

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:

Cochiti Lake: On August 8, Kathryn Pape caught a 30 inch northern pike. She was using a [Rat-L-Trap](#). On August 8, Jay Pape caught a 16 inch largemouth bass. He was also using a [Rat-L-Trap](#).

Abiquiu Lake: On August 11, Stan Kosiewicz of Los Alamos caught a 26 inch 5.5 pound walleye. He was using a [bottom bouncer/worm rig](#) and fishing at the north end of the lake. On August 16, Kenny Hansel of Los Alamos caught and released a 7 pound walleye. He was fishing a bass tournament and using a [smallie beaver](#).

Heron Lake: On August 11, Chris Luchin of Corrales caught an 18.5 inch kokanee. He was using a [double whammy](#) at 27 feet. On the same day, Ben Luchin of Las Cruces caught an 18.25 inch kokanee on a [double whammy](#). On August 16, George Boice of Placitas caught an 18.5 inch kokanee while trolling a [double whammy](#).

Ute Lake: On August 15, Gary Yates of Logan caught an 8.44 pound catfish. He was using cut bait.

Conchas Lake: On August 16, Barry Rampy of Albuquerque caught a 6.28 largemouth bass. On the same day, Wayne Davis caught a 4.51 largemouth bass. They were both fishing a bass tournament.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: There was a considerable amount of weed growth but fishing for trout in the deep water was fair using power bait, grasshoppers and worms under a bobber. Fishing was good using worms for perch.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 47cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using royal trudes, bead head hares ears, copper john barrs, spinners, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using power bait and Pistol Petes.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair at night using worms and power bait for trout and liver for catfish. We had a report of a 6 pound bass caught but were unable to confirm at press time.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was fair using soft plastics, crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the bass were small. Fishing at night was good using liver, cut bait, shrimp and minnows for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for white bass was slow-to-fair trolling crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was slow.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Bank fishing for perch was fair-to-good using worms, power bait and salmon eggs. Fishing for kokanee and rainbow trout was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was fair-to-good using green drakes and green Pistol Petes. A few trout were also taken on orange and rainbow power bait. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Trout fishing was slow and fishing pressure was very light. The lake was getting quite mossy.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was slow.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 34cfs. 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 59cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was fair-to-good using stimulators, copper john barrs, bead head hares ears, spinners and salmon eggs.

RIO COSTILLA: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using parachute adams, elk hair caddis and small copper john barrs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 228cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Chernobyl ants or hoppers with a dropper, wooly buggers, copper john barrs and salmon eggs. Fishing was fair using wooly buggers and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. A few northern pike were taken by anglers using big streamers and jerk baits.

SHUREE PONDS: Trout fishing was slow for some but fair for others. Best lures were Kastmasters, super dupers, orange stimulators and wooly buggers.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was fair using cut bait for catfish. A few good size largemouth bass were caught by anglers using minnows. We had no reports on other species. The lake level has dropped considerably due to irrigation release.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using garlic cheese, salmon peach power bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.

STUBBLEFIELD

LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using worms and night crawlers for bluegill. Fishing was good on rod and reel and on trotlines using cut bait for catfish. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using drop shot rigs, tubes and grubs. We had no reports on other species. The lake level rose over the past week and seemed to have scattered the fish.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using power worms, creature baits, senkos, tubes and grubs for smallmouth bass and walleye. Most of the fish caught were small but a few good size walleye were caught by anglers using bottom bouncer/night crawler and bottom bouncer/Gulp worm [rigs](#). 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 using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners and wooly buggers and Pistol Petes under a bubble.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 900cfs and 897cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair using top water lures, crank baits, tubes and worms for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver, hot dogs, shrimp and stink bait. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, night crawlers, spinners and spoons. The north boat ramp has been closed.

FENTON LAKE: There was some good dry fly action for brown trout over the weekend and rainbows were being taken on power bait and salmon eggs. The best reports came from anglers fishing the early-to-mid morning hours.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing slowed some this past week but anglers managed to catch a few trolling needlefish and double whammies at 27-to-35 feet. Fishing from the bank was slow with just a few rainbows reported by anglers using power bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 16cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe, upper and lower Cebolla and the main Jemez was good using salmon eggs, copper john barrs, hoppers and worms for trout. Hoppers, royal wulffs, lime trudes, black ants and parachute adams worked best for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters. Big fish was a 15 inch brown caught on the East Fork. 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 power bait 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 good using crank baits, top water lures, tubes and creature baits for smallmouth bass. A few largemouth bass were taken on the Pine arm by anglers using tubes and top water lures. Fishing was good using crank baits, power worms and senkos for northern pike. Fishing for kokanee was very good trolling Arnies, needlefish, 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 on the main lake. 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 6.7cfs. Trout fishing was fair using stimulators, copper john barrs and salmon eggs.
SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 966cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair-to-good using emergers, parachute adams, PMDs, dead chickens, copper john barrs, wooly buggers, small hair jigs and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using jerk baits, wooly buggers, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers.
SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using 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 hot dogs, worms 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BURN LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver and stink bait for catfish. A few white bass were taken on crank baits. We had no reports on other species.
ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair using crank baits, spoons, minnows, jigs and grubs for white bass. Fishing for striped bass was fair using live bait and umbrella rigs. Fishing was fair-to-good using sweet beavers, spider grubs, senkos, tubes, worms, crank baits and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. 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 29cfs. 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 fair using jerk baits for tiger musky. Fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and power bait for trout.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,210cfs. Fishing was slow.
SNOW LAKE: Fishing was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs, worms and spoons.
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: Fishing was slow for all species.
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait and worms.
JAL LAKE: Fishing was slow.
LAKE VAN: Fishing was slow for all species.
OASIS PARK POND: Fishing was slow.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 134cfs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 5.7cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was good using tubes, top water lures, crank baits and sweet beavers for smallmouth bass. The action was good but most of the fish were small. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 26,135 rainbow trout averaging 11.0 inches in length in the following waters:

BONITO LAKE, CEBOLLA RIVER CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, FAWN LAKES, FENTON LAKE, 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 and Villanueva to I-40, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RED RIVER EAST FORK & WEST FORK, RIO PUEBLO, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Below Quality Waters, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND & SHUREE PONDS.