

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:

Chama River: On December 5, John Korteling of Rio Rancho caught a 21 inch 3.5 pound german brown trout. He was using a night crawler.

NORTHEAST AREA

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing was slow and fishing pressure continued to be very light.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Due to thin ice conditions the lake has been closed to fishing. For updated conditions contact the state park office at 575-377-1534.

LAKE MALOYA/

LAKE ALICE: As of Monday there was a thin layer of ice on both lakes. Fishing has been suspended until such time as the ice is safe. For updated information contact the state park office at 575-445-5607.

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

PECOS RIVER: Water flow near the town of Pecos on Monday was 24cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area was slow-to-fair using worms and salmon eggs. Further up stream, fishing was slow.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery was 39cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using streamers, egg patterns, worms and salmon eggs.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 434cfs. Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using streamers, 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: As of Monday there was thin ice around the edges which was unsafe for fishing.

UTE LAKE: Fishing was slow-to-fair using slab spoons and blade baits at 22-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. Fishing pressure was very light.

ALBUQUERQUE

AREA DRAINS: Fishing in the Peralta, Belen and Bernalillo Drains was fair-to-good drifting salmon eggs and wax worms, using small spinners, 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.

CANJILON LAKES: We had no reports from anglers this week.
CHAMA RIVER: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 176cfs and 175cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado and Abiquiu was fair-to-good using night crawlers, streamers, power bait and salmon eggs for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.
COCHITI LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
EL VADO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.
FARMINGTON LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and worms.
FENTON LAKE: As of Monday morning there was a thin layer of ice on the lake and it is closed to fishing at this time.
HERON LAKE: Fishing for rainbow trout was fair using corn and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.
JACKSON LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
JEMEZ WATERS: Water flow on the Jemez as of Monday morning was 28cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the Cebolla below Fenton and on the lower Jemez was slow-to-fair using worms, egg patterns and salmon eggs for trout.
MANZANO LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using salmon eggs and power bait.
MCGAFFEY LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
NAVAJO LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure continued to be 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 470cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using comparaduns, large streamers, emergers, BWOs, orange sparkle worms, red hots and dead chickens. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using streamers, salmon eggs, garlic cheese 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, corn and salmon eggs. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was fair-to-good using egg patterns, small red annelids and streamers.

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: We had no reports from anglers this week.
BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was fair using corn, salmon eggs and power bait.
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 and jigs for white bass. The fish were scattered. Fishing was slow-to-fair using jigs and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was slow-to-fair using cut bait over baited holes. We had no reports on other species.
ESCONDIDA LAKE: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, corn and salmon eggs.
GILA RIVER: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 64cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow with very light pressure.
GLENWOOD POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE ROBERTS: Fishing was 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: As of this past weekend the lake was covered with a thin layer of ice and unsafe for fishing.
RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte on Monday was 13cfs. Trout fishing in pocket water was fair using worms and power bait.
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-to-good using power bait, corn, worms and salmon eggs.
GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Trout fishing was slow.
JAL LAKE: We had no reports from anglers this week.
LAKE VAN: Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, worms and salmon eggs.
OASIS PARK POND: We had no reports from anglers this week.
PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 16cfs. Fishing was slow-to fair using power bait for trout.
PERCH LAKE: Fishing was fair using power bait, salmon eggs, corn and Pistol Petes for trout.
RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Hollywood on Monday was 12cfs. Trout fishing was slow.
SANTA ROSA LAKE: Fishing was slow and fishing pressure was very light.
SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

Stocking Report:

Crews stocked 13,721 rainbow trout averaging 10.8 inches in the following waters: ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLACK RIVER, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK-Near Santa Rosa, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, JACKSON LAKE, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Villanueva to I-40, PERCH LAKE-Guadalupe County & ROSWELL KIDS POND.

In addition, crews stocked 11,430 fingerling Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the Cebolla River, Guadalupe River, Rio Grande-Above Pilar and San Antonio River. Crews also stocked 3,488 Triploid rainbow trout averaging 9 inches in length in Bill Evans Lake and Glenwood Pond.