

# New Mexico Statewide Weekly Fishing Report

*NM Fishing Report prepared for ABQSportfishing.com by Bill Dunn*

**Week of December 12, 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.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** This may be the last report from us for a while so I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who helped each week and to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to be back soon..... Bill Dunn

**Catches of the Week:**

None reported.

## **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 remains closed to fishing. For updated conditions contact the state park office at 575-377-1534.

### **LAKE MALOYA/**

**LAKE ALICE:** As of Monday there was 7-to-8 inches of ice on Lake Maloya and 6 inches on Lake Alice and both were open to ice fishing. At Lake Maloya trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, power bait and dough bait for 9-to-12 inch rainbows. We had no reports from Lake Alice.

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

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow near Anton Chico on Monday was 36cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area was fair using small bead head nymphs and salmon eggs. Further up stream, fishing was slow.

**RED RIVER:** Water flow below the hatchery was 39cfs. Trout fishing was a bit sporadic with some days slow others rated as fair. Best baits have been streamers, worms, San Juan worms and salmon eggs.

**RIO GRANDE:** The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 452cfs. Trout fishing was 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:** The lake was covered with a thin layer of ice and was unsafe for fishing.

**UTE LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using slab spoons and blade baits at 30-to-45 feet white bass. A few anglers reported catching limits. Fishing for all other species was slow although the white bass anglers picked up an occasional walleye.

## **NORTHWEST AREA**

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

## **ALBUQUERQUE**

- AREA DRAINS:** Trout fishing in the Albuquerque, Corrales, Belen and Bernalillo Drains was fair drifting salmon eggs and wax worms.
- 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 200cfs and 18cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using night crawlers, streamers 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- FENTON LAKE:** The lake has been closed to fishing and will re-open in the spring of 2010.
- HERON LAKE:** Fishing for rainbow trout was slow-to-fair using corn, roe sacs 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 19cfs near Jemez Springs. Fishing on the lower Jemez was fair using worms, egg patterns 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 continued to be slow for all 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 470cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good for some, slow for others. Best baits were emergers, BWOs, large streamers, orange sparkle worms, little princesses, red hots and dead chickens. Fishing through the bait waters was fair-to-good using salmon eggs, power bait and jerk baits.
- SANTA CRUZ LAKE:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- TINGLEY BEACH:** Trout fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was very good using power bait, wax worms and salmon eggs. Fishing for trout in the Catch and Release Pond was good using egg patterns and leeches.

## **SOUTHWEST AREA**

- BEAR CANYON:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- BILL EVANS LAKE:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using wooly buggers, 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 jig and minnow combinations for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass was slow but there were a few taken by anglers using imitations crawdads in 10-to-15 feet of water. Fishing for all other species was slow.
- ESCONDIDA LAKE:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- GILA RIVER:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 83cfs. Fishing on the Forks was slow with very light pressure.
- GLENWOOD POND:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- LAKE ROBERTS:** We had no reports from anglers this week.
- PERCHA DAM:** Fishing was slow for all species.
- QUEMADO LAKE:** 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. 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:** Trout fishing was fair using spinners, Pistol Petes under a bubble, salmon eggs and corn.

### **BOTTOMLESS**

**LAKES:** Trout Fishing was fair-to-good 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

### **GRINDSTONE**

**RESERVOIR:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**JAL LAKE:** Trout fishing was fair-to-good using worms, salmon eggs and power bait.

**LAKE VAN:** Trout fishing was slow-to-fair using power bait, corn and salmon eggs.

**OASIS PARK LAKE:** Fishing was fair using power bait and salmon eggs for trout.

**PECOS RIVER:** Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 13cfs. Fishing was very good using power bait and Pistol Petes for trout.

**PERCH LAKE:** Fishing was fair-to-good using power bait, salmon eggs 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 for all species.

**SUMNER LAKE:** Fishing was fair using red curly tail grubs on yellow jig heads for walleye. Fishing for all other species was slow.

### **Stocking Report:**

Crews stocked 9,806 rainbow trout averaging 9.8 inches in the following waters: BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE-aka Tingley Beach, CORONA POND, EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER-Lake Sumner to Roswell & RUIDOSO RIVER.