

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:

Heron Lake: On November 26, Trason Garcia of Rio Rancho caught a 20 inch rainbow trout. Trason was using salmon peach power bait. On November 27, Paul Gallardo of Albuquerque caught a 34 inch 11.9 pound lake trout. He was trolling deep.

Quemado Lake: On November 27, Jared Blaschke of Albuquerque caught and released a 39 inch tiger musky. He was using a Rapala.

Cochiti Lake: On November 29, Sean Jones of Albuquerque caught a 34 inch northern pike. He was using a crank bait.

NORTHEAST AREA

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow and fishing pressure was light.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Fishing was slow but a few good size trout are being caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using power bait.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing at Lake Maloya was good using gold spoons and spinners and orange and rainbow power bait. Fishing at Lake Alice has been suspended due to thin ice.

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

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

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 55cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers, egg patterns, worms and salmon eggs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 416cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using San Juan worms, wooly buggers, copper john barrs, 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using slab spoons, blade baits and jig and minnow combinations at 25-to-45 feet for walleye and white bass. We had no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA DRAINS: Fishing in the Peralta, Albuquerque, Corrales and Bernalillo Drains was good drifting salmon eggs and wax worms and using small copper john barrs 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.

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 fair-to-good using spinners, power bait and salmon eggs for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using crank baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

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 20% 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. A few lake trout were caught trolling deep.

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

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 worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was 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 470cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using egg patterns, small pheasant tail nymphs, sparkle worms, foam emergers, red hots and parachute Adams. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, garlic cheese, power bait and jerk baits.

SANTA CRUZ LAKE: Trout fishing was slow.

TINGLEY BEACH: Trout fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was good using power bait and salmon eggs. 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 for all species.

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

CABALLO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using slab spoons, jigs and crank baits for white bass. The best reports were from the Kettle Top area and McRae Canyon. Fishing was slow-to-fair using spinner baits, jigs and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 76cfs. 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 fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs and jerk baits for trout. Fishing was good using jerk baits for tiger musky. One group last Friday reported landing 9 musky.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 17cfs. 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.
BOSQUE REDONDO: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BOTTOMLESS LAKES: Trout Fishing was fair using power bait 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.
CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, corn and salmon eggs.
GREEN MEADOW LAKE: Trout fishing was fair-to-good using green power bait and salmon eggs.
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: We had no reports from anglers this week.
JAL LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to- fair using salmon eggs, worms and power bait.
LAKE VAN: Trout fishing was fair using power bait, spinners and salmon eggs.
OASIS PARK POND: Fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs for trout.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 14cfs. Fishing was good using Pistol Petes and power bait for trout.
PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait and Pistol Petes for trout.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 14cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow and fishing pressure continued to be very light.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 87,617 rainbow trout averaging 8.8 inches in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, BOSQUE REDONDO, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, EL VADO LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE & PECOS RIVER-Sumner Lake to Roswell