

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 March 6, Robert Morrow of Albuquerque caught and released several tiger musky in the 30 to 36-inch range. He was using his own hand tied musky flies. On March 7, Miguel Trujillo of Tome, NM caught and released a 40-inch tiger musky. He was using a hot dog.

Chama River: On March 7, Katiyana Goslow age 7 of Albuquerque caught a 17-inch brown trout. She was using a Little Joe spinner with a night crawler.

Clayton Lake: On March 7, Albert Roybal of Clayton caught a 22-inch rainbow trout. He was using Power Bait.

Elephant Butte Lake: On March 8, Troy Omness of Tinnie, NM caught and released a 14-pound 8-ounce striped bass. He was using a bluegill colored Bomber and fishing just east of the main marina.

Lake Van: On March 3, Ryan Alexander Sanchez age 4 of Roswell caught a limit of trout within 30 minutes. He was using salmon eggs.

San Juan River: On March 7, Owen Jacobson age 10 of Albuquerque caught and released a 24-inch rainbow trout. He was using a sink tip line and a large red and black wooly bugger.

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.

March 10, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Trout fishing was good using Power Bait and salmon eggs. A few fish were also caught by anglers using Pistol Petes.

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

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. There was a six pound walleye caught on Saturday but we did not receive any information as to who caught it or what they were using.

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: 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: A thin layer of ice has covered the lake and it is closed to fishing. Contact the State Park office at (575) 445-5607 for updated ice conditions.

Lake Maloya: Ice thickness as of Sunday was about 12.5 inches. Trout fishing was very good using white curly tail grubs and corn. 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: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and garlic scented Power Bait. We had no reports on other species.

Maxwell Lake 13: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Monastery Lake: Trout fishing was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, roe sacs and homemade dough bait.

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 38 cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area and above the town of Pecos was fair using salmon eggs, San Juan worms and egg patterns.

Red River: Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 43 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Red River City Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 580 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 slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using salmon eggs and Power Bait.

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

Ute Lake: There was light pressure on the lake this past week but the anglers who did get out caught a few walleye. They were using jig and grub combinations and blade baits and fishing at about 20 to 25 feet. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 40s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: There were a few anglers on the lake this past week but we had no reports of success.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 313 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Belen Drain and the Corrales Drain was good using salmon eggs, wax worms, bead head pheasant tails and egg patterns for trout. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was good using large musky flies, swim baits, spinner baits and hot dogs 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 48 cfs and 51 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair for anglers using small midge patterns for trout. Fishing below El Vado was slow to fair using night crawlers, wooly buggers and spinners for brown trout.

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: There was still a layer of ice on the lake on Monday but warm weather this week may open it up. For updated conditions contact the State Park office at (575) 829-3630.

Heron Lake: As of Monday there were some areas free of ice and accessible for bank fishing. We had no reports from anglers. For updated ice conditions, contact the State Park office at (575) 588-7470.

Jackson Lake: Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and Power Bait. We had no reports on other species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 54 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 but there were a few northern pike caught by anglers using swim baits and crank baits. The surface water temp was in the mid 40s.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 361 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using bunny leeches, black and olive wooly buggers, San Juan worms, red larva, princess nymphs and egg

patterns. There were some decent midge and baetis hatches on the cloudy, windy days this past week. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, San Juan worms and wooly buggers.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, Berkley power worms and Pistol Petes. Fishing at the Youth Pond was very good using salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was fair to good using egg patterns and leeches. The annual Free Fishing Derby will take place March 14 from 7:15am to 4:00pm. Anyone catching a tagged fish will win a prize.

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

Southwest

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

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

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using grubs and Flicker Shad for walleye. Most of the fish reported were caught at the upper end of the lake. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 50s.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jig and grub combinations for white bass. Fishing was slow for all other species but we did have a report of a largemouth bass caught in the McCrae Canyon area by an angler using a crank bait. There was also one striped bass caught. Check it out in Catches of the Week. The surface water temp was in the low 50s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was good using homemade dough bait, corn and salmon egg combinations, Pistol Petes and Power Bait for trout. A few trout were also caught by anglers using wooly buggers.

Gila River: Water flow on the Gila as of this past Monday was 191 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 fair to good using Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on tiger musky.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was .57 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 for anglers using Power Bait, corn, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 16 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, egg patterns and small streamers for trout.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was good using salmon eggs for trout.

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 rainbow and chartreuse Power Bait.

Brantley Lake: Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure was very light. 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 fair using salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and homemade dough bait for trout.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs and garlic scented Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jal Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Van: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using Kastmasters and homemade dough bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 25 cfs. Trout fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and homemade dough bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 25 cfs. Trout fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure continued to be light.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure was extremely light. The surface water temp was in the mid 40s.

Crews stocked 37,833 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK

POND, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE VAN, MANZANO 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), SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, STORRIE LAKE, TIGER PARK POND (Aztec) and YOUNG POND.