

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of October 17, 2009**

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:**

**Fenton Lake:** On October 16 Tony Ruiz of Rio Rancho caught a 24 inch german brown trout. He was using bait on the bottom at the lower end of the lake.

**Clayton Lake:** On October 17 Michael Barreras of Clayton caught a 17.5 inch rainbow trout and Rick Hermes of Hugoton, KS caught an 18.5 inch rainbow trout.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CHARETTE LAKES:** Fishing for trout was good using power bait, worms under a bobber and trolling cow bell/worm combos. Fishing for perch was fair using worms.

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 26cfs. Trout fishing was fair using spinners, worms, pheasant tail nymphs and San Juan worms. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit lakes.

**CLAYTON LAKE:** Fishing was fair using worms and power bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing for walleye and white bass was slow with just a few taken on spoons, minnows and crank baits. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was slow. Best baits were tubes, senkos and smallie beavers. Fishing was fair using live bait and stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**COYOTE CREEK:** Trout fishing was slow again this past week. Fishing pressure was light.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging has tapered off from the bank but was good from boats at the neck area of the lake. Fishing for trout was fair using roe sacs, salmon eggs, power bait, Pistol Petes and spinners. Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and salmon eggs for perch.

### **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good using flies, Pistol Petes, power bait and grasshoppers for 9-to-11 inch trout.

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

**MAXWELL LAKE 13:** Trout fishing was good using power bait and worms.

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

**MORPHY LAKE:** Trout fishing was good using elk hair caddis, green wooly buggers, yellow Panther Martins, power bait and salmon eggs.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 33cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, flash back pheasant tail nymphs, copper john barrs, hoppers and worms.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 55cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using copper john barrs, San Juan worms, worms 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 276cfs. Trout fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and night crawlers. Fishing for pike was slow-to-fair using large bunny leeches and jerk baits.

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

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

**STORRIE LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, garlic cheese and power bait. We had no reports on other species.

**STUBBLEFIELD**

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

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using spoons and jigs for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spoons and grubs at 40 feet for walleye. The walleye were scattered. Fishing for black bass was slow with just a few smallmouth and largemouth bass caught by anglers using tubes, crank baits, drop shot/worm rigs and creature baits. Fishing for catfish was good using stink baits in 6-to-10 feet of water.

**NORTHWEST AREA**

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

**BLUEWATER LAKE:** Fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs and cheese for trout. Fishing was 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**CHAMA RIVER:** Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 439cfs and 350cfs respectively. Trout fishing above and below El Vado was fair-to-good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, Pistol Petes 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 picked up this past week as anglers did fair from boats and from the bank using roe sacs, power bait and spinners. The kokanee snagging season here 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 20cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using worms and parachute adams for trout. On the Valles Caldera National Preserve waters the last day to fish the East Fork is October 24. Fishing here was fair using black flies and parachute adams. For more info or for reservations to fish 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 power bait, salmon eggs and spinners.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Fishing was slow.

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

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Fishing was fair using lipless crank baits, spinner baits, jerk baits and plastics for northern pike. Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos, tubes and worms for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Kokanee snagging was slow-to-fair with light action reported in the Pine arm marina area, near the dam and in Francis Canyon. 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 7.7cfs. Trout fishing was fair using prince nymphs, small copper john barrs and worms.

**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 wooly buggers, San Juan worms, sparkle worms, parachute adams, chamois leeches, zebra midges and hair jigs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using spoons, jerk baits, garlic cheese and power bait.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and spoons.

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Fishing at the Central Pond was good using Kastmasters, Pistol Petes, power bait and worms for trout. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was very good using midges, prince nymphs, San Juan worms and copper john barrs.

**SOUTHWEST AREA**

**BEAR CANYON:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, 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 slow-to-fair using live bait and liver for catfish. A few white bass were taken on spoons and crank baits.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos, power worms, tubes and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using jigs, minnows and spoons at depths of 20-to-30 feet for white bass and an occasional walleye. Fishing for striped bass was slow. 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 42cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was fair 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 slow-to-fair using power bait, cheese, worms and spoons for trout. Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits and spinners for tiger musky.

**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 25cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

## **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 power bait, worms, spoons and Pistol Petes.

**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 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 103cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 9cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos, tubes, worms and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using red and yellow curly tail grubs for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 14,924 rainbow trout averaging 10.1 inches in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BILL EVANS LAKE, COSTILLA CREEK, LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, MAXWELL LAKE 13, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Cowles to Village of Pecos & RED RIVER-Below Questa.

In addition, crews stocked 170,924 channel catfish fingerlings in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, NED HOUK PONDS & OASIS PARK LAKE.