

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

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**Week of November 21, 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:**

**Ute Lake:** On November 18 Jim O'Conner from Amarillo, TX caught a 5.22 pound walleye. He was using a [blade bait](#).

**Quemado Lake:** On November 21 Seth Kohrs of Albuquerque caught and released a 41 inch tiger musky. He was using a [Rapala X-Rap](#).

## **NORTHEAST AREA**

**CIMARRON RIVER:** Look for reports to begin again next March when flows will increase.

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

**EAGLE NEST LAKE:** Kokanee snagging slowed considerably this past week but the trout fishing has been good. Best baits were roe sacs, corn, power bait and wax worms.

### **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** Trout fishing at both lakes was fair-to-good using power bait and spinners.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 23cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area was fair-to-good using spinners and salmon eggs. Further up stream, fishing was slow.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 56cfs. Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, egg patterns, power bait and salmon eggs.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 360cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using San Juan worms, wooly buggers, spinners, 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 slow for all species.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was fair using slab spoons and blade baits at 25-to-40 feet for walleye and white bass. We had no reports on other species.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

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

### **ALBUQUERQUE**

**AREA DRAINS:** Fishing in the Peralta, Albuquerque, Bernalillo and Belen Drains was good drifting salmon eggs and wax worms and using small copper john barrs, dead chickens and parachute adams for stocked rainbow trout.

**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 150cfs and 178cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using jerk baits, spinners, power bait and corn for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.

**COCHITI LAKE:** Fishing was slow but there were a few bass caught by anglers using jigs, worms and crank baits.

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

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

**FENTON LAKE:** As of Monday morning about 40% of the lake was free of ice and open to fishing. Fishing pressure has been very light and trout fishing was slow.

**HERON LAKE:** Kokanee snagging was slow this past weekend. Fishing for rainbow trout was good for some anglers fishing near the dam and using corn. We had no reports on lake trout.

**JACKSON LAKE:** Fishing was fair using power bait, corn and salmon eggs for trout.

**JEMEZ WATERS:** Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 32cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Cebolla below Fenton and on the Jemez was fair using salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports on other streams.

**MANZANO LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, salmon eggs, corn and worms for trout.

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

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

**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 good using egg patterns, little princesses, small pheasant tail nymphs, sparkle worms, foam emergers and parachute adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, garlic cheese, power bait and jerk baits.

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

**TINGLEY BEACH:** Trout fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was good using power bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was good using egg patterns, small red annelids and leech patterns.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

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

**BILL EVANS LAKE:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms, wooly buggers and power bait for trout and a few bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**ELEPHANT BUTTE:** Fishing was fair using slab spoons, grubs and jigs for white bass. The best reports were from Rock Canyon, Ash Canyon and near Kettle Top. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinner baits, jigs 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:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, corn and spinners.

**GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 61cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**LAKE ROBERTS:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**QUEMADO LAKE:** Fishing was good using power bait, corn and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was good using Rapala X Raps for tiger musky.  
**RIO GRANDE:** Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 19cfs. Fishing was slow. Below Caballo fishing was fair using cut bait and minnows 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, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. 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:** Trout fishing was good using spinners, power bait, corn, salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports on other species.  
**GREEN MEADOW LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using spinners, worms and salmon eggs.  
**GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**JAL LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.  
**LAKE VAN:** Trout fishing was fair using power bait, spinners and salmon eggs.  
**OASIS PARK POND:** Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait for trout.  
**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 8.9cfs. Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes and power bait for trout.  
**PERCH LAKE:** Fishing was fair using power bait, 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 and fishing pressure was extremely light.  
**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.

#### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 70,995 rainbow trout averaging 10.7 inches in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLACK RIVER, BLUEWATER LAKE, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, BURN LAKE, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESCONDIDA LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE VAN, MONASTERY LAKE, OASIS PARK LAKE, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County, RIO GRANDE-Elephant Butte to Caballo & ROSWELL KIDS POND.