

## 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:

**Bluewater Lake:** On February 9, Leslie Ann Benefield of Albuquerque caught and released a 33-inch tiger musky. She was using a white Dynamic minnow lure.

**Ned Houk Ponds:** On February 9, Ryan Curry of Clovis caught a 16.75-inch white bass. He was using a silver Kastmaster.

**San Juan River:** On February 8, Kylie Clemens of Albuquerque caught and released a 25-inch rainbow trout. She was fishing the Texas Hole and using a size 24 midge 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](mailto: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 10, 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 worms, wax worms and small ice jigs tipped with Power Bait or homemade dough bait for perch. Fishing was fair using plain ice jigs, salmon eggs, Power Bait and ice jigs tipped with worms or corn for trout. We had no reports on other species. Due to thinning ice conditions, only walk on traffic is permitted at this time. 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:** 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 Sunday remained at about 10 inches. Trout fishing was good using corn and homemade dough bait. 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 fair to 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:** Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs.

**Red River:** Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 24 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 573 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.

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** This water remains closed to boating and fishing while the Bureau of Land Management renovates the north lake camp ground, boat launch, picnic area and main access road. The plan is to have all work completed by the end of July. The only fishing access at this time is walk-in from the overlook area. We will provide progress updates as we receive them.

**Shuree Ponds:** Closed for the season.

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

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

**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 and walleye caught by anglers using jigging spoons in 40 to 55 feet of water. The surface temp was in the low to mid 40s.

## **Northwest**

**Abiquiu Lake:** There were a few anglers out on the lake over the weekend. Fishing was slow for all species.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 267 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers and salmon eggs for trout.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Bluewater Lake:** As of this past weekend the lake was free of ice and open to bank fishing. Fishing was slow to fair using swim baits and crank baits for tiger musky. We had no reports on other species. **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 53 cfs and 51 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using very small midge patterns for rainbow trout. A stealth approach was required with the low flow conditions. We had no reports from below El Vado.

**Cochiti Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**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:** The southwest side of the lake is now free of ice and open to bank fishing. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species. 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:** Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 71 cfs. Fishing on the lower Jemez was slow. 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 to fair using swim baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species. 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 286 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using olive and black bead head wooly buggers, red larva, little princesses, leech patterns, Desert Storms and egg patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, streamers and San Juan worms. 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 and Pistol Petes. 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, small midge patterns and streamers.

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

## **Southwest**

**Alumni Pond:** Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, homemade dough baits 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing was fair using minnows for walleye at the north end of the lake. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was slow but there were a few largemouth bass and white bass caught by anglers using crank baits and slab spoons. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Gila River:** Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 416 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 this past week the lake is completely free of ice and fishing was good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout up to 18 inches. We had no reports on tiger musky.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was .70 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Young Pond:** Trout fishing was very 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, Gulp eggs and homemade dough bait. 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Bottomless Lakes:** Trout fishing was good using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and orange and chartreuse Power Bait.

**Brantley Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, jerk baits and grubs for a mixed bag of white bass and largemouth bass. 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 good using Super Dupers, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout.

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

**El Rito Creek:** Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs for trout.

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

**Green Meadow Lake:** Trout fishing was good using Power Bait, corn and salmon egg combinations and salmon eggs.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Trout fishing was fair to good for anglers using salmon eggs and Power Bait.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was very good using salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species. Sergio and Amelia Beltran

were here this past Saturday and reported catching limits of trout while using salmon eggs and salmon peach Power Bait. They also saw several other people catching trout.

**Jal Lake:** Fishing was fair using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 21 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, wooly buggers and Gulp eggs for trout.

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

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 30 cfs. Fishing was very good using salmon eggs for trout.

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

**Sumner Lake:** There was no fishing activity on the lake this past week.

Crews stocked 46,662 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BATAAN LAKE, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), ROSWELL KIDS POND, SAN JUAN RIVER (Quality Waters), STORRIE RESERVOIR and YOUNG POND.