

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 5, Kenneth Archuleta of Albuquerque caught a 15.8 pound channel catfish. He was using shrimp on a light trout rod.

Elephant Butte: On June 9, Davis Davidson of Las Cruces caught a 36 pound carp. He was fishing from the bank and using hot dogs.

Abiquiu Reservoir: On June 11, Justin Graham age 15 of Los Alamos caught a 30 inch walleye. He was using a chartreuse chatter bait. Also on June 11, David Prentice of Tres Piedras caught a 22 inch walleye while using a yellow grub and a 27 inch walleye while using a deep running Rapala from the bank. On June 13, Jared Blaschke of Albuquerque caught a 23 inch german brown while fly fishing with a bass popper. On June 14, David Orso of Rio Rancho caught a 31½ inch 11pound walleye. He was using a spinner/night crawler rig.

Ute Lake: On June 13, Bill Osborn of Logan caught a 27 inch walleye. He was trolling a Hot'n Tot.

Heron Lake: On June 13, Christopher Johnson of Albuquerque caught a 19¼ inch kokanee. He was using salmon eggs and fishing from the bank.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARENTE LAKES: Trout fishing was good using worms under a bobber, Pistol Petes, spinners and power bait. Fishing for perch was good using worms and grubs.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 23cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, bead head hares ears, worms, spinners and salmon eggs. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing from the bank was fair using worms for trout. Fishing pressure was very light and we had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: If you want to have a good time catching and releasing small bass this was the place to be this past week. Lots of 10-to-13¾ inch bass were caught by anglers using senkos, tubes, top water lures, spinner baits, grubs, lizards, chigger craws and salt craws. Fishing was fair using bottom bouncer spinner/night crawler rigs and grubs for walleye. Fishing for white bass was fair-to-good using crank baits, grubs, minnows and spinners.

Fishing for catfish was fair using cut bait, liver and shrimp. We had no reports on other species.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, corn, salmon eggs, elk hair caddis and worms.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing from boats was very good using spinner/worm combinations, Pistol Petes, spoons, power bait and salmon eggs for trout and kokanee. Fishing from the bank was slower but some good size trout were caught by anglers using power bait. Fishing for perch was fair using worms.

HOPEWELL LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, copper john barrs, gold bead hares ears and worms.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was very good using pink, sherbet and green power baits, home made dough baits, Pistol Petes and grass hoppers. Fishing at Lake Alice was fair-to-good using power bait and Pistol Petes.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, corn, salmon eggs, worms and spinners.

MONASTERY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, Gulp chunky cheese bait and power bait.

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using Pistol Petes, spinners, wooly buggers and power bait.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 149cfs. Trout fishing was good using stone flies, yellow sallies, copper john barrs, spinners, salmon eggs, power bait and night crawlers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 168cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, stimulators, streamers and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,760cfs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using large flies, swim baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using wooly buggers and spinners for smallmouth bass. A few trout were taken by anglers using night crawlers and spinners.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was fair using liver and cut bait for catfish. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using Rat-L-Traps and in line spinners. Fishing for largemouth bass was slow-to-fair using crank baits, jerk baits and spinner baits.

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

UTE LAKE: Fishing was very good using crank baits, grubs and top water lures for white bass. Fishing was very good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair-to-good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, jigs and crank baits in 15-to-35 feet of water for walleye. Fishing for smallmouth bass was good using top water lures, jerk baits, crank baits, tubes, chigger craws and senkos. Fishing for largemouth bass, catfish and crappie was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was very good using jig and grub combinations, jerk baits, spinner/night crawler rigs, minnows and crank baits for walleye. David Orso from Rio Rancho reported that he and his father-in-law had their fourth consecutive great walleye trip this past week with both anglers catching limits. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, top water lures, tubes, senkos and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Jared Blaschke and Matt Pelletier of Albuquerque caught several smallmouth while fly fishing with bass poppers. Fishing up the

Chama River channel was good using jigs, tubes and minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair using liver, minnows and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

ANIMAS RIVER: Trout fishing was good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, copper john barrs, spinners and night crawlers.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using flies, spinner baits and jerk baits for tiger musky to 40 inches. Fishing was slow for all other species.

CANJILON LAKES: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, Pistol Petes, worms and power bait.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 193cfs and 1,610cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, spinners and salmon eggs for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout to 18 inches.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair using crank baits, jigs, minnows and tubes for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver, cut bait and night crawlers for catfish. A few largemouth bass and smallmouth bass were taken by anglers using chigger craws, top water and jerk baits. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms, power bait and Pistol Petes.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was very good using double whammies, Arnies and gold Panther Martins at 12-to-22 feet. Some anglers reported catching kokanee in the 19 inch range. Bank fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait, worms, corn and spinners for trout and kokanee. The best reports came from the Brushy Point area. Christopher Johnson of Albuquerque reported that his group caught limits of kokanee from the bank. They were using salmon eggs in the Brushy Point area. We had no reports on lake trout.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 51cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing here and on the Rio Guadalupe, Cebolla, Rio Las Vacas and East Fork was good using cicadas, grass hoppers, caddis, stone flies, worms, salmon eggs, spinners and copper john barrs.

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

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, worms and top water lures for northern pike. Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling spinner/corn combinations at 20-to-30 feet in the Francis Canyon area and on the San Juan arm for kokanee. Fishing was good using crank baits, four inch worms, senkos, tubes and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using jigs and minnows in La Jara Canyon, Negro Andy and Francis Canyon. Fishing was slow for all other species 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: 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 Quality Waters was good using emergers, leeches, San Juan worms, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, power bait, spinners and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, worms, 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 worms, power bait, gold spoons and spinners, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was good using stink bait and shrimp for catfish.

Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was good using dead chickens, ants, hoppers, mosquitoes and UFOs.

SOUTHWEST AREA

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

BILL EVANS LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using worms, jigs and wet flies for bluegill. Fishing for bass was slow but a few were caught on craws, tubes and crank baits. A few catfish were caught by anglers using worms and liver.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, top water lures, curly tail grubs, sassy shad and minnows for white bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, minnows, spinner/worm rigs and grubs for walleye. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver, shrimp and cut bait. We had no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was very good using grubs, sassy shad, crank baits, top water lures and minnows for white bass. We had good reports from McRae Canyon, near Kettle Top, Rock Canyon and the Black Bluffs. Fishing was good using white and chartreuse tubes and grubs, crank baits, minnows and craws for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows, grubs and jigs for crappie. The best reports came from anglers fishing at night with minnows. Fishing was fair using top water lures, jerk baits, crank baits, tubes and senkos for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using live bait, crank baits, umbrella rigs and jigs for striped bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and minnows over baited holes for catfish.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 37cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair using liver and dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing for tiger musky was slow again this past week but there were a few caught by anglers using spinner baits and small jerk baits. Fishing for trout was slow-to-fair using power bait, Pistol Petes and worms.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,340cfs. We had no reports from below Elephant Butte. Fishing below Caballo was fair-to-good using minnows for walleye and white bass and fair using 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 using salmon egg/corn combinations, power bait and spinners.

BOSQUE REDONDO: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait, corn, spoons 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. We had no reports on other species.

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 good using liver, dough baits and night crawlers for catfish.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms and small wet flies.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was very good using Rat-L-Traps, jerk baits, tubes, senkos, shad colored crank baits and minnows for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and white bass. Fishing was good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, crank baits, grubs and minnows for walleye. Fishing was good using liver on trot lines for catfish. A few crappie were taken by anglers using minnows, jigs and grubs.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 29,222 rainbow trout averaging 9.9 inches in length in the following waters: BRAZOS LODGE POND, BRAZOS RIVER, CANJILON LAKES, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above and Below El Vado, CHARETTE LAKES LOWER, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK-Near Guadalupita, COYOTE CREEK POND, EL PORVINOR CREEK (2115), FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, HOPEWELL LAKE, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO aka Burns Lake, LITTLE RIO GRANDE, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, MORPHY LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RIO PUEBLO, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters, SANTA CRUZ LAKE, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND, SIPAPU POND & TAOS CREEK aka Rio Fernando De Taos.