

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of August 1, 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:**

**Clayton Lake:** On July 25, Korey Beckner of Clayton caught a 22 pound catfish. He was using fish guts.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** On July 29, Ron Quiring of Albuquerque caught an 8 pound walleye. He was trolling a [Reef Runner](#) in 40 feet of water.

**Rio Grande:** On August 1, Steven Wysocki of El Paso caught a 4.75 pound walleye and a 3.75 pound walleye. He was fishing the river below Caballo Lake and using [white and green curly tail grubs](#).

**Ute Lake:** On August 2, Aaron Brewer age 15 of Clovis caught a 5.64 pound walleye. He was using a [deep diving crank bait](#).

**Navajo Lake:** On August 1, Fritz Staver of Santa Fe caught a 3.6 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a drop shot/[worm](#) rig. On August 2, Kenny Hansel of Los Alamos caught a 4 pound largemouth bass. He was also using a drop shot/[worm](#) rig.

**Cochiti Lake:** On August 2, Sue Naugle of Albuquerque caught a 19 inch smallmouth bass. She was using a Texas rigged [smoke and chartreuse reaper](#) and fishing a main lake point.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait, spinners, spoons, Pistol Petes and worms.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 38cfs. Trout fishing was good using bead head hares ears, copper john barrs, elk hair caddis, tricos, spinners, worms and salmon eggs.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** The water was quite murky this past week and fishing was slow. A few trout were caught by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing for walleye was slow-to-fair using [bottom bouncer/crawler rigs](#), crank baits and grubs. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair-to-good using tubes, senkos, worms, creature baits and crank baits. A few bass were also taken on top water lures. Fishing at night was good using liver, cut bait and minnows for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms, minnows, jigs, grubs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for white bass was slow-to-fair using crank baits, grubs and spoons.

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

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing for trout from the bank and from anchored boats was fair using power bait. Anglers doing best from the bank found open pockets of water in the weeds. Trolling was fair early and late in the day using spinner/corn and spinner/worm combinations for a mix of trout and kokanee. Fishing for perch was slow.

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

**LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good again this past week. Best baits at Maloya were Rooster Tails, Kastmasters and assorted power baits. Power baits were working best at Lake Alice.

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

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, small Gulp craws and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

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

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing from boats was good using Pistol Petes, spinners, 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 44cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, hares ears, copper john barrs, salmon eggs, corn/salmon eggs combos and worms. Fishing on the Mora was fair-to-good using stimulators, copper john barrs and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 85cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using spinners, power bait, worms, bead head prince nymphs and copper john barrs. Fishing on the Forks was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, worms and copper john barrs.

**RIO COSTILLA:** Trout fishing was very good using small yellow stimulators, light colored elk hair caddis and PMDs.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 344cfs. Trout fishing was fair using night crawlers, spinners, spoons, wooly buggers, jerk baits and copper john barrs. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair using jerk baits, wooly buggers and spinners. We had no reports on northern pike.

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

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was fair using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair in the evening hours using garlic cheese, corn and power bait. Fishing for catfish at night was fair using worms, liver and hot dogs.

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

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was good using spoons for white bass at 20-to-30 feet. Fishing was fair-to-good using drop shot rigs on main lake points, crank baits, tubes and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using jigs in deep trees for largemouth bass. Fishing was very good using minnows and worms for bluegill. Fishing was good using cut bait, chicken liver and stink baits for catfish. Fishing for crappie was slow. We had no reports on other species.

#### **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was fair using senkos, worms, tubes, grubs, top water lures and in line spinners for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using curly tail grubs, crank baits, spinner/night crawler combos and tubes for walleye. Night 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 good using stimulators, parachute adams, copper john barrs and worms.

**CANJILON LAKES:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, worms, Pistol Petes and Kastmasters.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 917cfs and 820cfs 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 slow-to-fair using top water lures, tubes, crank baits and senkos for smallmouth bass and a few white bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using spoons, spinners, power bait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was very good trolling orange double whammies and orange Z Rays tipped with corn at 40 feet. Anglers trolling for kokanee also caught a few rainbow trout. Bank fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners and Kastmasters for rainbow trout.

**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 for some and slow for others. Best baits were 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:** Trout fishing was fair using spinners, Pistol Petes and power bait.

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

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was very good using drop shot rigs, crank baits, spinner baits and brush hogs for northern pike. Several of the pike caught were in the 30 inch class. Fishing was fair using drop shot/worm rigs, crank baits and spinner baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the keeper size smallmouth bass were taken off deep flats. Fishing was fair-to-good trolling Arnies, Blue Fox spinners and kokanee killers tipped with corn at 40-to-45 feet. Most of the kokanee action was between Francis Canyon and the dam. 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 13cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, copper john bairs and salmon eggs.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 922cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using red annelids, dead chickens, RS2s, emergers, parachute adams, bead head pheasant tails, small hair jigs and PMDs. Fishing through the bait waters was good using jerk baits, spinners, hair jigs, wooly buggers, copper john bairs, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and night crawlers.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, spoons, Pistol Petes under a bubble and spinners.

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair using 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, foam ants and 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:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling crank baits and casting crank baits and grubs for a mix of white bass and walleye. Night fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using minnows, crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing at night was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing was slow-to-fair using sweet beavers, senkos, tubes, worms, crank baits, spinner baits and jigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was good using minnows, cut bait and liver at night. Fishing for striped bass was slow but a few good size fish were taken by anglers using live bait.

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

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 38cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow.

**GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait.

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow with a few trout taken on wooly buggers, Pistol Petes and power bait. We had no reports on tiger musky.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,570cfs. Fishing was slow. Below Caballo, fishing was fair using green and white grubs for walleye and white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows for catfish.

**SNOW LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

#### **SOUTHEAST AREA**

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

**BONITO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, spinners, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes under a bubble and worms.

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

**GRINDSTONE**

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

**JAL LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

**LAKE VAN:** Fishing was slow. A few catfish were caught by anglers using hot dogs and worms.

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

**PECOS RIVER:**Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 109cfs. Fishing was fair using worms and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 24cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using small bead head nymphs, spinners, power bait and salmon eggs.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was fair trolling crank baits over deep water for a mix of walleye and crappie. Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, senkos, crank baits and top water lures for bass. We had no reports on other species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was fair using worms, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 100,022 rainbow trout averaging 10.2 inches in length in the following waters: CEBOLLA RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK, FAWN LAKES, GALLINAS RIVER, Near Las Vegas, JEMEZ RIVER, LITTLE RIO GRANDE, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RED RIVER EAST FORK and WEST FORK, RIO LAS VACAS, RIO PUEBLO, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Quality Waters, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND & SHUREE PONDS.