

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:

Glenwood Pond: On January 26, John Robertson of Glenwood caught a 23-inch rainbow trout.

Navajo Lake: On February 1, Dalton King of Aztec caught and released a northern pike estimated to be close to 40 inches. He was using a swim bait.

San Juan River: On January 31, Ron Sedell of the Taos Fly Shop caught and released a brown trout which measured between 31 and 32 inches. He was fishing the Texas Hole and using a leech 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.

February 3, 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 tipped with Power Bait, worms and wax worms for perch. Fishing was fair to good using plain ice jigs, ice jigs tipped with worms or corn, worms, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species. 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. An ice fishing tournament is scheduled for February 7. For more information contact Bruce Manakas at (575) 377-6188.

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

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

Lake Alice: Closed to fishing due to thin ice. Contact the Sugarite State Park office at (575) 445-5607 for updated conditions.

Lake Maloya: Ice thickness as of this past Sunday remained at about 10 inches. Trout fishing was good using corn and homemade dough bait for fish up to 14 inches. We had no reports on perch. 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, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout.

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 good using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River: Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 21 cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 501 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week. For updated ice conditions, contact the State Park office at (505) 425-7278.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few white bass caught by anglers jigging spoons in 50 to 60 feet of water. The surface temp ranged from the high 30s to the low 40s.

Northwest

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

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 324 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, Gulp eggs, leeches and San Juan worms for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque South Drain and Peralta Drain was very good using wax worms, salmon eggs, San Juan worms and small copper John Barrs for trout. We had no reports on other species or from other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Closed to fishing due to thin ice. 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 74 cfs and 51 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and Power Bait for rainbow trout. We had no reports from below El Vado.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week. Contact the State Park office at (575) 588-7247 for updated ice 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. For updated conditions, contact the State Park office at (575) 588-7470.

Jackson Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, Gulp eggs and Power Bait.

Jemez Waters: Fishing on the lower Jemez was fair using salmon eggs and small bead head nymphs for trout. 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 for all species with just one northern pike caught by an angler using a swim bait. The surface temp ranged from the low to mid 40s.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 357 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using red larva, grey and chocolate johnny flash, leech patterns, Desert Storms and egg patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, leeches, streamers and San Juan worms. Flows will be reduced to 250 cfs on February 8 to accommodate stream work. Flows will be returned to 350 cfs on February 11.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond was very good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, marshmallows, Pistol Petes and Berkley Power worms for trout. Fishing at the Youth Pond was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and marshmallows. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was good using leeches, egg patterns, small midge patterns and streamers.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was very good using wooly buggers, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was good using chartreuse and orange Power Bait, salmon eggs and homemade dough bait for trout.

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

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

Elephant Butte Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair to good using homemade dough bait, corn and salmon egg combinations and Power Bait for trout.

Gila River: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 1,900 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: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was .46 cfs. Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, garlic cheese and Power Bait.

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

Young Pond: Trout fishing was good using Power Bait, corn, salmon eggs and cheese. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Trout fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, homemade dough bait and Super Dupers. We had no reports on other species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs.

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

Bonito Lake: Closed.

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

Bottomless Lakes: Trout fishing was fair to good using Super Dupers and yellow and rainbow Power Bait.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout.

El Rito Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eunice Lake: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and rainbow and orange Power Bait.

Green Meadow Lake: Trout fishing was very good using Power Bait and salmon eggs.

Greene Acres Lake: Trout fishing was good for anglers using salmon eggs, Power Bait and small spoons.

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

Jal Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Van: Fishing was fair to good using homemade dough bait, salmon eggs Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was very good using Power Bait and marshmallows for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 27 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was good using salmon egg, Power Bait and Gulp eggs for trout.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 34 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Sumner Lake: There were no anglers on the lake this past week.

Crews stocked 46,662 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, DENIS CHAVEZ POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JACKSON LAKE, JAL LAKE, MANZANO LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Lake Sumner to Roswell), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Quality Waters and Below Quality Waters) and YOUNG POND.