

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:

The following came in too late for last week's report but we felt they were definitely worth mentioning:

Chama River: On February 10, David Ocona of El Rito caught a 21-inch brown trout and a 22-inch brown trout. He was using a black jig. On February 12, Steven Ocona of El Rito caught a 20-inch brown trout. He was using a black jig. They were fishing above the bridge below El Vado Lake.

Conservancy Park Lake: On February 14, determined angler Marcus Gurule age 2 of Albuquerque, caught four rainbow trout. He was using homemade dough bait.

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.

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Northeast

Charette Lakes: Open for the season March 1.

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

Clayton Lake: Opens for the season March 1.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few walleye and smallmouth bass caught by anglers fishing deep and using jigs tipped with grubs. We had no reports on other 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: Closed to fishing due to thin ice conditions. For updated 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Maloya: Ice thickness as of Sunday was about 10.5 inches. Trout fishing was good using ice jigs, Power Bait 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: Opens for the season March 1.

Monastery Lake: Trout fishing was very good for anglers using Power Bait, homemade dough bait and Gulp eggs.

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow near Anton Chico on Monday was 42 cfs. Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs.

Red River: Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 22 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Red River City Ponds: Open for the season March 1.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 640 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few trout caught by anglers using salmon eggs.

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.

Storie Lake: Fishing was 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 to fair using jigs tipped with grubs at 20 to 40 feet for walleye. Anglers fishing the upper ends of Ute Creek and the Canadian found white bass hitting crank baits. The key was fishing on the warm weather days. A few catfish were caught in the same areas by anglers using stink bait. The surface temp was in the upper 40s.

Northwest

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

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 324 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Belen and Peralta Drains was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait, egg

patterns and wax worms for trout. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was good using swim baits, crank baits and jerk 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 El Vado was fair using wooly buggers, jigs and salmon eggs for a mix of brown and rainbow trout. Fishing pressure was light. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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

El Vado Lake: Closed to fishing due to thin ice conditions. 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: Closed to fishing due to thin ice conditions. For updated ice conditions, contact the State Park office at (575) 588-7470.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 27 cfs. Fishing on the lower Jemez was slow to fair using small 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 to fair using swim baits and deep running crank baits for northern pike. A few brown trout were caught by anglers trolling Rapalas. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp ranged from the mid to high 40s.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 366 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using sparkle worms, San Juan worms, red larva, leech patterns, princess nymphs and egg patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, Power Bait and San Juan worms.

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, Super Dupers, small Kastmasters and Pistol Petes. On the 18th, Wayne Garcia reported catching and releasing 36 rainbow trout that measured between 10 and 16 inches. He was using a Carolina rigged Berkley power worm. Fishing at the Youth Pond was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and marshmallows. We had no reports from the Catch and Release Pond.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: Trout fishing was fair to good using Power Bait, salmon eggs and marshmallows.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, corn, homemade dough bait, Power Bait and Kastmasters for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using grubs at the upper end of the lake for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using grubs in the Rock Canyon area for white bass and a few crappie. We had no reports on other species. The water level was on the rise and fishing pressure was light. We checked the lake this past Friday. There were a total of four boats on the lake and no shore anglers.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was good for anglers using homemade dough bait, corn and salmon egg combinations, Pistol Petes and Power Bait for trout. We visited with anglers here mid-morning this past Saturday. Action was a bit slow but one angler using lemon twist Power Bait reported having some action.

Gila River: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 221 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Construction update: Modifications to the dam and spillway have been completed. Now awaiting approval for the engineers specifications to fix the outlet pipe. Will provide additional updates as they become available.

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait, Super Dupers and Kastmasters for trout. We had no reports on tiger musky.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was .46 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species. We could not find an angler on the river this past Friday or Saturday.

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

Young Pond: Trout fishing was very good for anglers using Power Bait, corn, homemade dough bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was fair to good using Power Bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bottomless Lakes: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs and Power Bait.

Brantley Lake: Fishing from boats was fair to good using crank baits, and grubs for a mixed bag of white bass and largemouth bass. Bank fishing has been difficult due to high water conditions. Anglers are to practice catch-and-release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish.

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

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

El Rito Creek: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and homemade dough bait for trout.

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

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

Greene Acres Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good using Kastmasters, salmon eggs and Power Baits.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was good using homemade dough bait, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was very good using wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, Kastmasters, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 30 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was fair to good using salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Perch Lake: Fishing was good using Super Dupers, power worms, Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 30 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure was extremely light.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Crews stocked 22,075 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BATAAN LAKE, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CLAYTON LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, 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 and YOUNG POND.