

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of July 4, 2009**

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](mailto: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:**

**Santa Rosa Lake:** On June 28, Henry Clopton of Albuquerque caught a 12.5 pound walleye. He was using a black curly tail grub.

**Navajo Lake:** On July 1, Michael Armijo of Rancho de Albuquerque caught a 35 inch northern pike. He was using a #5 orange and yellow Panther Martin.

**Heron Lake:** On July 3, Elizabeth Freeland age 10 of Nashville, TN caught an 18 1/4 inch kokanee. On the same day, Linda Gray of Albuquerque caught a 19 1/8 inch kokanee. On July 4, Sam Bayliss age 15 of Raton caught an 18 3/4 inch kokanee. All the kokanee were caught on [Mack's Lure Double Whammys](#) tipped with corn. On July 3, Edmundo Valenzuela of Albuquerque caught a 16 pound 7 ounce lake trout. He was using a [Mack's Lure Kokanee Killer](#).

**Bluewater Lake:** On July 3, Robert Hull of Albuquerque caught and released a 38 inch tiger musky. He was using a blue spoon.

**Ute Lake:** On July 2, Ronnie Stoner of Amarillo, TX caught a 3.82 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a top water lure. On July 3, Courtney White, age 3 or 4 of Clovis caught a 6 pound largemouth bass. She was using a night crawler on a Snoopy rod.

**Shuree Ponds:** On July 3, Kennis Romero age 7 of Santa Fe caught a 21 inch rainbow trout while using a gold Kastmaster.

**Power Dam Lake area:** On July 4 and 5, Andre Carrillo of Albuquerque caught a 20 inch rainbow a 21 inch rainbow and an 18 inch brown trout. All were caught on salmon peach power bait.

**Red River Kids Pond:** On July 4, Elijah age 6 and Zachary age 7 of La Cienega caught several rainbow trout in the 9-to-13 inch class. They were using salmon eggs and worms.

**Quemado Lake:** On July 4, Travis Miller age 15 of Albuquerque caught a 35 inch 17 pound carp. He was fishing for tiger musky and using a home made lure.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Kastmasters, worms under a bobber, salmon eggs and power bait. Fishing for perch was slow.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 41cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms, spinners, yellow sallies, salmon eggs, caddis and copper john barrs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using salmon eggs and worms.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using, power bait, worms, spoons and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was very good using worms, jigs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, senkos, brush hogs, chigger craws and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows, spinners and bottom bouncer spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing for white bass was 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 fair using worms, salmon eggs, small stimulators and small copper john barrs.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing from boats was good again this past week for anglers using spinner/worm combinations, spinner/corn combinations, Pistol Petes, spoons, Platte River specials and power bait for trout and kokanee. Fishing from the bank was slow-to-fair using spinners and worms for trout and a few perch.

**HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, worms, damsel flies and spinners.

### **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was good using red, pink and orange power bait, olive wooly buggers, green streamers, wooly worms and royal wulffs. Fishing at Lake Alice was fair-to-good using assorted power baits.

**MCALLISTER LAKE:** Closed due to high golden algae content.

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners, worms and spoons. We had no reports on other species.

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

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good from boats using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, Kastmasters, home made dough baits, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing from the bank was difficult as there was a considerable amount of moss along the edges.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 91cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, worms, caddis, yellow sallies, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers. Fishing on the Mora and Holy Ghost was fair-to-good using stimulators, prince nymphs, caddis, salmon eggs and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 119cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, stimulators, copper john barrs and wooly buggers.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 895cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, spoons, black and olive wooly buggers and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Kastmasters, Super Dupers, Panther Martins and wooly buggers.

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using cut bait and hot dogs for catfish. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using spinners, crank baits and cut bait. We had no reports on other species.

**STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using pink power bait and salmon eggs. Fishing for catfish at night was good using chicken liver and hot dogs.

#### **STUBBLEFIELD**

**LAKE** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was good using top water lures, tubes, jerk baits, night crawlers and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was very good using crank baits, grubs, minnows and top water lures for white bass. Fishing was very good using worms for big bluegill. Fishing was good using liver, shrimp, dough bait and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was slow for walleye but there were a few taken on bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs.

#### **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was very good using clousers, tubes, jerk baits, crank baits, top water lures, worms and senkos for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using jerk baits, clousers, minnows, salt craws, grubs, tubes and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using cut bait, liver and night crawlers on trotlines and on rod and reel for catfish. We had no reports on other species. Water surface temps ranged from 67-to-72 degrees.

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species but a few tiger musky and trout were caught on Daredevles, spinners and jerk baits.

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

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 208cfs and 244cfs respectively. Trout fishing was fair using grasshoppers, night crawlers, spinners, streamers and salmon eggs.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was good using worms, small jigs and minnows for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using swim baits, spinner baits, jigs and top water lures for northern pike. Fishing was fair early in the day using top water lures, chatter baits and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using liver, hot dogs, cut bait and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, night crawlers, Kastmasters, spinner/corn combos and salmon eggs.

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using worms, spoons and Pistol Petes.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was fair-to-good using double whammies, kokanee killer and wedding rings tipped with corn at 19-to-26 feet. Anglers trolling for kokanee also picked up a few lake trout. Bank fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs and Kastmasters for a mixed bag of kokanee and rainbow trout.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 35cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, Cebolla, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was good using spinners, humpys, beetles, grass hoppers, worms, ants, salmon eggs and spinners.

#### **LAGUNA DEL**

**CAMPO:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Kastmasters, spinners, Pistol Petes under a bubble and power bait.

**MANZANO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**MCGAFFEY LAKE:** Fishing was fair using liver, worms and dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was good using swim baits, crank baits, senkos and spinners for northern pike. Fishing was good using chigger craws, power worms, top water lures, tubes, crank baits and brush hogs for bass. A few crappie were caught by anglers using jigs and minnows and fishing in La Jara Canyon and Francis Canyon. Fishing was slow but a few catfish were caught on 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 487cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using dead chickens, chamois leeches, red annelids, chocolate emergers, San Juan worms, bead head pheasant tails, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, copper john barrs and jerk baits.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing near the dam was good using power bait, worms, salmon eggs, 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 power bait, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing at the Central Pond was very good using worms, hot dogs and stink bait for catfish. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was fair in the morning and evening hours using dead chickens, black ants, mosquitoes and small streamers. **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 slow-to-fair using grubs, top water lures, crank baits, sassy shad and minnows for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, spinner/worm rigs, minnows and grubs for walleye. Fishing was fair using shrimp, hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Night fishing continued to be very good using minnows for white bass, walleye and catfish. During the day, fishing was good using crank baits, Rooster Tails, top water lures, curly tail grubs and minnows for white bass. We had good reports from Rock Canyon, McRae Canyon, the Jungles, Long Point and the Black Bluffs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using swim baits, white and chartreuse tubes and grubs, fire tiger crank baits and spinner/night crawler combinations for walleye. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, senkos, jigs and power worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using live bait, umbrella rigs and jigs for striped bass. Fishing was good using liver, shrimp, hot dogs, dough bait and minnows for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Fishing was fair using liver, hot dogs, shrimp and dough bait for catfish.

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 41cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, bead head hares ears & copper john barrs.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and worms for catfish. Fishing for trout was fair in the morning and evening hours using power bait, worms and spinners. Fishing for bass was fair using grubs, jigs and worms.

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing for tiger musky was slow-to-fair using flies, small jerk baits and spinners. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, power bait, salmon eggs, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes for trout.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,110cfs. Fishing here was slow but anglers fishing below Caballo Lake caught a few catfish and white bass. They were using stink bait and minnows.

**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. The best reports came from anglers fishing the early morning and late evening hours.

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was good using liver, hot dogs and worms for catfish. A few trout were taken on power bait and worms. 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 fair using salmon eggs, power bait, spinners, worms and Pistol Petes.

**JAL LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

**LAKE VAN:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver, hot dogs and dip bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**OASIS PARK POND:** Fishing was good using worms and stink bait for catfish.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 1.6fs. Fishing for catfish was fair-to-good using liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

**PERCH LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 15cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and small copper john barrs.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was fair using jerk baits, tubes, grubs, jigs, top water lures and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass caught were in less than 10 feet of water. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, jerk baits, spinner/worm rigs, sassy shad and grubs for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows, hot dogs, shrimp and liver on trotlines and with rod and reel for catfish.

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

## **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 12,182 rainbow trout averaging 10.7 inches in length in the following waters:

**BRAZOS RIVER , CANJILON LAKES, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above El Vado, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, HARRIS LAKE, HOPEWELL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER EAST FORK, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO-Burns Lake, LAGUNITAS LAKES, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND & SHUREE PONDS.**

In addition, crews stocked 4,998 channel catfish averaging 17.1 inches in length in the following waters: **BOSQUE REDONDO, BURN LAKE, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORONA POND,**

**ESCONDIDA LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL LAKE-River Walk Pond, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, JAL LAKE, MCGAFFEY LAKE I& OASIS PARK LAKE.**