

# 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:**

**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.

**Tingley Beach:** On August 23, Isaiah Zamora of Albuquerque caught a 22 inch channel catfish. He was using stink bait.

**Elephant Butte:** On September 2 Leroy and Denise Regalado of Los Lunas and their friends Lawrence Rael and Tommy Mendoza of Albuquerque caught 14 stripers ranging from 13 to 20 pounds. They were using [umbrella rigs](#).

**Clayton Lake:** On September 6, Roy Ziegelgruber of Amarillo caught a 6 pound largemouth, a 4 pound largemouth and a 4.5 pound walleye. He was using [plastic worms](#).

**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 slow-to-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 18cfs. Trout fishing was fair using gold spinners, elk hair caddis, copper john barrs, gold bead hares ears, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow-to-fair using power bait.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species but one angler caught a mix of bass and walleye while using plastic worms. See Catches of the Week.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos, swim baits, crank baits, jerk baits, tubes, worms and minnows for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair 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 using crank baits, grubs and slab spoons. A few walleye were caught by anglers using slab spoons and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs. The best reports came from anglers fishing near the dam off steep drop offs.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, home made dough baits and corn.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Fishing for perch was very good using worms. Anglers did well from boats and from the bank. Fishing for trout and kokanee was slow but a few good size fish were taken by anglers trolling christmas tree/worm combinations.

**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, spinners, wooly buggers and orange power bait. The bigger trout were caught by anglers fishing from boats. Fishing at Lake Alice was fair-to-good using orange power bait, corn and salmon eggs.

**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-to-good using silver spinners, white power bait, elk hair caddis and wooly buggers.  
**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 34cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using size 16 and 18 flash back pheasant tails, copper john barrs, salmon eggs and worms.  
**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 58cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was good using copper john barrs, stimulators, elk hair caddis, worms, spinners and salmon eggs.  
**RIO COSTILLA:** Trout fishing was good using annatto mays, parachute adams and small bead head hares ears.  
**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 228cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using hair jigs, jerk baits, orange stimulators, wooly buggers, worms and night crawlers. Fishing was fair using wooly buggers and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing for northern pike was slow-to-fair using jerk baits, streamers, countdown Rapalas and large in line spinners.  
**SHUREE PONDS:** Trout fishing was fair using spinners, spoons, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes.  
**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 continued to be very good using slab spoons for white bass. They were taken at depths of 35-to-42 feet. Fishing in the evenings for walleye was good using minnows and crank baits at 10-to-12 feet. Fishing was good using minnows and cut bait at 20 feet for catfish. Fishing for bluegill was good using worms. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was slow.

#### **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was generally slow for all species but there were a few walleye and smallmouth bass caught. Best baits were bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, jerk baits, crank baits and tubes. The best reports came from anglers fishing the upper end of the lake.  
**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was very slow for all species.  
**BRAZOS RIVER:** Trout fishing was fair using small bead head nymphs.  
**CANJILON LAKES:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 1,020cfs and 15cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow.  
**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using worms for small bluegill, white bass and small smallmouth bass. The best action was reported by anglers fishing in the day use area. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using jerk bait, spinners and top water lures.  
**EL VADO LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow.  
**FENTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes with the best success reported by anglers using worms. The water was a bit murky from recent heavy rain storms.  
**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee fishing was slow-to-fair trolling double whammies, Z Rays and Crippures tipped with corn and trolled at 30-to-45 feet. Bank fishing and fishing for lake trout was slow.  
**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 17cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, upper and lower Cebolla and the San Antonio was fair using salmon eggs, humpys, beetle, ants royal wulffs and parachute adams for trout. Chernobyl ants, black beetles and parachute adams worked best for trout on the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters. There are fishing dates available to fish reaches 1, 2 and 4 on the San Antonio for September 9-10 and 17-27. For more info 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 fair using salmon eggs, worms and power bait under a bobber. A few trout were also caught on Pistol Petes and spinners.  
**MANZANO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**MCGAFFEY LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, liver and dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.  
**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers, power worms on drop shot rigs, creature baits, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, jerk baits, spinner baits and top water lures 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 slow-to-fair trolling

Arnies and kokanee killers tipped with corn. Most of the kokanee action was between Francis Canyon and the dam on the main lake. A few crappie were caught by anglers using minnows and jigs and fishing in Francis Canyon. A few rainbow trout were taken on power bait fished from the bank. 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 7cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, worms and stimulators.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 754cfs. 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 foam emergers, Griffith's gnats, annatto mays, dead chickens, RS2s, sparkle worms, parachute adams, small hair jigs, chamois leeches and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using hair jigs, jerk baits, San Juan worms, 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, worms, spoons and spinners.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was very good using hot dogs, worms and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for bluegill was good using worms. 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 for all species.

BURN LAKE: Fishing was fair using worms and liver for catfish.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair trolling rainbow and chartreuse crank baits and using grubs and minnows for white bass and a few walleye. We had no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair-to-good using umbrella rigs and live bait for striped bass. Fishing was fair using spoons, crank baits, jigs and grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using spider grubs, senkos, tubes, crank baits, jigs, jerk 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 again this week came from anglers fishing at night. We had no reports on other species.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Fishing was fair using liver, hot dogs and dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 45cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow.

GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week but fishing should be good as the pond was recently stocked with trout.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was slow for all species.

PERCHA DAM: We had no reports from anglers this week.

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits for tiger musky. Fishing for trout was slow.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 910cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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: 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 slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait, worms and Pistol Petes.

JAL LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and liver for catfish.

LAKE VAN: Fishing was fair using liver for catfish.

OASIS PARK POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 92cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 6.2cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow using crank baits, jigs and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few walleye were taken on crank baits, grubs and spinner/night crawler rigs. Fishing was slow-to-fair using hot dogs, night crawlers and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using cut bait and stink bait.

**Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 228,000 rainbow trout averaging 9.7 inches in length in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER-Above & Below El Vado, EAGLE NEST LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS RIVER-Near Las Vegas, GLENWOOD POND, HOLY GHOST CREEK, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, NUTRIAS LAKES-aka Trout Lakes, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos, RED RIVER-Below Questa, SAN ANTONIO RIVER & SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 5,124 channel catfish averaging 17.1 inches in length in the following waters: BOSQUE REDONDO, BURN LAKE, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORONA POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND-aka River Walk Pond, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, JAL LAKE, LAKE VAN, MCGAFFEY LAKE, OASIS PARK LAKE & YOUNG POND.