 8, Royce Hendrix of Aztec caught a 2 pound 11 ounce crappie. He was using a grub. On May 9th Frank Ramsey of El Paso, TX caught and released a 6.93 pound largemouth using a senko. Also on May 9th, Steve Gill of Aztec caught and released a 6.75 pound largemouth, he was using a jig.

**Sumner Lake:** On May 6 and 7, James Lehman caught limits of bass including one 3.5 pound smallmouth and one 3 pound largemouth. He was using top water lures and crank baits.

**Abiquiu Lake:** On May 7, Amy Anderson of Los Alamos caught and released her biggest walleye ever. It was 26 inches and was caught on a glow harness/worm combo.

**Elephant Butte:** On May 7, Tom Vogel of Roswell caught several blue cats including one at 12 pounds. He also caught a 6 pound 11 ounce walleye. All were caught on minnows.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners, spinner/worm combinations and home made dough bait.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, worms, salmon eggs, gold bead hare's ears and copper john bars.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good with several limits reported. Last weekend, Jamie and Jack Jamison of Dumas, TX caught limits using pink power bait and gold and brass spoons with some fish reaching 19 inches. We had no reports on other species.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was good using minnows, tube jigs and grubs for crappie, white bass and walleye. Crappie fishing was good from the bank and from boats. Anglers fishing for white bass and walleye had good success on both the north and south sides of the lake. Fishing was good using jerk baits, chigger craws, sweet beavers, grubs, senkos and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass reported were small. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, cut bait and worms for catfish.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was good using spinners, power bait, salmon eggs and worms.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spoons, spinners, power bait, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.

**LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using assorted flies and Pistol Petes off the dam at Lake Maloya. Bait fishing was fair at both lakes with best baits being pink, orange and green power baits and home made dough bait.

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

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, spinners, spoons, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes.

**MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, elk hair caddis, parachute adams, salmon eggs and power bait.

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait, Pistol Petes, spoons, wooly buggers and spinners.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 668cfs. Trout fishing was slow due to the high runoff.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 469cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 3,250cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using minnows, in line spinners and Rat-L-Traps for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

**STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was very good using power bait, salmon eggs and worms. Power bait was also good for one big bass. See Catches of the Week.

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

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was good using minnows, small jigs and grubs up the Canadian arm for crappie. Fishing was good using jigs, jerk baits, crank baits, worms, lizards, sweet beavers and chigger craws for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, grubs, minnows & bottom bouncer/worm combos for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows, liver and cut bait for catfish.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was good using crank baits, tubes, jerk baits and wally pops for walleye. Most of the fish reported were caught in less than 10 feet of water with the exception of those taken on wally pops. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using jerk baits and tubes. We had no reports on other species.

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few trout caught by anglers using worms, spinners and power bait.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 4,020cfs and 1,790cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow in both areas.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. The water was quite murky due to runoff.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good this past week for anglers using salmon eggs and worms. The water was quite murky from recent runoff.

**HERON LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling flat fish and bombers for 4-to-7 pound lake trout. Most of the fish were taken at depths of 25-to-30 feet. Bank fishing was fair using power bait and spinners for rainbow trout.

**JACKSON LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using worms, power bait, spinners and corn/salmon egg combinations.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 145cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the San Antonio, Guadalupe, Rio Las Vacas and East Fork was fair using salmon eggs, worms, spinners, stone fly nymphs and copper john barrs for trout.

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

**MCGAFFEY LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms, salmon eggs, power bait and spinners.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was good using minnows, jigs and grubs for crappie. Good reports came in from the Pine arm, Negro Andy, La Jara Canyon and from near the Sims Mesa marina. Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, baby brush hogs, tubes and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass were in less than 10 feet of water. Fishing was fair using minnows and jigs for crappie. Fishing was good using large in line spinners, jerk baits and swim baits for northern pike. A few catfish were taken by anglers using cut bait, night crawlers and liver. We had no reports on other species.

**RAMAH LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 510cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair using parachute adams, dead chickens, BWOs, small pheasant tail nymphs, San Juan worms and little princesses. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, wooly buggers and jerk baits. Anglers can expect flows to start ramping up on May 20th and be at 5,000cfs by May28. Flows are expected to stay at this level thru June 10 and then ramp back down to 500cfs by June 18.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, wooly buggers and spinners. Matt Wallat of Los Alamos had good luck last Thursday landing 10 trout in the 10-to-12 inch range from his float tube using size 8 wooly buggers.

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Trout fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and power bait. Fishing for bluegill was good using worms. Bass fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes and small crank baits. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was good using lady bugs, foam ants and small streamers.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

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

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Fishing was good using worms and poppers for sunfish along the riprap area. A few largemouth bass were taken by anglers using swim baits and chigger craws. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

**BURN LAKE:** Fishing was fair using shrimp and worms for crappie and largemouth bass.

**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing at the upper end of the lake was fair using grubs, crank baits and minnows for white bass and walleye. A few bass and walleye were also taken by anglers

fishing in the main lake area and using grubs and crank baits. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver and worms.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was very good using white, chrome and chartreuse crank baits, minnows and spinners for white bass. Ralph Meeks and Tom Vogel caught limits of white bass this past Friday and Saturday. They were using minnows. Fishing was good using minnows and jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair-to-good using minnows, crank baits, grubs and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair using chigger craws, senkos, grubs, jerk baits and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was good using minnows, cut bait, night crawlers and crayfish. We had no reports on other species.

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 64cfs. Trout fishing on the Forks was fair using bead head pheasant tails and worms.

**GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was good using worms and power bait.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and worms. Fishing for bass was slow-to-fair using worms and crank baits. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using worms and stink bait. We had no reports on other species.

**PERCHA DAM:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and power bait. Fishing for tiger musky was slow-to-fair using jerk baits.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,790cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was slow-to-fair using grubs for walleye and white bass. We had no reports from below Caballo.

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

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

**BATAAN LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, spinners and worms.

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

### **GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait, wet flies under a bubble and spoons.

**JAL LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 103cfs. 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 3.2cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, salmon eggs and worms.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was very good using tubes, grubs, minnows and small jigs for crappie. Fishing was good using chigger craws, senkos, lizards, tubes, grubs and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using white crank baits, tubes, grubs, jigs and minnows for walleye. A few catfish were taken by anglers using cut bait and hot dogs.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was good using crank baits, jigs and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs for 14-to-16 inch walleye. Also had one report of a 15 inch walleye caught on a piece of hot dog. Fishing was good using top water lures, jerk baits, jigs, grubs and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the bass caught were small. A few white bass and crappie were taken by anglers using grubs, crank baits and minnows.

**Stocking report:**

Crews stocked 27,987 rainbow trout averaging 10.0 inches in length in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BONITO LAKE, BRAZOS RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above El Vado, COSTILLA CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, FENTON LAKE, HARRIS LAKE, HOLY GHOST CREEK, JACKSON LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE ALICE, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE MALOYA, LOS PINOS RIVER, MCGAFFEY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, MORPHY RESERVOIR, MT VIEW PONDS, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Below Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RUIDOSO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, STORRIE LAKE & WINSOR CREEK. In addition crews stocked 149 Gila trout averaging 19.2 inches in length in the Gila River East, Middle and West Forks.