

# 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](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:**

**Abiquiu Lake:** On July 25, George Luna of Rio Rancho caught a [30 inch walleye](#). He was using a chartreuse [Yamamoto curly tail grub](#) and fishing on a Global Opportunities trip.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait, marshmallow/corn combinations, Pistol Petes and worms.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 20cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, bead head hares ears, copper john barrs, worms and salmon eggs.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Daytime fishing was slow for all species. At night, fishing for catfish was good using chicken skins, chicken liver and beef liver. A few black bass were taken on crank baits and trout fishing was fair using worms. We had no reports on other species.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Black bass fishing was a bit slower this week but still lots of small fish being caught. Best baits were leeches, senkos, sweet beavers, chigger craws and crank baits. A few bass were also taken on top water lures fished early in the day. Fishing was fair using crank baits, spinners and grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using leeches, minnows, senkos, tubes, jigs and grubs for walleye. Fishing was good using worms, flies and grubs for bluegill. Fishing was fair using leeches, shrimp, liver and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait and corn.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing from the bank was fair-to-good using power bait for a mix of rainbow trout and kokanee. Fishing from boats was fair trolling kokanee killers, double whammies, Pistol Petes and spoons tipped with corn for kokanee and rainbow trout. Fishing from anchored boats was fair using power bait for trout. Fishing for perch was slow-to-fair using worms and power bait.

**HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow.

### **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good in the mornings and good in the evenings. Best baits were assorted power baits, streamers, wooly buggers 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 from boats was very good using Kastmasters, Daredevles, Pistol Petes, worms, corn, power bait and salmon eggs. Fishing from the bank was fair using home made dough baits, power bait and salmon eggs.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 58cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, hares ears, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers. Fishing on the Mora was good using stimulators, copper john barrs and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 101cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was fair-to-good using spinners, salmon eggs, worms, wooly buggers and copper john barrs. Fishing on the Forks was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

**RIO COSTILLA:** Trout fishing was very good using small orange and yellow stimulators and elk hair caddis.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 393cfs. Trout fishing was fair using night crawlers, spinners, spoons, wooly buggers and dry dropper combos with large hopper or ant patterns. and night crawlers. A few northern pike were caught on bunny leeches, in line spinners and jerk baits. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair using crawdads, spinners, night crawlers and wooly buggers.

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

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was fair using cut bait for 16-to-20 inch catfish. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using cut bait and swim baits. We had no reports on other species.

**STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair in the evening hours 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 senkos, tubes, craws, sweet beavers, power worms and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was very good using minnows and worms for bluegill. Fishing was good using cut bait, chicken liver and stink baits for catfish. A few white bass were taken on slab spoons and grubs. We had no reports on other species.

#### **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos, worms, tubes, grubs and in line spinners for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows, curly tail grubs, crank baits, spinner/night crawler combos and tubes for walleye. Fishing was fair using cut bait, liver and night crawlers for catfish. A few rainbow trout were caught on power bait and worms. We had no reports on other species.

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

**BRAZOS RIVER:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using stimulators, parachute adams, copper john barrs and worms.

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

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 640cfs and 622cfs respectively. Trout fishing at both locations was slow-to-fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers, jerk baits and salmon eggs.

**COCHITI LAKE:** A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using grubs and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few rainbow trout caught by anglers using power bait and spinners.

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was fair using double whammies, kokanee killers, wedding rings and Crippures tipped with white corn at 20-to-25 feet in the morning hours and 25-to-30 feet midday. Bank fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners and Kastmasters for rainbow trout. Most of the fish caught from the bank were small.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 16cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, Rio Guadalupe, San Antonio and East Fork was fair using royal wulffs, stimulators, copper john barrs, worms, salmon eggs and spinners. Elk hair caddis, hoppers and black ants worked best for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters with the big fish caught a 15 inch brown. Reservations to fish these waters can be made by calling 1-866-382-5537 or on line at [www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/fish](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/fish).

#### **LAGUNA DEL**

**CAMPO:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was fair using tubes, chigger craws, power worms, top water lures, sweet beavers, senkos and brush hogs for bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using swim baits, jerk baits, worms and jigs for northern pike. Fishing was slow but there were a few kokanee taken at 40 feet. Anglers were trolling green spinners tipped with corn. 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 18cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 1,100cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using leeches, wooly buggers, dead chickens, San Juan worms, parachute adams, bead head pheasant tails, small hair jigs and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was good using jerk baits, spinners, Kastmasters, wooly buggers, copper john barrs and night crawlers.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, marshmallow/corn combinations, spoons and spinners.

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair using hot dogs, 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, streamers and hoppers. **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 was slow for all species.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and small jigs for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

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

**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling crank baits and spinners for white bass. A few small walleye were taken on spinner/night crawler rigs and crank baits. Night fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing for striped bass was slow-to-fair using live bait and fishing the Jungles area and near the Butte. Fishing was fair using minnows for white bass. A few were also taken on clousers, crank baits, spinners and grubs. Fishing at night was fair-to-good for some anglers fishing for crappie. They were using minnows. Fishing was slow-to-fair using sweet beavers, chigger craws, salt craws, worms and jigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Best reports came from anglers fishing off main lake and secondary points. Fishing for catfish was fair using minnows, cut bait and liver at night. We had no reports on other species.

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

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 27cfs. Fishing was slow.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was fair-to-good using liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for trout was slow-to-fair in the morning and evening hours using power bait, worms, Pistol Petes and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

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

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow but a few trout were caught by anglers using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers and power bait.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,400cfs. Fishing here and below Caballo Lake was slow for all species.

**SNOW LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

## **SOUTHEAST AREA**

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

**BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using marshmallow/salmon egg combos, power bait, spinners, salmon eggs and worms.

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was slow for all 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 good using Pistol Petes under a bubble, power bait, spinners, salmon eggs and worms.

**JAL LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

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

**OASIS PARK POND:** Fishing was slow.

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

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 5cfs. Trout fishing was good using small bead head nymphs and salmon eggs.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, jigs, senkos and top water lures for bass. We had no reports on other species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was very slow for all species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 19,065 rainbow trout averaging 10.5 inches in length in the following waters: BONITO LAKE, BRAZOS RIVER, CANJILON LAKES, CHAMA RIVER-Above and Below El Vado, COSTILLA CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HONDO RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO-Burns Lake, LOS PINOS RIVER, 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 HATCHERY POND, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SIPAPU PONDS & WINSOR CREEK. In addition crews stocked 39,995 fingerling Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the Rio Grande Gorge above Pilar.