

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:

Abiquiu Lake: On July 5, Levi Tenbrink of Albuquerque caught an 11.5 pound walleye. He was using a [spinner/night crawler rig](#). On July 11, Hank Kuhn of Rio Rancho caught a 3.75 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a [worm](#).

Cochiti Lake: On July 9, Jim Ryan of Albuquerque caught a 22 inch northern pike. He was trolling [a medium size lure](#).

Clayton Lake: On July 11, Jimmy Fernandez of Clayton caught a 2.25 pound rainbow trout. He was using a worm under a bobber.

Heron Lake: On July 11, Anthony Martinez of Ojo Caliente caught an 18 ¼ inch kokanee. He was using a [Mack's Lure Double Whammy](#) tipped with corn.

Ute Lake: On July 10, Jerry Woodard of Hobbs caught a 5.2 pound walleye. He was trolling [a crank bait](#). On July 12, Donny McWhorter of Dalhart, TX caught a 4.68 pound largemouth bass.

NORTHEAST AREA

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

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 42cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, spinners, salmon eggs, hoppers, parachute adams, and copper john barrs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using salmon eggs and worms.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing was good using worms and power bait for trout up to 2.25 pounds. A few walleye were taken on worms and spinner/worm combinations. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was good using worms and poppers for bluegill. Fishing was fair-to-good using top water lures, tubes, senkos, brush hogs, chigger craws and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Most of the bass were small. Fishing was slow for walleye but a few were caught by anglers using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, crank baits and minnows. Fishing for white bass was fair using crank baits, grubs, minnows and top water lures. Fishing for catfish was good using cut bait, liver and shrimp. We had no reports on other species.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, small stimulators and small copper john barrs.
EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing from the bank has picked up some as anglers are catching perch and a few good size rainbows. Best baits are worms, power bait and spinners. Fishing from boats was slow-to-fair using spinner/worm combinations, spinner/corn combinations, Pistol Petes, spoons, Platte River specials and power bait for trout and kokanee.

HOPEWELL LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait or worms under a bobber, hoppers and spinners.
LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good in the mornings and good in the evenings. Best baits were power bait and green streamers and Pistol Petes at Lake Maloya and power bait at Lake Alice.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

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

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair from boats using Pistol Petes, Kastmasters, home made dough baits 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 64cfs. Trout fishing was good using spinners, elk hair caddis, hoppers, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers. Fishing on the Mora and Holy Ghost was good using elk hair caddis, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and worms.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 88cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, wooly buggers, hoppers, copper john barrs and bead head hares ears.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 440cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, spoons, wooly buggers, San Juan worms, stimulators and night crawlers. Fishing was slow-to-fair using bunny leeches and jerk baits for northern pike. A few smallmouth bass were taken on wooly buggers, spinners and jerk baits.

SHUREE PONDS: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Kastmasters, 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 crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was good using garlic cheese, corn and power bait. Fishing for catfish at night was good using worms and hot dogs.

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

UTE LAKE: Fishing was good using top water lures, grubs and in line spinners for white bass. Fishing was very good using top water lures, senkos, tubes and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using stink bait for catfish. Fishing was very good using worms and small grubs for bluegill. A few walleye were caught by anglers trolling crank baits and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was good using Pop Rs, Ricos, senkos, worms, sweet beavers, grubs and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, minnows, worms, spinner/night crawler combos, grubs, tubes and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using cut bait, liver, worms, tubes and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 312cfs and 590cfs respectively. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using grasshoppers, wooly buggers, night crawlers, spinners, power bait and salmon eggs.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and minnows for bluegill and crappie. Fishing was slow-to-fair using swim baits, spinner baits and top water lures for northern pike. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using liver, hot dogs, cut bait and night crawlers at night for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was slow.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was very good using double whammies, wedding rings and Crippures tipped with white corn at 20-to-30 feet with the fish going deeper as the days warm up. Bank fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and Kastmasters for a mixed bag of kokanee and rainbow trout in the Brushy Point and Ridge Rock areas.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 14cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas, Cebolla, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was very good using hoppers, crickets, elk hair caddis, ants, worms, salmon eggs and spinners. Hoppers, black crickets and elk hair caddis worked well for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters. Reservations to fish these waters can be made by calling 1-866-382-5537 or on line at www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/fish.

LAGUNA DEL CAMPO: Trout fishing was fair using Kastmasters, small Daredevles, Pistol Petes under a bubble, worms under a bobber and power bait.

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

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was very good using swim baits, crank baits, senkos, plastic worms and spinners for northern pike. Good pike action was reported on the San Juan arm, the Pine arm and in Francis Canyon. Fishing was good using tubes, chigger craws, power worms, top water lures, crank baits, senkos and brush hogs for bass. A few catfish were caught at night by anglers using minnows and cut bait. We had no reports on other species.

RAMAH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RIO PUEBLO: Water flow near Penasco as of Monday was 14cfs. Trout fishing was good using copper john barrs, stimulators and worms.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 847cfs and may stay at this level for a while as Navajo Lake is still quite full. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using dead chickens, red annelids, emergers, San Juan worms, bead head pheasant tails, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, garlic cheese, wooly buggers, copper john barrs and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spoons and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair using hot dogs, worms, shrimp and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing at the Catch and Release Pond was fair in the morning and evening hours using dead chickens, black ants, hoppers and Griffith's gnats. 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 and crank baits for white bass. A few walleye were taken on spinner/night crawler rigs and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, Rooster Tails, top water lures, grubs and minnows for white bass. We had good reports from Rock Canyon, Long Point and McRae Canyon. A few walleye were caught on swim baits, grubs, crank baits and spinner/night crawler rigs. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, crank baits and senkos for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using live bait, 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 18cfs. Fishing was slow.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair using liver and worms for catfish. Fishing for trout was fair in the morning and evening hours 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 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 1,670cfs. 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 good in the early morning hours using salmon eggs, power bait, Pistol Petes and spinners.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was fair 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-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait, corn, worms, spinners, spoons and Pistol Petes.

JAL LAKE: Fishing was slow.

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

OASIS PARK POND: Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and stink bait for catfish.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 92cfs. Fishing for all species was slow.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 4.3cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, grubs, worms, top water lures and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows, hot dogs, shrimp and liver on trotlines and with rod and reel for catfish.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 31,093 rainbow trout averaging 10.3 inches in length in the following waters: BONITO LAKE, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COSTILLA CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, FAWN LAKES, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOPEWELL LAKE, LAKE ALICE-Sugarite Canyon, LAKE MALOYA, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, MORPHY RESERVOIR, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Quality Waters and Below Quality and WINSOR CREEK.