

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:

Elephant Butte: On May 17, Leroy Regalado and Jayd Talbot of Los Lunas caught a 25 pound striped bass and Miranda Montoya of Los Lunas caught a 15 pound striped bass. Both fish were caught on umbrella rigs. On May 19, Santiago Baca of Belen caught a 25 inch 7 pound channel catfish. He was using a 4 inch grub.

Santa Rosa Lake: On May 17, Navia Vasquez of Albuquerque caught a 24 inch walleye. She was using a grub. On the same day Greg Burpo of Albuquerque caught a 23 inch walleye. He was using a tube.

Rio Grande: On May 18, Bernardo Norzagaray age 75 caught a 36 inch channel catfish. He was fishing the back waters near Sunland Park and using night crawlers.

Jal Lake: On May 20, Nathan Montez caught two 24 inch channel catfish. He was using chicken liver.

Clayton Lake: On May 22, Bill Murray of Dalhart, TX caught a 28 inch 19 pound channel catfish. He was using chicken liver.

Navajo Lake: On May 22, Matt Hannigan of Norwood, CO caught a 13 pound 9 ounce northern pike. On the same day his dad, Tim caught an 8 pound 13 ounce pike and a 7 pound 10 ounce pike. All 3 fish were taken on Booyah spinner baits.

Seven Springs: On May 23, Kaleb Hella age 8 caught his first brown trout. It was 23 ¼ inches long and was caught on a spinner bait.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARENTE LAKES: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs and spinner/worm combinations. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, worms, salmon eggs, yellow sallies, elk hair caddis and copper john barrs.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was good using power bait, gold spinners and Pistol Petes for trout. Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was good using tubes, crank baits, minnows, sassy shad and grubs for crappie, walleye and white bass. Fishing was good using jerk baits, crank baits, senkos and tubes for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using night crawlers, blood bait and liver for catfish.

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

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

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good at Lake Maloya using power bait, Pistol Petes and home made dough baits. We had no reports from Lake Alice.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait, Pistol Petes and spinners.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 388cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 250cfs. Trout fishing was fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers and spinners.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 2,180cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, bunny leeches and jerk baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports on other species.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was very good using crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was good trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was good using small worms, lizards, salt craws and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using tubes, jigs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was very good using jigs tipped with grubs, minnows, night crawlers and Gulp bait, crank baits and spinner/night crawler combinations for walleye. Anglers reported catching several limits including some walleye over 5 pounds. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass. A few trout were taken by anglers using worms and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was fair using jerk baits and in line spinners for tiger musky. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners and power bait for trout.

CANJILON LAKES: The lakes were recently stocked with trout but we had no reports from anglers this week.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 1,500cfs and 1,800cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, spinners and wooly buggers.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. A few white bass were caught by anglers using crank baits and jigs.

EL VADO LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using grass hoppers, spinners and worms for brown trout.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait and artificial wax worms.

HERON LAKE: Fishing was good trolling Panther Martins, double whammies and Rapalas for kokanee and rainbow trout. Kellen Tetreault caught three 17 inch rainbows while using a Panther Martin. A few lake trout were caught by anglers using jigs and flat fish. Fishing from the bank was fair using power bait, spinners and salmon eggs.

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

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 126cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing here, on the Guadalupe, Las Vacas, Cebolla, San Antonio and East Fork was fair-to-good using worms, stone fly nymphs, prince nymphs, parachute adams, salmon eggs and copper john barrs for trout.

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

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. A few trout were taken by anglers using salmon eggs and worms.

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was fair using minnows, jigs and grubs for crappie. Fishing was fair using stink bait and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was good using chigger craws, tubes, crank baits, jerk baits and brush hogs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using spinner baits, jerk baits and crank baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

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

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 525cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using parachute adams, hair jigs, little princesses, red annelids, San Juan worms and wooly buggers. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, wooly buggers and jerk baits. Flows will ramp up starting today for one week to 5,000cfs, will stay there for one week then ramp back down to 500cfs by about June 12.

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

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using worms for bluegill and stink bait and worms for catfish. A few trout were taken by anglers using worms and spinners. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was good using dead chickens, San Juan worms, mosquito patterns and streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Fishing was good using worms and wet flies for bluegill. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing at the upper end of the lake was fair-to-good using grubs, tubes, crank baits, jerk baits and minnows for white bass and walleye. The best reports came in from

anglers fishing the upper east side of the lake. There were also a few white bass and one largemouth bass caught by anglers fishing near the dam.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was good using grubs, jigs, spinners, crank baits and minnows for crappie and white bass. Fishing was good using minnows, grubs, bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and tubes for walleye. Fishing was fair using chigger craws, senkos, jerk baits, crank baits and spinner baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was good using minnows, cut bait and liver. A few striped bass were taken by anglers using live bait, jigs and umbrella rigs.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 55cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 catfish was fair using dough bait and liver. 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 large black streamers.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,110cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was slow. Fishing below Caballo was fair-to-good using grubs for walleye, white bass and crappie and liver for catfish.

SNOW LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using spinners, Pistol Petes and power bait.

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was good using Pistol Petes, power bait and salmon eggs.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was fair using liver and dough baits for catfish.

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 very good using salmon eggs, power bait, corn, spinners and Pistol Petes.

JAL LAKE: Fishing was good using liver and night crawlers for catfish.

LAKE VAN: Fishing was fair using chicken liver, hot dogs and worms for catfish.

OASIS PARK POND: The pond has reopened and was recently stocked with catfish. We had no reports from anglers this week.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 116fs. 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 slow.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was very good using grubs, jigs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was good using chigger craws, senkos, tubes, lizards, crank baits and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, tubes, grubs and sassy shad for walleye. Fishing was fair using cut bait, hot dogs, liver and night crawlers for catfish.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was very good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, crank baits, grubs and minnows for walleye. Fishing was good using top water lures, chigger craws,

salt craws, worms, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using liver, blood bait and night crawlers for catfish. A few crappie and white bass were caught by anglers using minnows, grubs, jigs and crank baits.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 24,234 rainbow trout averaging 9.8 inches in length in the following waters: BONITO LAKE, CANJILON LAKES, CEBOLLA RIVER, FENTON LAKE, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HOPEWELL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE MALOYA, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTERY 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, RIO LAS VACAS, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND, STORRIE RESERVOIR & WINSOR CREEK.

In addition crews stocked 4,949 channel catfish in the following waters: BOSQUE REDONDO, BURN LAKE, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORONA POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND(River Walk Pond), GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, JAL LAKE, LAKE VAN, MCGAFFEY LAKE, OASIS PARK LAKE & YOUNG POND.

Crews also stocked 500,000 striped bass fry in Elephant Butte Lake and 33,609 northern strain largemouth bass in Bear Canyon Reservoir and Ute Lake.