

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:

Cochiti Lake: On June 13, Corey Muniz caught a 36 inch northern pike. He was using a deep diving crank bait. On June 21, Frank Tester of Albuquerque caught a 35 inch northern pike. He was using a white Model B Bomber.

Elephant Butte: On June 15 and 16, Gary and Barbara Willmart of Navajo Dam caught limits of striped bass. Most of the fish exceeded 20 pounds and 32 inches in length. They were using live minnows. On June 21, Edward J. Lopez of Las Cruces caught a 22 inch 4 pound walleye. He was fishing the mouth of Rock Canyon and using a small swim bait.

Eagle Nest Lake: On June 18 Vinnie Fernandez of Santa Fe caught a 20 inch and a 21 inch rainbow trout. He was fishing from the bank at the south end of the lake and using red power bait on the bottom.

Chama River: On June 19, David Dimas of Albuquerque caught a 21 inch rainbow trout. He was using a night crawler.

Lake Van: On June 20, Andrew Gross of Roswell caught a 24 inch 10 pound channel catfish. He was using dip bait.

Sumner Lake: On June 20, Gary Smith of Fort Sumner caught a 5.5 pound largemouth bass.

Fenton Lake: On June 20, Jacob Quintana age 14 of Albuquerque caught a 32 inch german brown. He was using a Panther Martin.

Santa Rosa Lake: On June 21 Steve Johnson of Albuquerque caught a 25 inch walleye. He was trolling a Rapala SR5 CW in 8-to-12 feet of water. On June 22, Robert Sena caught a 34 inch 20 pound channel catfish. He was using an 8 inch Pecos River chub.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 26cfs. Trout fishing was very good using worms, spinners, salmon eggs, San Juan worms, caddis and

copper john barrs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit lakes was slow-to-fair using power bait and Pistol Petes.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing was very good using gold spoons. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was very light due to bad weather conditions.

CONCHAS LAKE: It was another good week for catching small bass. Anglers did well using top water lures, tubes, senkos, brush hogs, smallie beavers, lizards and crank baits. Fishing was good using worms and flies for bluegill. Fishing was fair using minnows, spoons, bottom bouncer spinner/night crawler rigs and grubs at 12-to-22 feet for walleye. Fishing for white bass was fair using crank baits, grubs, minnows and spinners. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver, night crawlers and shrimp. We had no reports on other species.

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

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing from boats was quite good this past week using spinner/worm combinations, Pistol Petes, spoons and power bait for trout and kokanee. Fishing from the bank was fair using power bait for trout. Fishing for perch was fair using worms.

HOPEWELL LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, gold bead hares ears, caddis and worms.

LAKE MALOYA/

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

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was fair using power bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using home made dough baits, power bait, worms, corn, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 131cfs. Trout fishing was good using stone flies, elk hair caddis, copper john barrs, spinners, salmon eggs, power bait and night crawlers. Fishing on Holy Ghost Creek and the Mora was good using worms.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 128cfs. Trout fishing here and on the Forks was good using power bait, spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, stimulators, streamers and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 852cfs. Trout fishing was fair using night crawlers, spinners, spoons, wooly buggers, San Juan worms and salmon eggs. Fishing was fair using flies, swim baits and jerk baits for northern pike. We had no reports on smallmouth bass.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was fair using cut bait for catfish to 24 inches. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using red and white Mepps spinners and Rat-L-Traps. We had no reports on other species.

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

UTE LAKE: Fishing was good using top water lures, crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows, spoons, jigs and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair-to-good using worms for bluegill. Fishing for smallmouth bass was good using grubs, senkos, smallie beavers, worms, jerk baits and crank baits. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and liver at night for catfish. Fishing for largemouth bass and crappie was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was good using jig and grub combinations, jerk baits, spinner/night crawler rigs, minnows and crank baits for walleye. The best reports came from anglers fishing the upper end of the lake and into the Chama River canyon. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, top water lures, tubes, senkos and crank baits for smallmouth bass. A few crappie were taken on minnows and jigs. Fishing was fair using liver, minnows and night crawlers for catfish.

ANIMAS RIVER: We had no reports from anglers this week.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was fair using flies, swim baits, spinner baits and jerk baits for tiger musky to 40 inches. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and shrimp. Fishing for trout was slow.

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 192cfs and 491cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers, spinners, streamers and salmon eggs. Below Abiquiu fishing was fair using spinners, worms and jerk baits.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was good using worms, poppers and wooly buggers for bluegill. The bluegills were on the beds and anglers fishing for them also picked up a few smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using white Bombers, swim baits, chatter baits and spinner baits for northern pike. Fishing was good using liver, dough baits and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, night crawlers and spinners.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using white wax worms and power bait and silver spinners when the sun was out. During cloudy times, best baits were wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, emergers and worms.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was very good using spinner/corn combos at 20 feet. Lots of limits of fish to 17.5 inches were reported. Fishing from the bank in the Piedra Cove and Ridge Rock areas was good using power bait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout and a few kokanee. We had no reports on lake trout.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 49cfs near Jemez Springs. Trout fishing on the Cebolla was good using worms for 7-to-9 inch browns. Fishing on the Jemez, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was good using grass hoppers, stone flies, worms, salmon eggs and spinners.

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, senkos, tubes, clousers, wooly buggers and poppers for smallmouth bass. The best reports came from anglers fishing Francis Canyon and the San Juan arm. Fishing was good using crank baits, swim baits and spinner baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair-to-good using worms and poppers for bluegill. A few crappie were caught by anglers using minnows and jigs. Fishing for kokanee was slow with a few taken on spinner/worm and spinner/corn combos fished at 20-to-40 feet on the main lake. We had no reports on other species.

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

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 504cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using dead chickens, parachute adams, emergers, leeches, San Juan worms, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers, power bait, red annelids, copper john barrs and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, worms, spoons, Pistol Petes and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was good using worms, power bait, gold spoons, 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, mosquitoes, small streamers and UFOs. **SPECIAL NOTE:** The bag limit for trout on the Youth and Central Ponds has been changed from 5 per day to 4 per day and the possession limit has been changed from 10 trout to 4 trout.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: Fishing for bluegill was fair using worms.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using worms, poppers and wet flies for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using swim baits, salt craws and crank baits for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

BURN LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and night crawlers.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, jerk baits, grubs, top water lures and minnows for white bass. Fishing was fair 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 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, Long Point and the Black Bluffs. Fishing was fair-to-good using swim baits, white, green and chartreuse tubes and grubs, crank baits, night crawlers and craws for walleye. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair using top water lures, jerk baits, tubes, lizards, brush hogs and senkos for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using live bait, umbrella rigs and jigs for striped bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, shrimp and minnows over baited holes for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 22cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and dough baits for catfish. A few trout were caught by anglers using power bait and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing for tiger musky was slow with just a few caught by anglers using spinner baits, flies 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 2,250cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo was slow. A few white bass were taken by anglers using minnows. We had no reports on other species.

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 eggs, worms, power bait, Pistol Petes 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, spoons and Pistol Petes.

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

LAKE VAN: Fishing was fair-to-good using dip baits, chicken liver, hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

OASIS PARK POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 193fs. This area will be closed to fishing during a high water release for the next 6-to-7 days.

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

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 12cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports on fly fishing.

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 good using crank baits, tubes, minnows, sassy shad and grubs for walleye. Steve Johnson had a great Father's Day trolling for walleye. He landed several in the 16-to-25 inch range while fast trolling a Rapala SR5 CW. Fishing was fair using minnows and liver on trotlines and with rod and reel for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. A water release is scheduled to begin today and run for six days. The lake level is expected to drop about 10 feet but will still have sufficient water to launch boats.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using chigger craws, top water lures, crank baits, tubes, spinner baits and worms for black bass. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 21,154 rainbow trout averaging 9.9 inches in length in the following waters: BLUEWATER LAKE, BONITO LAKE, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, CLAYTON LAKE, EL RITO CREEK, FAWN LAKES, GLENWOOD POND, HOLY GHOST CREEK, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, MT VIEW PONDS, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above and Below Questa, RED RIVER-East and West Fork, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RUIDOSO RIVER, SHUREE PONDS & WINSOR CREEK.