

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of August 8, 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:**

**Heron Lake:** On August 6, David Ballard of Strawberry, AZ caught a 18.5 inch kokanee. He was trolling a silver [double whammy](#) tipped with corn.

**Quemado Lake:** On August 8, Nick Miera of Albuquerque caught and released a tiger musky estimated to be 43 inches. He was using a [jerk bait](#). On August 9, Jared Blaschke of Albuquerque caught and released a 38 inch tiger musky. He was also using a [jerk bait](#).

**Elephant Butte:** On August 8, Mark Gibertini of Albuquerque caught a 5 pound largemouth bass. He was fishing an ABA bass tournament. On August 9, Steven Higley of Alamogordo caught a 9.21 pound largemouth bass. He was using a soft plastic lure.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

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

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 32cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using yellow stimulators, bead head hares ears, copper john barrs, elk hair caddis, spinners, worms and salmon eggs.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and power bait for trout. A few big bass were caught by anglers using jigs at the upper end of the lake. Fishing for catfish was slow with just a few taken on worms and liver.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing for walleye was slow-to-fair using bottom bouncer/crawler rigs, crank baits, minnows and grubs. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair using tubes, senkos, 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, grubs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for white bass was slow-to-fair using crank baits, grubs and spoons.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing for perch was fair-to-good using worms and salmon eggs. Fishing for kokanee and rainbow trout was a bit sporadic. A few were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using power bait. From boats best baits were needlefish, Panther Martins and kokanee killers tipped with corn.

**HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using hoppers, Pistol Petes under a bubble and salmon eggs.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was slow-to-fair using a variety of flies and power baits for trout up to 2.5 pounds. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow.

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

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish taken on spinners, power bait and salmon eggs.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 35cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using stimulators, copper john barrs, salmon eggs, power bait and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 60cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was fair-to-good using worms, bead head prince nymphs, wooly buggers and copper john barrs. Fishing on the Forks was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

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

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 238cfs. Trout fishing was fair using Chernobyl ants, night crawlers, wooly buggers, jerk baits and Kastmasters. A few northern pike were taken by anglers using large bunny leeches and jerk baits.

**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was fair using Kastmasters, super dupers, 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 morning and evening hours using garlic cheese, salmon eggs and power bait. Fishing for catfish at night was slow but a few were taken on liver and hot dogs.

**STUBBLEFIELD**

**LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures for bass. We had no reports on other species.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was good using spoons and jig and grub combinations for white bass at 35-to-40 feet. Fishing was fair using drop shot rigs crank baits, tubes and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using minnows and worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using cut bait, chicken liver and stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good during the week but slowed over the weekend. A few keeper size walleye were caught by anglers using [Lucky Craft bevy shad](#) and bottom bouncers with [Wally Pops](#) and [Gulp night crawlers](#). Best baits for smallmouth bass were jerk baits, buzz baits and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

**BRAZOS RIVER:** Trout fishing was fair 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 1,330cfs and 1,240cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was slow-to-fair using weighted wooly buggers and worms.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, senkos, tubes, grubs and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver, hot dogs, night crawlers and stink bait.

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

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

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was slow-to-fair using double whammies tipped with corn at 27-to-31 feet. Anglers using Panther Martins at the same depths were catching more rainbow trout than kokanee. Fishing from the bank was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 9.4cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe and lower Cebolla was good using salmon eggs, copper john barrs, stimulators and worms for trout up to 18 inches. Elk hair caddis and black ants worked best 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](http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/fish).

**LAGUNA DEL**

**CAMPO:** Trout fishing was fair using spinners, Pistol Petes and power bait.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spoons.

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using drop shot rigs, jigs, crank baits and spinner baits for northern pike. Fishing was slow-to-fair using drop shot/worm rigs, chigger craws, senkos, crank baits and spinner baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good trolling Arnies, needlefish, Panther Martins and kokanee killers tipped with corn at 40-to-45 feet. Most of the kokanee action again this past week was between Francis Canyon and the dam. 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 9.2cfs. Trout fishing was fair using stimulators, copper john barrs and salmon eggs.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 1,140cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using RS2s, emergers, parachute adams, wooly buggers, small hair jigs and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using jerk baits, spinners, wooly buggers, copper john barrs, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and night crawlers.

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

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was slow-to-fair using shrimp, hot dogs and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was slow. **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 poppers and worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

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

**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver, worms and stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using spoons, minnows, crank baits, top water lures, jigs and grubs for white bass. Fishing for striped bass was slow-to-fair using live bait and umbrella rigs. Fishing was good using top water lures, sweet beavers, senkos, tubes, worms, crank baits, creature baits and jigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was good 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 19cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow.

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

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

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

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits for tiger musky. A few trout were caught by anglers using salmon eggs.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,140cfs. Fishing was slow. Below Caballo, fishing was slow-to-fair using grubs and minnows 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, spoons, 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:** Fishing was slow for all species.

### **GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait 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 115cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 2.9cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits and bottom bouncer rigs in the main channel for walleye. A few bass were caught by anglers using jigs, top water lures and tubes. We had no reports on other species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow but a few anglers had some success this past week. One caught a few channel catfish while using worms. Another did well catching a mix of white bass and walleye while using grubs and critter baits from the bank. We had no reports on other species.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 25,080 rainbow trout averaging 10.2 inches in length in the following waters: BONITO LAKE, CANJILON LAKES, CHAMA RIVER-Below El Vado, COSTILLA CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, FAWN LAKES, GOOSE LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOLY GHOST CREEK, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO-Burns Lake, LAKE ALICE-Sugarite Canyon, LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, MT VIEW PONDS, NUTRIAS LAKES-aka Trout Lakes, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above and Below Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RUIDOSO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR & WINSOR CREEK.

In addition, crews stocked 28,365 Rio Grande Cutthroat trout fingerlings in Comanche Creek.