

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 23, Bill Sweeten of Albuquerque caught a 20 inch rainbow trout. He was using a 5 inch Daredevle and fishing for tiger musky. On June 24, Timothy Ryan of Rio Rancho caught a 21 inch rainbow. He was using a medium size lure.

Sumner Lake: On June 24, Bob McMath of Estancia caught a 7.5 pound walleye. On June 27, Howard Lin of Albuquerque caught a 6 pound walleye. He was using a white curly tail grub.

Chama River: On June 25, Dolly Sanches age 9 of Chili, NM caught a 14 inch rainbow trout. She was using a grasshopper.

Quemado Lake: On June 27, Matt Pelletier of Albuquerque caught a 36 inch tiger musky. He was using a Pointer 78 jerk bait.

Fenton Lake: On June 28, Andrew Delgado age 5 of Rio Rancho caught his first fish. It was a 14 inch rainbow trout and he was using worms.

Heron Lake: On June 28, Jeff Turner of Albuquerque caught a 9.5 pound carp. He was using corn and also caught several kokanee and trout on a Kastmaster/corn combination.

Abiquiu Lake: On June 28, Andrew Leong age 13 of Rio Rancho caught and released an 18 inch smallmouth bass.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 41cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, spinners, salmon eggs, caddis and copper john barrs.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing was good using Pistol Petes, power bait and gold spoons and spinners. A few small walleye were taken by anglers using grubs and worms. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using poppers, tubes, senkos, brush hogs, craws, buzz baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using poppers and worms

for bluegill. Fishing was fair using minnows, spinners, bottom bouncer spinner/night crawler rigs and grubs for walleye at 14-to-25 feet. Fishing for white bass was fair-to-good using crank baits, grubs, minnows and top water lures. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver and shrimp. We had no reports on other species.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was very good using spinners, salmon eggs, elk hair caddis and copper john barrs.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing from boats was good using spinner/worm combinations, spinner/corn combinations, Pistol Petes, spoons and power bait for trout and kokanee.

Fishing from the bank was slow.

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at both lakes was good using red, orange, pink, green and sherbet power baits. Fly fishing at Lake Maloya was quite good using wooly worms and copper john barrs.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was fair using power bait. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners and crank baits for largemouth bass.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was good using home made dough baits, corn, salmon eggs, spoons and Pistol Petes.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 128cfs. Trout fishing was good using elk hair caddis, yellow sallies, copper john barrs, spinners, salmon eggs and night crawlers. Fishing on the Mora was good using elk hair caddis, salmon eggs and worms.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 171cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, stone flies, elk hair caddis and wooly buggers.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,640cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, spoons and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

SHUREE PONDS: Open for the season July 1.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was fair using cut bait and dough bait for catfish. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners and crank baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

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

STUBBLEFIELD

LAKE Fishing was fair using grubs, minnows and crank baits for walleye. Try using top water, tubes and jigs for some good largemouth bass fishing.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was good using drop shot rigs, crank baits, buzz baits, Ricos, power worms and senkos for smallmouth bass. The bass were stacked on points and along steep bluffs. Fishing was good using crank baits and top water lures for white bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, grubs, minnows and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was very good using worms for big bluegill. Water surface temps ranged from 69-to-78 degrees and the color ranged from clear to murky.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing from boats and from the bank was very good using clousers, tubes, jerk baits, bass poppers, worms and senkos for smallmouth bass. Most of the bass caught were taken in 3-to-10 feet of water. Fishing was good using jerk baits, clousers, minnows and crank baits in shallow water for walleye. Fishing was good using cut bait on trotlines and liver and worms on rod and reel for catfish. A few trout were caught by anglers using minnows, crank baits and power bait. We had no reports on other species. Water surface temps ranged from 65-to-70 degrees and the color ranged from slightly stained to clear.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species but a few good size trout were caught on Daredevils and jerk baits.

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

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 193cfs and 539cfs respectively. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using grasshoppers, jerk baits, night crawlers, spinners, streamers and salmon eggs.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using worms, poppers, small jigs and minnows for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, swim baits and top water lures for northern pike. Fishing was fair using top water lures, chatter baits, power worms and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. 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, spinner/corn combos and spinners.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and black Pistol Petes.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was fair-to-good using spinner/corn combos at 15-to-32 feet. Anglers trolling for kokanee also picked up a few small lake trout. Bank fishing was good using Kastmaster/corn combinations for a mixed bag of kokanee and rainbow trout.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 33cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, Cebolla, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was good using red and yellow humpys, grass hoppers, worms, ants, salmon eggs and spinners.

MANZANO LAKE: Fishing was slow.

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, senkos, tubes, jerk baits and poppers for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was slow for northern pike with just a few taken on minnows, crank baits, swim baits and top water lures. Fishing was fair using worms and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using liver. 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 522cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using RS2s, dead chickens, chamois leeches, little princesses, San Juan worms, bead head pheasant tails, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, power bait, copper john bars and jerk baits. Our best reports from the bait waters came from anglers fishing the upper end of Cottonwood Flats and below Browns Corner.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing near the dam was fair-to-good using power bait, worms, spoons, jerk baits and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, power bait, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing at the Central Pond was very good using worms and stink bait 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Fishing was good using worms, poppers and small grubs for bluegill and crappie. Fishing was slow with just an occasional bass taken on swim baits, jigs and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was fair using jerk baits, grubs, top water lures, crank baits and minnows for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, jerk baits, spinner/worm rigs and grubs at the upper end of the lake for walleye. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver, shrimp and cut bait. Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, tubes and chigger craws for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Night fishing was very good using minnows for white bass, walleye, catfish and crappie. During the day, fishing was good using crank baits, top water lures, curly tail grubs and minnows for white bass. We had good reports from Rock Canyon, McRae Canyon, Long Point and the Black Bluffs. Fishing was fair using swim baits, white and chartreuse tubes and grubs, crank baits and spinner/night crawler combinations for walleye. Fishing was fair using top water lures, jerk baits, tubes, brush hogs and senkos 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, shrimp, dough bait and minnows over baited holes for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 46cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair using liver, and dough baits for catfish. Fishing for trout was fair using power bait, worms 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-to-fair using small jerk baits. Anglers using jerk baits and power bait also caught several rainbow trout.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,260cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo was slow. A few white bass and walleye were taken by anglers fishing below Caballo and 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-to-good using salmon eggs, worms, 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: Fishing was slow for all species.

GRINDSTONE

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

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

LAKE VAN: Fishing was fair using dip baits and chicken liver 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 1,570cfs. The high water release was expected to last through July 1. We had no reports from anglers.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 2.1cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and small wet flies.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using jigs, grubs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair-to-good using jerk baits, tubes, salt craws, top water lures and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass caught were in less than 8 feet of water. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits, spinner/minnow rigs, sassy shad and grubs for walleye. The best reports came from anglers fishing along the edge of the main channel. Fishing was fair using minnows and liver on trotlines and with rod and reel for catfish. The water release is scheduled end this week leaving plenty of water for fishing and boating.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using grubs, minnows and crank baits for walleye. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 26,605 rainbow trout averaging 10.3 inches in length in the following waters: CANJILON LAKES, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above & Below El Vado, CHARETTE LAKES-Lower, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COSTILLA CREEK, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK-Near Guadalupita, COYOTE CREEK POND, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, HONDO RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER, LA JUNTA CREEK, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO-Burns Lake, LITTLE RIO GRANDE, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, NUTRIAS LAKES-aka Trout Lakes, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RIO LAS TRAMPAS, RIO LAS VEGAS, RIO PUEBLO, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters & SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 4,272 Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the Pecos from Cowles to Village of Pecos and the Rio Grande Gorge above Pilar.