

# 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:**

**Elephant Butte:** On August 16 Leroy and Denise Regalado of Los Lunas caught four 15 pound striped bass. They were using umbrella rigs in 16 to 22 feet of water.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Fishing for trout was fair using power bait and worms under a bobber. Fishing for perch was slow.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 46cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using bead head hares ears, elk hair caddis, spinners, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow-to-fair using power bait and Pistol Petes.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair at night using worms and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was fair using senkos, swim baits, crank baits, worms and baby brush hogs for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Most of the bass were small again this past week. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, cut bait, shrimp and minnows for catfish. Fishing was good using worms and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for white bass was slow-to-fair using jigging spoons and trolling crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing for perch was very good using worms, power bait and salmon eggs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, Pistol Petes, Panther Martins and salmon eggs. Fishing for kokanee was slow.

**HOPEWELL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, copper john barrs and Pistol Petes under a bubble.

## **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was fair-to-good using green Pistol Petes, green and olive wooly buggers and orange and rainbow power bait. Fishing at Lake Alice was slow with a few trout caught on power bait.

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

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**MONASTERY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using worms and salmon eggs.

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 33cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using stimulators, copper john barrs, salmon eggs, power bait and worms. Fishing on the Mora was fair using worms, copper john barrs and salmon eggs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 55cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using copper john barrs, wooly buggers, stimulators, worms, spinners and salmon eggs.

**RIO COSTILLA:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using PMDs, light colored caddis and midges.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 228cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using copper john bairs, wooly buggers, worms and night crawlers. Fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using Kastmasters, super dupers, stimulators and wooly buggers.

**SPRINGER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species. The lake level has dropped considerably due to irrigation release.

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

**STUBBLEFIELD**

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

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was very good using slab spoons at 30-to-40 feet for white bass. Anglers fishing for white bass also caught a few walleye. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was good using worms and minnows for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using power worms, salt craws, spinner baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using creature baits, senkos, tubes, bottom bouncer worm rigs, crank baits, jerk baits and grubs for small smallmouth bass and walleye. Fishing was slow-to-fair using stink bait and minnows for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing continued to be slow for all species.

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

**CANJILON LAKES:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good 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 1,070cfs and 954cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was slow but there were a few fish taken on night crawlers and salmon eggs. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, tubes, spinner baits, jigs and worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair in the evenings using liver, hot dogs, shrimp and stink bait. We had no reports on other species.

**EL VADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow. The north boat ramp has been closed.

**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, worms, salmon eggs, parachute adams and wooly buggers. Best baits from the bank were worms and salmon eggs and the best fishing success was on cloudy afternoons.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was a bit better than the previous week. Best baits were double whammies and Panther Martins tipped with corn and trolled at 31-to-37 feet. Lots of small fish were caught by anglers trolling at 21-to-25 feet. Bank fishing and fishing for lake trout was slow.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 13cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, East Fork, upper and lower Cebolla and the San Antonio was fair-to-good using worms, salmon eggs, copper john bairs, humpys, royal wulffs and parachute adams for trout. Royal wulffs, lime trudes, black ants and parachute adams worked best for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters. Big fish was a 14 inch brown caught on the East Fork. The last day to fish the San Antonio on the Reserve is August 31. Youth and adult fly fishing clinics will be held August 29 and 30 respectively. For more info on the clinics or for reservations to fish these waters call 1-866-382-5537 or visit on line at [www.vallescaldera.gov](http://www.vallescaldera.gov).

## **LAGUNA DEL**

**CAMPO:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and worms under a bobber and spinners.

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

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was fair using smallie beavers, chigger craws, power worms, senkos and grubs for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Best reports came from anglers fishing the San Juan arm and its canyons. Fishing was fair-to- good using crank baits, power worms and senkos for northern pike. Fishing for kokanee was fair trolling Arnies, needlefish and kokanee killers tipped with corn at 38-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 6.3cfs. Trout fishing was fair using stimulators, copper john bairs and salmon eggs.

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 992cfs. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Effective September 15, the entire stretch of Quality Waters will be Catch and Release only waters. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using emergers, Griffith's gnats, PMDs, dead chickens, RS2s, sparkle worms, small

hair jigs and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using hair jigs, jerk baits, wooly buggers, Kastmasters, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

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

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair using hot dogs, worms and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for bluegill was fair using worms under a bobber. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was fair using San Juan worms, foam ants and single barbless hook Super Dupers. **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 at night was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using spoons, minnows, jigs and grubs for white bass. Fishing for striped bass was fair using live bait and umbrella rigs. Fishing was good using top water lures, sweet beavers, spider grubs, senkos, tubes, worms, crank baits and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was fair-to-good using minnows, cut bait and liver. The best reports came from anglers fishing 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 33cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow.

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

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

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and grubs for white bass. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits for tiger musky. Trout fishing was slow but a few were taken on salmon eggs, power bait and Pistol Petes.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 2,400cfs. 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. The best action was in the early morning hours or on cloudy days.

**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Fishing was slow for all species. A few catfish were caught by anglers using night crawlers and stink bait.

**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 using salmon eggs, power bait, worms, spinners and Pistol Petes.

**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 not available. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 6.6cfs. Trout fishing was slow but a few were taken on small bead head nymphs and salmon eggs.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, top water lures, jigs, tubes and creature baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few catfish were taken on hot dogs, night crawlers and liver. We had no reports on other species.

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

## **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 21,597 rainbow trout averaging 10.5 inches in length in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CANJILON LAKES, CHAMA RIVER-Above and Below El Vado, COYOTE CREEK-Near Guadalupita, COYOTE CREEK POND, FENTON LAKE, GOOSE LAKE, HOLY GHOST CREEK, JEMEZ RIVER EAST FORK, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTERY LAKE, MORPHY LAKE, MT VIEW PONDS, PANCHUELA CREEK, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above and Below Questa, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER-Quality Waters & WINSOR CREEK. In addition, crews stocked 13,056 Rio Grande cutthroat trout fingerlings in COSTILLA CREEK and GLACIER LAKES-Vermejo Park.