

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:

Abiquiu Lake: On August 22, Harry Zimmerman of Abiquiu Lake caught a 29 inch 7 pound walleye. He was trolling worms at the north end of the lake.

FREE FISHING DAY SEPTEMBER 27. No license required! Take your family fishing without a license. All other fishing rules still apply.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Fishing for trout was fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing for perch was slow.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 33cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, gold bead hares ears, spinners, worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using night crawlers and liver for catfish. A few bass were taken on power worms. We had no reports on other species.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using top water lures, senkos, swim baits, crank baits, worms and minnows for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the bass were small again this past week. Fishing was fair using liver, cut bait, shrimp and minnows for catfish. Fishing was good using worms and poppers for bluegill. Fishing for white bass was fair using crank baits, grubs and slab spoons. A few walleye were caught by anglers using slab spoons and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was fair using spinners, worms and salmon eggs.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing for perch was 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 but a few were caught by anglers trolling Z Rays, needlefish and Panther Martins tipped with corn.

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

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was fair-to-good using Pistol Petes, olive wooly buggers and orange, pink and rainbow power bait. We had no reports from Lake Alice.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, worms, spinners, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 31cfs. Trout fishing was good using stimulators, copper john barrs, salmon eggs, power bait and worms. Fishing on the Mora was fair-to-good 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, stimulators, worms, spinners and salmon eggs.

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

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 226cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using copper john barrs, 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 super dupers, spinners, copper john barrs and wooly buggers.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other 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 40 feet for white bass. Over the past weekend over 700 pounds of white bass were weighed in during a team tournament. Fishing was fair-to-good using liver, shrimp, minnows and cut bait on trot lines and with rod and reel for catfish. Fishing was good using worms and minnows for bluegill. Fishing for all other species was slow.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling bottom bouncer/night crawler combinations and bottom bouncer/Gulp worm combinations for walleye. The best reports came from anglers fishing the north end of the lake and the Canones Creek area. Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, drop shot rigs, grubs and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was very 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 690cfs and 828cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers and spinners. Trout fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair using worms for small bluegill, white bass and small smallmouth bass. The best action was reported by anglers fishing in the day use area. We had no reports on other species.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow but a few fish were taken by anglers using night crawlers and power bait.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, worms, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was slow-to-fair trolling double whammies, needlefish and Panther Martins tipped with corn and trolled at 30-to-40 feet. Bank fishing and fishing for lake trout was slow.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 14cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, upper and lower Cebolla and the San Antonio was fair using salmon eggs, copper john barrs, royal wulffs and parachute adams for trout. Ants, hoppers and humpys worked best for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters. Several September dates have been added to fish the San Antonio. For more info or for reservations to fish these waters call 1-866-382-5537 or visit on line at www.vallescaldera.gov.

LAGUNA DEL

CAMPO: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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, power worms, senkos, grubs, spinners and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Best reports came from anglers fishing the San Juan arm and the Pine arm. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits, spinner baits and worms for northern pike. The pike were scattered with reports from Francis Canyon, the Pine arm, the San Juan arm and the main lake. Fishing for kokanee was fair trolling Arnies and kokanee killers tipped with corn at 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: Fishing was slow for all species.

RIO PUEBLO: Water flow near Penasco as of Monday was 6.3cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, worms and stimulators.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 738cfs. **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, annatto mays, dead chickens, RS2s, sparkle worms, small hair jigs and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using hair jigs, jerk baits, wooly buggers, Kastmasters, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and night crawlers.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair-to-good using hot dogs, worms and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for bluegill was good using worms and tortillas. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was slow-to-fair in the early morning hours using San Juan worms and ant patterns. **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 at night was slow-to-fair using cut bait, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling crank baits and using grubs and minnows for white bass. Anglers fishing for white bass also picked up an occasional walleye. We had no reports on other species.
ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair using spoons, crank baits, jigs and grubs for white bass. Fishing for striped bass was fair-to-good using live bait and umbrella rigs. Leroy and Denise Regalado of Los Lunas along with his brother caught several good size stripers while trolling umbrella rigs in less than 25 feet of water. Fishing was fair using top water lures, spider grubs, senkos, tubes, 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 38cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow.
GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was slow for all species.
PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.
QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout. Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits for tiger musky.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 1,130cfs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using minnows and grubs for white bass. We had no reports from below Caballo.
SNOW LAKE: Fishing was slow.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and salmon eggs.
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 slow-to-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 115cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.
PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 6.3cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, smallie beavers, 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 21,539 rainbow trout averaging 10.5 inches in length in the following waters: BONITO LAKE, CIMARRON RIVER-West of Cimarron, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COSTILLA CREEK, COW CREEK, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, LOS PINOS RIVER,

MONASTERY LAKE, MORA-Pecos River Drainage, PECOS RIVER-Cowles of Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Above Questa, RED RIVER-East Fork and West Fork, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER & SIPAPU POND. In addition, crews stocked 8,440 Rio Grande cutthroat trout fingerlings in HORSESHOE LAKE, LOST LAKE & MIDDLE FORK LAKE.