

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:

Navajo Lake: On October 3rd, Mark Garrison of Farmington caught a 5.97 pound smallmouth bass. He was using a [senko](#). On October 9, Andrew Orlicky caught a 32 inch northern pike then caught a 27 inch and 29 inch pike on October 10. All three fish were taken on a [#14 Rapala husky jerk](#).

Quemado Lake: On October 8th, Sean O'Donnell of Albuquerque caught and released a 40 inch tiger musky. He was using a [Rapala](#).

Lake Maloya: On October 10 a young boy scout (no name available) from Santa Fe caught a 21 inch rainbow trout. He was using [green power bait](#).

Clayton Lake: On October 11, Benjamin Gonzales of Dalhart, TX caught a 31 inch 12.5 pound walleye. He was using a [crawdada colored crank bait](#).

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Fishing for trout was 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 11cfs. Trout fishing was fair using bead head hares ears, yellow humpys, San Juan worms and salmon eggs. Fishing at the gravel pit lakes was slow.

CLAYTON LAKE: With the exception of one big walleye (see Catches) fishing was slow. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using creature baits, tubes, senkos and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for white bass was fair using jigs and slab spoons. Fishing was fair using live bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was slow.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Kokanee snagging was very good with several limits reported by anglers working the dock and Six Mile areas. Fishing for trout was good using roe sacs, salmon eggs, power bait, Pistol Petes and spinners. Fishing was fair using worms and salmon eggs for perch.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at both lakes was good using power bait, home made dough baits, green, black and pink Pistol Petes and salmon eggs.

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

MORPHY LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and salmon peach, garlic and cheese power baits. A few trout were also taken on Pistol Petes and spinners.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 37cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, humpys, flash back pheasant tail nymphs and prince nymphs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 60cfs. Trout fishing above and below the hatchery was fair using San Juan worms, copper john barrs, bead head pheasant tail nymphs 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 247cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

SHUREE PONDS: We had no reports from anglers this week.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and power bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

STUBBLEFIELD

LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using jigs tipped with minnows and slab spoons for white bass. Fishing was fair using tubes, jigs and creature baits in shallow water for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

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

BLUEWATER LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs, corn and cheese for 6-to-8 inch trout. Fishing was fair-to-good using jerk baits, large flies and in line spinners for tiger musky. We had no reports on other species.

BRAZOS RIVER: Trout fishing was slow.

CANJILON LAKES: We had no reports from anglers this week.

CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 397cfs and 330cfs respectively. Trout fishing at both locations was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, wooly buggers and spinners.

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

EL VADO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

HERON LAKE: Fishing for rainbow trout and lake trout was slow. The kokanee snagging season on this body of water does not open until November 13.

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

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 19cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using worms, beetles, parachute adams and salmon eggs 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.

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

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

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was good using lipless crank baits, spinner baits and plastics for northern pike. Most of the action reported to us came from anglers fishing the main lake. Fishing was slow-to-fair using power worms, creature baits, senkos, tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Kokanee snagging was slow-to-fair with anglers reporting two or three each per day. 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 8.1cfs. Trout fishing was fair using prince nymphs, worms and salmon eggs.

SAN JUAN: Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 645cfs. **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 dead chickens, wooly buggers, San Juan worms, sparkle worms, parachute adams, zebra midges and hair jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using spoons, jerk baits, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and power bait.

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

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Youth and Central Ponds was good using gold Cripplures and Super Dupers. Fishing for catfish was fair using hot dogs. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was fair using egg patterns.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and salmon eggs.
BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, garlic cheese, power bait and spinners. We had no reports on other species.
BURN LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was fair using live bait, liver and dough baits for catfish. A few white bass were taken on minnows, spoons and crank baits. The water level is dropping.
ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair using senkos, smallie beavers, power worms, jerk baits and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair-to-good using jigs, minnows and spoons at depths of 16-to-30 feet for white bass. Fishing for striped bass was slow with just a few taken on umbrella rigs, swim baits and live shad. Fishing for catfish was fair using live bait, cut bait, shrimp and liver. We had no reports on other species.
ESCONDIDA LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 46cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and small bead head prince nymphs. Fishing pressure was very light.
GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait, cheese and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.
PERCHA DAM: Fishing was slow for all species.
QUEMADO LAKE: Fishing was fair using power bait, cheese, salmon eggs and spoons for trout. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, large flies and in line spinners for tiger musky.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 44cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.
SNOW LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
BLUE HOLE PARK POND: **SPECIAL NOTICE:** A salvage order has been issued allowing anglers to harvest as many fish as possible to prevent them from going to waste as the pond is rapidly losing its water. Through October 24 all fishing regulations relating to bag limits, tackle and age restrictions will be lifted at the lake. Anglers 12 and older are still required to have a fishing license.
BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, power bait, corn and Pistol Petes.
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, garlic cheese, Pistol Petes and spinners.
JAL LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE VAN: Fishing was slow for all species.
OASIS PARK POND: Fishing was slow for all species.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 99cfs. Fishing was slow.
PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso on Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few smallmouth and largemouth bass taken on creature baits, power worms, crank baits, tubes and senkos. We had no reports on other species.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking report:

Crews stocked 16,849 rainbow trout averaging 10.8 inches in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CANJILON LAKES, CHAMA RIVER-Below Abiquiu, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, DRY CIMARRON, GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER, RIO GRANDE-Middle & RUIDOSO RIVER.