

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:

Conchas Lake: On July 17, Barry Stanley of Farmington caught a 4 pound 10 ounce largemouth bass. He was using a [Yamamoto kreature bait](#). On July 18, Fritz Staver of Santa Fe caught a 5 pound 8 ounce largemouth bass. He was using a [senko](#). On July 18, Dennis Cook of Farmington caught a 7.8 pound walleye. He was using a [brown jig](#) with an [orange craw trailer](#) and fishing in 2 feet of water north of the marina. On July 18, Mark Adams of Edgewood caught a 4.08 pound largemouth bass. He was using a homemade [popper](#). On July 18, Russell Whited of Roswell caught a 5 pound 10 ounce largemouth bass. He was using a [shakyhead jig](#). On July 19, Matt Abeyta of Albuquerque caught a 5 pound 7 ounce largemouth bass. He was using a [buzz bait](#).

Clayton Lake: On July 18, Wayne Kennedy of Amarillo, TX caught a 9 pound 8 ounce walleye. He was fishing for bass at the time.

Elephant Butte Lake: Jay Wysong caught a 5.42 pound smallmouth bass. He was pre fishing for a bass tournament.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, marshmallow/corn combinations, Pistol Petes and worms.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 55cfs. Trout fishing was fair using parachute adams, elk hair caddis, wooly buggers, copper john barrs, worms and salmon eggs.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few small trout and walleye caught by anglers using worms and grubs. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was very good using buzz baits, Ricos, drop shot rigs, creature baits, senkos, Gulp leeches and spinner baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Most of the bass were small but there were several good size fish that made our catches of the week. Fishing was good using leeches, minnows, senkos, tubes, jigs and grubs for walleye. Several of the walleye were caught by anglers fishing a bass tournament and working shallow waters. Fishing was good using worms, top water lures, flies and grubs for bluegill. Fishing was good using leeches, shrimp and cut bait for catfish. 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 for perch was slow-to-fair using worms and grubs. Fishing for trout and kokanee was slow-to-fair trolling spinner/worm combinations, Pistol Petes, spoons and Platte River specials. Fishing from anchored boats and from the bank was fair using power bait for trout.

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at both lakes was fair in the mornings and good in the evenings. Best baits were assorted power baits, 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 fair using power bait and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair from boats using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, 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 51cfs. Trout fishing was good using hoppers, prince nymphs, 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 80cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using spinners, San Juan worms, salmon eggs, night crawlers, wooly buggers, hoppers, beetles and copper john barrs. Fishing on the Forks was good using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 371cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, spoons, wooly buggers, San Juan worms and night crawlers. Fishing was slow-to-fair using bunny leeches and husky jerks for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

SHUREE PONDS: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Kastmasters, Panther Martins, small Daredevles and wooly buggers.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was fair using cut bait for 16-to-24 inch catfish. A few northern pike were also caught by anglers using cut bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

STUBBLEFIELD

LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using grubs, slab spoons and in line spinners for white bass. Most of the white bass were caught at depths of 20-to-25 feet. Fishing was fair using top water lures, senkos, tubes and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. The largemouth bass were found in the brush in less than 10 feet of water. The best top water action was in the early morning hours. Fishing was very good using worms and small grubs for bluegill. A few walleye were caught by anglers using slab spoons and trolling crank baits and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs. A few catfish were taken on cut bait, liver and minnows.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was fair using top water lures, senkos, worms, grubs and in line spinners for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, minnows, worms, spinner/night crawler and spinner/minnow combos, grubs, tubes and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using cut bait, liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

BRAZOS RIVER: Trout fishing was fair using dead chickens, parachute adams and worms.

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

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 1,050cfs and 1,090cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was slow-to-fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers, jerk baits and salmon eggs. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair using worms, poppers, grubs and minnows for bluegill and white bass. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using top water lures, tubes and crank baits. 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: Fishing was slow for all species.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was slow.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was fair-to-good using double whammies, kokanee killers, wedding rings and Cripplures tipped with white corn at 20-to-34 feet with the fish going deeper as the days warm up. Bank fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners and Kastmasters for kokanee, small lake trout and rainbow trout. The best reports came from anglers fishing in the Brushy Point and Ridge Rock areas.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 12cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas, Cebolla, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was fair using hoppers, elk hair caddis, worms, salmon eggs and spinners. Hoppers, elk hair caddis and small bead head nymphs on a dry dropper setup worked well for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters. The big catch reported this week was a 14 inch brown trout. 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 slow-to-fair using Kastmasters, small Daredevles, Pistol Petes and worms under a bobber.

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

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using swim baits, crank baits, senkos and spinners for northern pike. 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. A few rainbow trout were caught by anglers using spinners and power bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

RIO PUEBLO: Water flow near Penasco as of Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using stimulators, copper john bairs, bead head hares ears and worms.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 1,090cfs and may stay at or near this level for a while as Navajo Lake is still quite full. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using leeches, dead chickens, red annelids, San Juan worms, parachute adams, wooly buggers, bead head pheasant tails, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was good using spinners, Kastmasters, garlic cheese, wooly buggers, copper john bairs and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon egg/corn combinations, marshmallow/corn combinations, 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 fair-to-good using worms, poppers, small jigs and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using swim baits, jigs, salt craws and crank baits for largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using liver, worms and dough baits for catfish. 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, spoons and crank baits for white bass. A few walleye were taken on spinner/night crawler rigs and crank baits. Night fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair using crank baits, Rooster Tails, top water lures, grubs, spoons, jigs and minnows for white bass. A few walleye were caught on swim baits, grubs, crank baits, minnows and spinner/night crawler rigs. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, crank baits, creature baits and senkos for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. A few striped bass were caught by anglers using live bait. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp, hot dogs, dough bait and minnows for catfish. The best reports came from anglers fishing at night. We had no reports on other species.

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

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 25cfs. Fishing was slow.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair using liver, water dogs and worms for catfish. Fishing for trout was fair in the morning and evening hours using power bait, worms and spinners. Fishing was slow-to-fair using jigs and tubes for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,670cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo Lake was slow for all 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 good in the early morning and evening hours using power bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and spinners.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver, dough bait and worms for catfish. 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 power bait, corn, worms, spinners and Pistol Petes.
JAL LAKE: Fishing was slow.
LAKE VAN: We had no reports from anglers this week.
OASIS PARK POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 93cfs. Fishing was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and night crawlers.
PERCH LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 3.7cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: A few largemouth bass were caught by anglers using top water lures and jigs. We had no reports on other species.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing continued to be slow for all species.

Stocking report:

Crews stocked 50,638 rainbow trout averaging 10.7 inches in length in the following waters: BLUEWATER LAKE, BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above and Below El Vado, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK-Near Guadalupita, COYOTE CREEK POND, FAWN LAKES, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, HONDO RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER, LITTLE RIO GRANDE, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above and Below Questa, RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER WEST FORK, RIO PUEBLO, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND & SHUREE PONDS.