

NEW MEXICO FISHING REPORT

This fishing report, provided by Bill Dunn and the Department of Game and Fish, has been generated from the best information available from area officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

Eagle Nest Lake: On January 8, Joe Rodriguez of Taos caught a 20-inch rainbow trout. He was using an ice jig tipped with worm.

Tingley Beach: On January 6, Chris Ortega of Albuquerque caught and released a 20-inch rainbow trout. He was fishing the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond and using a dark green and royal purple streamer with crystal flash trailed by a black and gold zebra midge.

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, and location, type of fish, length and weight if possible and bait, lure or fly used.

January 13, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Closed for the season.

Cimarron River: Stream flow near Cimarron on Monday was 66 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Clayton Lake: Closed for the season.

Conchas Lake: Fishing pressure was very light and fishing was slow for all species.

Coyote Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eagle Rock Lake: Closed through next fall. The closure will allow Chevron Mining to dredge the lake and reconstruct the area.

Eagle Nest Lake: As of Sunday, the ice was reported as being between 9 and 10 inches thick and the lake was open to foot traffic only. Fishing was good using small ice jigs, worms and wax worms for perch. Fishing was fair using ice jigs, worms and Power Bait for trout. Fishing for all other species was slow. For updated ice conditions contact the State Park office at (575) 377-1594.

Gallinas River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Hopewell Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Alice: Ice fishing was fair to good using homemade dough bait for trout up to 14 inches. As of Monday there was about 8 inches of ice on the lake. Contact the State Park office at (575) 445-5607 for updated conditions.

Lake Maloya: Ice thickness as of this past Sunday was 8 inches. Trout fishing was good using homemade dough bait and corn. Contact the State Park office at (575) 445-5607 for updated ice conditions.

Los Pinos: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Manzano Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Maxwell Lake 13: Closed for the season.

Monastery Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. Ice fishing is not permitted on this lake.

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

Mt View Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Pecos River: Fishing in the Villanueva area was fair for anglers using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River: Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 26 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using egg patterns, wooly buggers and salmon eggs.

Rio Costilla: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Fishing was slow for all species and there was very little fishing pressure on the river this past week.

Rio Hondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Barbara: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Shuree Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Springer Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Storrie Lake: The ice covering the lake was breaking up some over the weekend and was considered unsafe for fishing. For updated conditions, contact the State Park office at (505) 425-7278.

Stubblefield Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Ute Lake: There was very little traffic on the lake again this past week and fishing was slow for all species. The surface temp was around 39 degrees.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: There was no angler activity on the lake this past week.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 267 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque, Corrales and Peralta Drains was good using San Juan worms, egg patterns, worms, wax worms and salmon eggs. James Garcia of Albuquerque had great success fishing the Albuquerque South Drain last Thursday. He reported trout fishing as very good with best baits being egg patterns, wax worms and salmon eggs. Fishing on the Belen Drain was good using wax worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species or from other drains.

Bluewater Lake: As of Monday there was a 5-inch layer of ice on the lake. Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure was light. For updated ice conditions contact the State Park office at (505) 876-2391. **Anglers should be aware that it is illegal to use bait fish at this lake.**

Brazos River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Canjilon Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 101 cfs and 51 cfs respectively. We had no reports from below El Vado. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and Power Bait. Eric Collins reported good fishing here last Thursday. He hooked six rainbow and landed five. He was using a size 14 nymph with a black bead head and an olive body along with a small split shot and strike indicator.

Cochiti Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. For updated ice conditions, contact the Corps office at (505) 465-0307.

El Vado Lake: Ice conditions were considered unsafe for fishing this past week. Contact the State Park office at (575) 588-7247 for updated conditions.

Fenton Lake: A layer of ice has formed on the lake and it is closed to ice fishing. Put this one back on your list for great fishing early next spring.

Heron Lake: About 45 percent of the lake was covered in unsafe ice this past weekend and that included the boat ramp area. We had no reports from anglers. For updated conditions, contact the State Park office at (575) 588-7470.

Jackson Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jemez Waters: Our only report this week came from anglers fishing the Jemez River. A group of eight anglers fished several hours using salmon eggs and several colors of Power Bait with no success.

Laguna Del Campo: Closed for the season.

Lake Farmington: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Navajo Lake: Fishing pressure remained light and fishing continued to be slow for all species.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo on Monday was 348 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair to good using red and cream midge larva, zebra midges, Scintillas and crystal flash. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs and streamers.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond was good to excellent for anglers using salmon eggs, Gulp eggs, marshmallows, egg pattern flies and Power Bait. Fishing at the Youth Pond was fair to good using salmon eggs and marshmallows. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was fair to good using San Juan worms, egg patterns, small midge patterns and streamers. There was some ice on the ponds but plenty of open water for fishing.

Trout Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Trout fishing was good using wooly buggers and Pistol Petes.

Bear Canyon: Trout fishing was fair to good using Velveeta cheese, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and Power Bait.

Bill Evans Lake: Trout fishing was good using garlic cheese, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for black bass and white bass was slow with just a few caught by anglers using slab spoons and jigs. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light.

Escondida Lake: Trout fishing was very good using Power Bait, homemade dough bait, garlic cheese and Power Bait.

Gila River: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 94 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Roberts: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Percha Dam: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Quemado Lake: As of Monday there was a thin layer of ice on the lake and it was deemed unsafe for fishing.

Rio Grande: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and Power Bait.

Snow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Young Pond: Trout fishing was very good using Power Bait and Velveeta cheese. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, small spinners and spoons and Power Bait.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. Fishing was fair using copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bottomless Lakes: Fishing pressure was light and fishing was slow at all the lakes.

Brantley Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. Anglers are to practice catch-and-release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Power Bait, Gulp eggs, salmon eggs and small spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Chaparral Park Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

El Rito Creek: Trout fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs.

Eunice Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Green Meadow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Grindstone Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jal Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Van: Fishing was fair using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: There was only a small opening for anglers to fish this past week but those who braved the cold caught limits of trout. They were using marshmallows and Power Bait.

Perch Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 16 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was slow to fair using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 13 cfs. We had no reports from anglers.

Santa Rosa Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Sumner Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Crews stocked 46,016 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BATAAN LAKE, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), SAN JUAN RIVER (Quality Waters and Below Quality Waters) and YOUNG POND.