

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:

Bluewater Lake: On June 3, Jared Blaschke of Albuquerque caught a 37 inch tiger musky. He was using a custom made fly.

Elephant Butte: On May 29, Kathy Flynn of Rio Rancho caught a 31 inch striped bass. She was using a live shad. On May 31 Ava Jo Yarbrough age 5 of El Paso, TX caught her first fish. It was a 2.5 pound channel catfish and she was using a minnow.

Santa Rosa Lake: On May 30, Brian Kelly of Albuquerque caught a 7 pound walleye while fishing with a four inch grub.

Escondida Lake: On June 6, Kelly Melzo of Belen caught a 25 inch 7 ½ pound channel catfish. He was using chicken liver.

Heron Lake: On June 1, Laura Trujillo of Los Lunas caught her first kokanee. It measured 18 inches and weighed 3 pounds. She was using a chartreuse double whammy.

Clayton Lake: On June 6, Leo Montoya of Clayton caught an 8.8 pound walleye. He was using power bait. On the same day, Rick Schroeder caught a 2.55 pound rainbow trout.

Chama River: On June 3, Dustin Hohner of Albuquerque caught a 23 inch 5.5 pound german brown. He was using night crawlers.

Ute Lake: On June 7, Kevin Bural of Amarillo, TX caught a 5.62 pound largemouth bass.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms under a bobber and power bait. Fishing for perch was good using worms and grubs.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 7.8cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using stimulators, copper john bairs, spinners and salmon eggs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using Pistol Petes and salmon eggs.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was good using power bait and spinners for trout and walleye. Fishing was fair using worms, liver and power bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was good using tubes, crank baits, grubs, top water lures and minnows for white bass. Fishing was fair using jigs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair-to-good using grubs, tubes, worms, night crawler/spinner rigs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers and dough bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using top water lures, senkos, tubes, crank baits and jerk baits for small largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was slow.

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

HOPEWELL LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, copper john barrs, gold bead hares ears and salmon eggs. Most of the fish caught were rainbows.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing was very good at both lakes over the weekend. Anglers did well using brown wooly buggers, home made dough baits, power bait and Pistol Petes. Fish caught at Lake Maloya ranged from stocker size to five pounds.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, worms and spinners.

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

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 172cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, hares ears, copper john barrs, spinners, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 183cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, wooly buggers, stimulators and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,450cfs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using large flies and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using wooly buggers, night crawlers and spinners for trout.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and cut bait for catfish. A few bass were taken by anglers using crank baits and spinner baits. We had no reports on other species.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs and home made dough baits. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and hot dogs for catfish.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was very good using crank baits and top water lures for white bass. Walleye fishing was fair-to-good trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and crank baits and working jig and grub combinations at depths of 10-to-30 feet. Fishing was fair using small craws, tubes, senkos, buzz baits and poppers for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for catfish and crappie was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, jig and grub combinations, jerk baits, minnows and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, top water

lures, tubes, senkos and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using liver and dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow with a few tiger musky caught by anglers using large flies and in line spinners. Fishing was slow-to-fair using flies and spinners for trout. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and dough baits.

CANJILON LAKES: We had no reports from anglers this week.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 197cfs and 1,630cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers, black and yellow Panther Martins, wooly buggers and salmon eggs for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, jigs, minnows and tubes for small white bass and crappie. A few catfish were caught by anglers using liver and dough baits. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, worms and power bait.

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

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was good using double whammies, Arnies and Panther Martins at 12-to-18 feet. Bank fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs, corn and salmon egg combos and spinners for trout and kokanee. Our best reports came from anglers fishing in the Brushy Point area. We had no reports on lake trout.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 28cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing here and on the Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio, Cebolla, Rio Las Vacas and East Fork was good using cicadas, caddis, stone flies, worms, salmon eggs, spinners and copper john barrs.

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

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, tubes, senkos and 4 inch worms for bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, swim baits, worms and top water lures for northern pike. Fishing was fair using stink bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using small jigs, minnows and tubes for crappie. Fishing was slow for kokanee but a few were caught in the Francis Canyon area. We had no reports on other species.

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

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 5,200cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was slow-to-fair fishing the back waters and using San Juan worms, bead head pheasant tails, leeches, emergers and wooly buggers. Fishing through the bait waters was slow-to-fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers, spoons and jerk baits. The flow was expected to stay at 5,000cfs 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 and grubs for bluegill. Fishing was good using worms, power bait, spinners and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was good using stink bait and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was good using dead chickens, foam beetles, streamers and San Juan worms.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Fishing was fair using worms, jigs and wet flies for bluegill. A few trout were taken by anglers using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners. Fishing for bass was slow but a few were caught on craws, tubes and crank baits.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was very good using grubs, tubes, crank baits, jerk baits, top water lures and minnows in shallow water for white bass. Anglers fishing for white bass also caught a few crappie. Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, minnows and grubs for 2-to-4 pound walleye. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits and jerk baits for largemouth bass. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and cut bait.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was very good using grubs, sassy shad, crank baits, tubes, top water lures and minnows for white bass. Fishing was good using white and chartreuse tubes and grubs, crank baits, worms and craws for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows, grubs, jigs and tubes for crappie. Fishing was fair using top water lures, Sammys, pop Rs, 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 fair-to-good using liver and cut bait on trotlines and rod and reel for catfish.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 26cfs. Fishing was slow.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, night crawlers and dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing for tiger musky was slow with just one reported catch over the weekend. A few trout were taken by anglers using power bait, worms and spinners.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,640cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was slow-to-fair using spoons, spinners and grubs for white bass. Fishing below Caballo was fair using minnows 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 good using Pistol Petes, power bait and salmon eggs.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

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

OASIS PARK POND: Fishing was fair using liver and worms for catfish.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 138fs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver, dough baits and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 7.1cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs and small wet flies.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was good using buzz baits, jerk baits, craws, senkos, spinner baits and tubes for largemouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, crank baits, grubs and minnows for walleye. Fishing was good using top water lures, crank baits, minnows and grubs for white bass. Fishing for crappie and catfish was slow.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 36,442 rainbow trout averaging 9.7 inches in length in the following waters: AZTEC POND, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BONITO LAKE, CEBOLLA RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, COSTILLA CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, EL RITO CREEK, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND-River Walk Pond, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HARRIS LAKE, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HONDO RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER EAST FORK, LA JUNTA CREEK, LAKE FARMINGTON, LITTLE RIO GRANDE, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RAMAH LAKE, RED RIVER-Above and Below Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RIO LAS TRAMPAS, RIO LAS VACAS, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters, SANTA FE RIVER, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND & WINSOR CREEK.

In addition, crews stocked 5,072 channel catfish averaging 17.1 inches in length in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BLUEWATER LAKE, BURN LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORONA POND, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FISHING CLINIC WATERS, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND-River Walk Pond, LAKE ROBERTS, MCGAFFEY LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, RALPH EDWARDS DERBY, SPRINGER LAKE & YOUNG POND.