

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of November 14, 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:**

**Chama River:** On November 7 Daniel Vela of Santa Fe caught a 25 inch 6 pound 6 ounce walleye. He was fishing the river above Abiquiu Lake and using a black and red Pistol Pete. On November 11 Kurt Duerre of Los Alamos caught two 24 inch brown trout. He was fishing below El Vado and using a brook trout colored Rapala.

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Water flow below Eagle Nest Lake as of Monday was .11cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

**CONCHAS LAKE:** Fishing pressure continued to be very light this past week. Fishing was slow with just a few walleye caught by anglers using slab spoons and jigs tipped with minnows. We had no reports on other species.

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was fair-to-good north of the boat ramp and in the Honey Hole area. Trout fishing was fair using roe sacs, power bait, salmon eggs and corn.

### **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at both lakes was good again this past week. Best baits were power baits and spinners.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 18cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area was good using spinners and salmon eggs. Further up stream, fishing was fair using small copper john barrs and salmon eggs.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 45cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, power bait and salmon eggs.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 393cfs. Trout fishing was fair using bead head pheasant tail nymphs, wooly buggers, spinners and night crawlers. Fishing was slow-to-fair using streamers and jerk baits for northern pike. 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 slow for all species.

**UTE LAKE:** Prior to the latest cold front fishing was good using slab spoons, blade baits and minnows on lindy rigs at 25-to-45 feet for walleye and white bass. Fishing for all other species was slow.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

**ABIQUIU LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using slab spoons and Pistol Petes for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

**ALBUQUERQUE AREA DRAINS:** Fishing in the Peralta, Albuquerque and Belen Drains was good drifting salmon eggs and wax worms and using small copper john barrs and parachute adams for stocked rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

**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 156cfs and 175cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado and below Abiquiu was good using Rapalas, Panther Martins, power bait, salmon eggs and corn for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.

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

**EL VADO LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**FARMINGTON LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, corn and spinners.

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

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was fair-to-good at Brushy Point, Salmon Run and near the La Laja boat ramp. Fishing was fair using jigs, roe sacs and power bait for rainbow trout and a few small lake trout.

**JACKSON LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using power bait and salmon eggs for trout.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 33cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using salmon eggs 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 was slow but there was some activity on the Pine arm, near the dam and at the Pine arm marina. Fishing was slow-to-fair using roe sacs and cut bait for catfish and trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**SAN JUAN:** Water flow below Navajo Lake as of Monday morning was 475cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair using red annelids, small pheasant tail nymphs, sparkle worms, dead chickens, parachute adams and emergers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, garlic cheese, power bait and jerk baits.

**SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** The water level is quite low and fishing was slow.

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Trout fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs, worms and spinners. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was good using foam beetles, small red annelids, midge patterns and egg patterns.

**SOUTHWEST AREA**

**BEAR CANYON:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few taken on power bait and spinners.

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers, salmon eggs, power bait, corn and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on other species.

**BURN LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and salmon eggs for trout.

**CABALLO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using cut bait, minnows and worms for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using spoons and grubs for white bass. The best reports again this week came from Ash Canyon and near Kettle Top. Fishing was fair using spinner baits and crank baits for largemouth bass. Fishing for catfish was fair using live bait and cut bait. 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 61cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.  
**GLENWOOD POND:** Trout fishing was good using power bait.  
**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, worms and wooly buggers under a bubble for trout. We had no reports on other species.  
**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.  
**QUEMADO LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 24cfs. Fishing was slow. Below Caballo fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and cut bait for catfish.  
**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. This lake will close for the season the end of this month.  
**BOSQUE REDONDO:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using flies under a bubble and salmon eggs.  
**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:** We had no reports from anglers this week but the lake was recently stocked with rainbow trout.  
**GREEN MEADOW LAKE:** Kevin Ortiz age 16 tells us that the fishing is a bit tough even though the lake was just stocked. Anglers are picking up a few trout but he recommends trying spinners or worms for best results.

#### **GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using Pistol Petes under a bubble and power bait.  
**JAL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs.  
**LAKE VAN:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**OASIS PARK POND:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait for trout.  
**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was .67cfs. Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes and power bait for trout.  
**PERCH LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout.  
**RUIDOSO RIVER:** Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 13cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**SANTA ROSA LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, creature baits, spinner baits and crank baits for a mix of smallmouth and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.  
**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

#### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 17,278 rainbow trout averaging 10.2 inches in the following waters: **BLACK RIVER, BONITO LAKE, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CORONA POND, EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JACKSON LAKE, JAL LAKE, LAKE ALICE, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE MALOYA & PECOS RIVER-Village of Pecos to Villanueva.**  
In addition crews stocked 259,500 fingerling bluegill in the following waters: **LAKE SUMNER, MAXWELL LAKE 13, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, SPRINGER LAKE & STUBBLEFIELD LAKE.**