

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:

Tingley Beach: On October 27 Chuey from Albuquerque caught and released a 22 inch 3.5 pound rainbow trout. He was using a [black and gold Pistol Pete](#).

Navajo Lake: On October 30 Andrew Orlicky caught a 28 inch 8 pound 11 ounce channel catfish. He was using cut bait.

Ute Lake: On November 1 Kathy from Ruf-Nec Tackle caught a 6.62 pound channel catfish. She was using a slab spoon.

NORTHEAST AREA

CIMARRON RIVER: Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was 26cfs. Trout fishing was fair using bead head hares ears, spinners and salmon eggs.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing pressure was very light and fishing was slow for all species. A few walleye were taken by anglers using spoons and crank baits.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was slow.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Kokanee snagging was fair-to-good in the Honey Hole area. Fishing was fair using roe sacs, salmon eggs and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species. As of Monday the lake was free of ice.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at both lakes was fair using Pistol Petes, home made dough baits and power bait.

MCALLISTER LAKE: Closed due to high golden algae content.

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 45cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs, copper john barrs and pheasant tail nymphs.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 59cfs. Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, 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 376cfs. Trout fishing was fair using copper john barrs, wooly buggers, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and spinners. A few northern pike were taken on jerk baits and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

SPRINGER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

STORRIE LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and power bait.

STUBBLEFIELD

LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was fair-to-good using slab spoons and blade baits at 35-to-40 feet for walleye and white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using slab spoons and cut bait for catfish. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow-to-fair using crank baits, drop shot worm rigs and jigs.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. A few smallmouth bass and small walleye were caught by anglers using crank baits, minnows and jigs.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Closed until spring of 2010. The main area of the park is scheduled to open on March 1.

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 147cfs and 182cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado and below Abiquiu was fair using night crawlers, salmon eggs, wooly buggers, Rapalas and spinners for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.

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 slow. Fishing pressure was light.

HERON LAKE: Bank fishing for rainbow trout was fair-to-good using roe sacs, power bait, home made dough baits and spinners. The kokanee snagging season here does not open until November 13.

JACKSON LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 22cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using salmon eggs, egg patterns and parachute adams for trout. We had no reports on other streams.

MANZANO LAKE: Fishing was slow.

MCGAFFEY LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

NAVAJO LAKE: Kokanee snagging picked up considerably this past week as several good catches were reported over the weekend. Good reports were received from anglers snagging near the Pine arm marina and at the dam. Fishing was good using roe sacs and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was slow with just a few northern pike caught on cut bait, spinner baits and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

RAMAH LAKE: The water level is extremely low. Fishing was slow for all species.

RIO PUEBLO: Water flow near Penasco as of Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and copper john barrs.

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 fair-to-good using small pheasant tail nymphs, egg patterns, sparkle worms, parachute adams, red hots, chamois leeches and emergers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using spoons, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and power bait.

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

TINGLEY BEACH: Fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was fair using power bait and Kastmasters. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was good using small midges and emergers under stimulators, Pistol Petes and dead chickens.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: We had no reports from anglers this week.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, salmon eggs and power bait. A few small bass were taken on worms, wooly buggers and poppers. We had no reports on other species.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing continued to be slow for all species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was fair using pearl white and white crank baits and slab spoons for white bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits and creature baits for largemouth bass. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using live bait and cut bait. Fishing for striped bass was slow with a few caught on live bait, jigs and umbrella rigs. 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 55cfs. 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 slow-to-fair using salmon eggs, power bait and spoons for trout. A few catfish were caught by anglers using liver and worms. 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, worms and spoons for trout. Fishing was slow-to-fair using jerk baits, large streamers and spinners for tiger musky.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 28cfs. Fishing was slow for all species. Below Caballo fishing was generally slow but there were a few walleye and catfish taken on white grubs and minnows.

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 fair using power bait, garlic cheese, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes under a bubble.

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 fair using power bait, salmon eggs, 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 1.7cfs. Fishing was slow.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 11cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow but there were a few bass and walleye caught by anglers using smallie beavers, chigger craws, tubes and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking report:

Crews stocked 935 rainbow trout averaging 9.1 inches in the following waters: **GLENWOOD POND & MONASTERY LAKE.**

In addition, crews stocked 103,930 fingerling channel catfish in **LAGUNA MADRE & SPRINGER LAKE.**