

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 TO ALL ANGLERS: June 6 is a free fishing day. No license is required to fish public waters on that day. Take the family or a friend fishing but remember that all other rules apply.

CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

Navajo Lake: On May 23 Michael Armijo of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque caught a 37.5 inch and a 26 inch northern pike. He also caught a 24 inch pike on May 24. He was using a yellow/orange Panther Martin and a Mepps spinner. On May 29, Kenny Hansel of Los Alamos caught a 40 inch plus pike. He was fishing the San Juan arm in 10 feet of water and using a 4 inch green pumpkin Crooked Creek tube.

Heron Lake: On May 24, Manuel Mata of Tijeras caught his first brown trout. It was 20 inches and he was using a silver flat fish. On May 30, Madeline Gutierrez of Albuquerque caught an 18.5 inch kokanee that weighed 3 pounds 2 ounces. She was using a chartreuse double whammy.

Abiquiu Reservoir: On May 30, Andres Alvarado age 5 of Santa Fe caught a 24 inch 5 pound 4 ounce german brown. He was using a Model A Bomber in 25 feet of water. He caught it and Dad netted it.

Ute Lake: On May 29, Len Apodaca of Albuquerque caught a 25 inch walleye. He was using a 500 series Reef Runner Ripstick.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 7.4cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, stimulators and copper john barrs.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing was very good using power bait and worms. Fishing for catfish was good using beef and chicken liver. Anglers trolling with Colorado Spoons caught a mixed bag of walleye and trout.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using tubes, crank baits, spoons and minnows for white bass. Fishing was fair using jigs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair using swim

baits, night crawler/spinner rigs, crank baits and grubs for walleye. Fishing was good using liver and dough bait for catfish. Fishing was good using top water lures, senkos, tubes, crank baits and spinner baits for small largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

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

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

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing was good at both lakes this past week. Best baits were home made dough baits, power bait, wet flies and spinners.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, spoons, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes.

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 234cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using copper john barrs, stimulators, spinners, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 199cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, copper john barrs and spinners.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,490cfs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers and spinners for trout.

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

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was very good using power bait and home made dough baits. Fishing was good using liver and hot dogs for catfish up to 10 pounds.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was very good using crank baits, spinners and top water for white bass. Walleye fishing was good trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and crank baits at depths of 10-to-30 feet. Fishing was good using small worms, lizards and tubes for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using stink bait for catfish. Fishing was very good using tubes, jigs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was good using jigs tipped with grubs, minnows, night crawlers and Gulp bait and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, tubes, senkos and crank baits for smallmouth bass. A few trout were taken by anglers crank baits and spinners. Fishing was fair using liver and dough bait for catfish.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few tiger musky caught by anglers using large flies, swim baits and jerk baits. Fishing was slow-to-fair using flies and spinners for trout.

CANJILON LAKES: Trout fishing was slow.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 851cfs and 1,230cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, spinners and wooly buggers.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using soft swim baits and crank baits for walleye. A few white bass and smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using crank baits, tubes and jigs. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Fishing was good using spinners, worms and power bait for brown trout and rainbow trout.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes. The water was quite murky from recent runoff.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was very good using rainbow and chartreuse double whammies and Panther Martins at 15-to-22 feet. Bank fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, spinners and salmon eggs. Fishing for lake trout was slow.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 57cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing here, on the upper Cebolla, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was good using royal humpys, stone flies, parachute adams, worms, salmon eggs and red copper john barrs for trout.

MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and spoons.

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was fair using liver and dough bait for catfish.

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was very good using leeches, tubes, worms, grubs, senkos and crank baits for bass. Lots of fish caught but most were small. Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, spinner baits, plastics and top water lures for northern pike. Fishing was fair using liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using small jigs and tubes for crappie. Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling spinners tipped with corn or worms for kokanee. 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 4,030cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was slow-to-fair fishing the back waters and using San Juan worms, Chernobyl ants, small bead head pheasant tails and wooly buggers. Fishing through the bait waters was slow-to-fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers, spoons and jerk baits. The flow will hit 5,000cfs this week, stay there for one week then ramp back down to 500cfs by about June 12.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spoons, wooly buggers and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was very good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was good using stink bait and hot dogs for catfish. A few bass were taken by anglers using worms and tubes. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was good using egg patterns, mosquito patterns and streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: Fishing was slow.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Fishing was good using worms, jigs and wet flies for bluegill. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using grubs, tubes, crank baits, jerk baits and minnows for white bass and walleye and an occasional crappie. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and cut bait.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was good using grubs, sassy shad, crank baits, spoons and minnows for white bass. We had good reports from Rock Canyon, near Kettle Top and McRae Canyon. Fishing was fair-to-good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, grubs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was good using minnows, grubs and tubes for crappie. Fishing was

fair-to-good using top water lures, senkos, jerk baits, crank baits and spinner baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using live bait, umbrella rigs and jigs for striped bass. Fishing was good using liver and cut bait on trotlines for catfish.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 44cfs. Fishing was slow.

LAKE ROBERTS: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, wooly buggers, spoons, salmon eggs and worms. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver and hot dogs. We had no reports on other species.

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait and Pistol Petes. Fishing for tiger musky was slow-to-fair using jerk baits and large streamers.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,610cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was slow-to-fair using spoons and grubs for white bass. Fishing below Caballo was fair using grubs for walleye and white bass and liver for catfish.

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

SOUTHEAST AREA

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

BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Pistol Petes, power bait and salmon eggs. Fishing for carp was good using corn and dough balls.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and dough baits for catfish. Fishing for trout was slow-to-fair using worms, spinners 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. 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 fair 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 108fs. Fishing continued to be slow for all species.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 1.8cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was good using grubs, jigs, tubes and minnows for crappie. Fishing was good using senkos, tubes, salt craws, top water lures, crank baits and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, tubes, grubs, minnows and sassy shad for walleye. Fishing was fair-to-good using chicken liver on trotlines for catfish.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, crank baits, grubs, tubes, worms and minnows for walleye. Fishing was good using top water lures, worms, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using liver, blood bait and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was fair using minnows, jigs and grubs for crappie.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 14,020 rainbow trout averaging 10.0 inches in length in the following waters: BRAZOS LODGE POND, BRAZOS RIVER, CANJILON LAKES, CHAMA RIVER-Above & Below El Vado, CLAYTON LAKE, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK-Near Guadalupita, COYOTE CREEK POND, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, LA JUNTA CREEK, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO-Burns Lake, LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER WEST FORK, RIO PUEBLO & SIPAPU POND. In addition crews stocked 244 Gila trout averaging 9.6 inches in Willow Creek-Gila Drainage, 211,002 fingerling kokanee salmon in Heron Reservoir and 12,075 walleye fingerlings in Clayton Lake.