

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:

No big fish reported at press time.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARENTE LAKES: Fishing for trout was slow-to-fair using power bait and salmon eggs. Fishing for perch was slow-to-fair using worms.

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 10cfs. Trout fishing was fair using pheasant tail nymphs, brassies, hares ears and salmon eggs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow-to-fair using Pistol Petes and salmon eggs.

CLAYTON LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using sweet beavers, tubes, baby brush hogs, senkos and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for white bass was fair using crank baits, grubs and slab spoons. Fishing was fair using liver, cut bait and shrimp for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was slow.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing was generally slow for all species but there were a few good size trout and kokanee caught by anglers using power bait, spinner/worm combinations and Pistol Petes. Fishing for perch was slow-to-fair using worms. Snagging season opens October 1st.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at both lakes was good using power bait and flies and Pistol Petes in the evening hours.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

MAXWELL LAKE 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 48cfs. Trout fishing was fair using humpys, flash back pheasant tail nymphs, spinners, salmon eggs and worms.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 61cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was fair using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, spinners, night crawlers and salmon eggs.

RIO COSTILLA: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using mayfly imitations and pheasant tail nymphs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 252cfs. Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, spinners, Pistol Petes 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 slow-to-fair using Kastmasters, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: Fishing was fair using corn, salmon eggs, power bait and cheese for trout. There were no reports on other species.

STUBBLEFIELD

LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using spoons and crank baits for white bass. The best reports came from anglers using jigging spoons in 25-to-35 feet of water. Fishing for walleye was sporadic with a few taken on

spoons, jigs and crank baits. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass slowed considerably with just a few keeper size fish caught shallow. Best baits were chigger craws, brush hogs and ikas. We had no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was sporadic for both bass and walleye. A few smallmouth bass were taken on tubes, crank baits and brush hogs. Best baits for walleye were grubs, minnows and spinner/night crawler rigs. The fish were scattered. We had no reports on other species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits and in line spinners for tiger musky. We had no reports on other species.

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

CANJILON LAKES: Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait for trout. Fishing pressure was very light.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 423cfs and 386cfs respectively. Trout fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers and spinners. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

EL VADO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow.

FENTON LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and Pistol Petes for fish up to 14 inches. The best reports were from anglers using salmon eggs.

HERON LAKE: Kokanee fishing was slow with just a few taken by anglers using double whammies tipped with corn at 35-to-40 feet. Fishing for all other species was slow.

JACKSON LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and spinners.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 16cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez, Rio Las Vacas, Cebolla and the San Antonio was fair using worms, copper john barrs, spider imitations and parachute adams for trout. On the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters the last day to fish the East Fork is October 24. For more info or for reservations to fish call 1-866-382-5537 or visit on line at www.vallescaldera.gov.

LAGUNA DEL

CAMPO: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and power bait.

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

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using jigs, brush hogs, chigger craws and grubs for smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinner baits, top water lures, brush hogs and jigs for northern pike. Fishing for kokanee was slow with a few taken by anglers trolling Arnies and double whammies tipped with corn. We had no reports on other species. Kokanee snagging season opens October 1.

RAMAH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RIO PUEBLO: Water flow near Penasco as of Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was good using prince nymphs, worms and salmon eggs.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 493cfs. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Effective September 15, the entire stretch of Quality Waters became Catch and Release only waters. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using chocolate emergers, annatto mays, San Juan worms, sparkle worms, parachute adams, zebra midges and hair jigs. There were daytime hatches coming off the water. Fishing through the bait waters was good using hair jigs, spoons, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and night crawlers.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait, Pistol Petes, spoons and corn.

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was fair using hot dogs and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for trout was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and Pistol Petes. 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, spoons and grubs for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair-to-good using grubs and spoons at 20-to-30 feet for white bass. The best reports came from anglers fishing southeast of Long Point. Steven Wysocki and a friend did some night fishing

under a light at the tire break in Rock Canyon. They reported catching lots of big whites, some crappie and catfish. Fishing for striped bass was slow but there were a few fish taken on umbrella rigs, jigs, live bluegill and live shad. Fishing was fair using sweet beavers, salt craws, jerk baits and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was fair using minnows, cut bait, dough bait and liver.

ESCONDIDA LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 61cfs. Fishing on the Forks and on the main river was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.

LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was slow-to-fair using liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait, spinners and spoons for trout.

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.

QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait and spoons for trout up to 16 inches. Fishing was slow for tiger musky but a few were caught on jerk baits and in line spinners.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 925cfs. Fishing was fair using night crawlers, minnows and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was best again in the morning hours this past week. Best baits were power bait, corn 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 fair using salmon eggs, power bait, spoons and Pistol Petes.

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

LAKE VAN: Fishing was slow for all species.

OASIS PARK POND: Fishing was fair using worms, liver and dough baits for catfish.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 91cfs. Fishing was slow.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 4.4cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinner baits, chigger craws, sweet beavers and lipless crank baits for smallmouth and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits, tubes and grubs for walleye and crappie. Fishing for catfish was slow.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, crank baits and jigs for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 18,644 rainbow trout averaging 10.1 inches in the following waters: **BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, LAKE ROBERTS, LOS PINOS RIVER, MORPHY RESERVOIR, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER & SNOW LAKE.**