

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:

San Juan River: On January 18, Owen Jacobson age 10 of Albuquerque caught and released two 20-inch rainbow trout. He was fishing The Braids and using a pink egg pattern trailing a red midge larva.

Tingley Beach: On January 15, Adam Sena of Albuquerque caught and released a 24-inch cutbow trout. He was fishing the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond and using a peach egg pattern.

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 20, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Closed for the season.

Cimarron River: 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: 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 and kokanee salmon. Anglers using jigs reported losing several northern pike.

Snowmobiles and 4 wheel drive vehicles are now permitted on the ice but must enter at the boat ramp. 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 good using homemade dough bait, Power Bait and corn for trout. As of Sunday there was about 6.5 inches of ice on the lake. Contact the Sugarite State Park office at (575) 445-5607 for updated conditions.

Lake Maloya: Ice thickness as of this past Sunday was 9 inches. Trout fishing was good using Power 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: Fishing was good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. Tom Soltero reported great fishing here on Monday. He and his son caught limits of fish within 30 minutes. They were using a pink, orange and yellow glitter Power Bait. The fish ranged in size from 14 to 20 inches.

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 slow to fair for anglers using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River: Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 19 cfs. Trout fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 470 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this 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: Closed for the season.

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

Storrie Lake: The ice covering the lake 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: Over the past weekend fishing was slow to fair using slab spoons and jigs for walleye and a few white bass. We had no reports on other species. The daytime surface temp was in the low 40s.

Northwest

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

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 265 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, egg patterns and San Juan worms for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque, Belen and Peralta Drains was good using egg patterns, worms, wax worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species or from other drains.

Bluewater Lake: As of Sunday the ice thickness varied from 4 to 5 inches. Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure was extremely 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 104 cfs and 49 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and wooly buggers for a mix of rainbow and brown trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and Power Bait for rainbow trout.

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. 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: A good portion 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: Fishing on the lower Jemez was fair using copper John Barrs and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other area waters.

Laguna Del Campo: Closed for the season.

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

Navajo Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few brown trout caught by anglers trolling Rapalas and long A Bombers. Fishing pressure was light.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 331 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using San Juan worms, egg patterns, bunny leeches, red and cream midge larva and princess nymphs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs and San Juan worms.

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, egg pattern flies and Power Bait. Fishing at the Youth Pond was very good using salmon eggs and marshmallows. There are plenty of fish in this pond for the young anglers under age 12. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was fair to good using leeches, egg patterns, small midge patterns and streamers.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Trout fishing was very good using wooly buggers, Power Bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on catfish.

Bear Canyon: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing continued to be slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

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

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

Gila River: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 146 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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, salmon eggs, corn and cheese. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 15 cfs. Trout fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs and small bead head copper John Barrs.

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

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, Power Bait and bead head wooly buggers for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few largemouth bass and white bass caught by anglers using crank baits and spoons. We had no reports on other species. 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 using Power Bait, Gulp eggs and salmon eggs 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 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: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and Power Bait.

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

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

Oasis Park Lake: The ice melted off the lake this past week and fishing was quite good for most anglers. Several limits of trout were reported and best baits continued to be marshmallows and Power Bait.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 16 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was slow for all species.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 18 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs for trout.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Crews stocked 86,011 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JACKSON LAKE, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), RUIDOSO RIVER and YOUNG POND.

In addition, crews stocked 201 channel catfish in ALUMNI POND.