

## 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 April 4, Travis from Albuquerque caught and released a 37-inch tiger musky. He was using a hot dog.

**Lake Roberts:** On April 5, Amber Dominguez caught a 17-inch 3-pound largemouth bass. She was using a worm.

**Monastery Lake:** On March 30, Ross Clark caught a rainbow trout that measured over 21 inches. He was using a Pistol Pete.

**Pecos River:** Dianne Romero age 11 was fishing near the Cow Creek Campground last week and caught a 22-inch brown trout. On April 5, Steve Stone caught and released a well over 20-inch brown trout while fishing near Terrero. He was using a size 12 San Juan worm.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** On April 4, Dylan Rodriguez age 7 of Santa Fe, caught a 19-inch brown trout. He was using a red and gold Thomas buoyant spoon.

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.

**April 7, 2015**

### Northeast

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

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow below Eagle Nest was 23 cfs near Cimarron. Trout fishing in the lower canyon below Clear Creek was good using bead head hare's ears, burnt orange and red San Juan worms, prince nymphs and yellow with red spot Panther Martins. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair to good in the morning hours using salmon eggs and Panther Martins. A few trout were also caught on Pistol Petes and Power Bait.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing on the non-windy days was fair using Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, jerk baits, swim baits, worms and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, swim baits and grubs for big white bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 50s.

**Coyote Creek:** Trout fishing was slow.

**Eagle Rock Lake:** Closed through next fall. The closure will allow Chevron Mining to dredge the lake and reconstruct the area.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Bank fishing was fair using Power Bait, small spinners and salmon eggs for trout. A few perch were caught by anglers using worms. Fishing for pike was slow with just a few caught by anglers using spinners. We had no reports on other species. As of Monday the boat ramp remained closed but the lake was free of ice. 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:** Fishing was good using gold spoons and assorted colors of Power Bait.

**Los Pinos:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** Fishing was fair using homemade dough bait and Power Bait for trout.

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes and Power Bait for trout.

**Morphy Lake:** Fishing was slow. The boat ramp is closed but the lake is accessible with canoes and kayaks.

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

**Pecos River:** Stream flow on Monday was 160 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and worms.

**Red River:** Water flow near the hatchery on Monday was 92 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week. A fish habitat and angler access project near the hatchery is underway and expected to cause elevated water turbidity. The project is expected to affect fishing in the area until June.

**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 727 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow near Valdez was 29 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Penasco was 88 cfs. 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 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. Anglers have to traverse steep banks to access fishing. Trout fishing was good

using Fisher Chick spinners, Panther Martins, wooly buggers, wooly worms, Pistol Petes, worms, salmon eggs and Power Bait.

**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 Power Bait.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing continued to be very good using crank baits, jerk baits, grubs and small swim baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using senkos and chigger craws in 8 to 12 feet of water for smallmouth bass. Walleye fishing was slow with just a few caught on jig and minnow combinations. Fishing was slow to fair using minnows for crappie. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 50s.

## Northwest

**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, swim baits and jerk baits for walleye and smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 50s.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 627 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing was good using hot dogs, large flies and swim baits for tiger musky. We had no reports on other species. The only open boat ramp is the primitive ramp located south of the main boat ramp. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 50s. **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 98 cfs and 232 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow. Fishing below El Vado was slow to fair using wooly buggers, San Juan worms and salmon eggs for trout.

**Cochiti Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, swim baits and jerk baits for northern pike and smallmouth bass. A few white bass were caught by anglers using crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Fenton Lake:** Fishing was very good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using Pistol Petes and wooly buggers when the wind would allow.

**Heron Lake:** Bank fishing was fair to good using sucker cut bait, Power Bait, Panther Martins, Super Dupers and Daredevles for a mixed bag of lake trout, rainbow trout and brown trout. Work is continuing on the boat ramp extension. The water level rose about two feet this past week.

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

**Jemez Waters:** Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 150 cfs and a bit murky. Fishing on the Jemez was slow with high water conditions. Fishing on the Cebolla was good using salmon eggs, worms and copper John Barrs for rainbow trout. We had no reports from other area waters.

**Laguna Del Campo:** Closed for the season.

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

**Manzano Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using leech patterns, wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing was slow with just a few northern pike and smallmouth bass caught by anglers using crank baits and swim baits. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 50s.

**San Gregorio:** We had no reports from anglers.

**San Juan:** Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 375 cfs. Visibility was a little over a foot. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using princess nymphs, scintillas, desert storms, red and cream larva, olive and black streamers and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using salmon eggs, San Juan worms, small jerk baits and wooly buggers.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs, spoons and assorted flies for trout.

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing at the Central Pond was fair using spinners, Power Bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, wooly buggers and homemade dough bait for trout. Fishing at the Youth Pond was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and Pistol Petes. We had no reports from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

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

## **Southwest**

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

**Bear Canyon:** Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, worms, homemade dough bait and small spoons for trout.

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

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits and grubs near the dam, along the east side of the lake and above KOA Point for a mixed bag of walleye and white bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 50s.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was good using crank baits, spinner baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow to fair using tubes, senkos, chigger craws, swim baits, jerk baits and crank baits. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair using

stink bait and dead minnows for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s.

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, worms, Pistol Petes and small spoons for trout.

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 158 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 engineer's specifications to fix the outlet pipe. Will provide additional updates as they become available. Fishing was slow but there were a few largemouth bass caught by anglers using worms.

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

**Quemado Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was .70 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs for trout

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

**Young Pond:** Fishing was good using salmon eggs, corn, Power Bait and worms for trout. A few trout were also caught by anglers using Pistol Petes.

## **Southeast**

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

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 41 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 using Power Bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout. A few catfish were caught by anglers using stink bait.

**Bottomless Lakes:** Trout fishing was fair to good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and Super Dupers.

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

**Chaparral Park Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout.

**El Rito Creek:** Fishing was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing was fair using wooly buggers and Power Bait for trout. A few bass were caught by anglers using tubes and chigger craws. We had no reports on other species.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout.

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

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing was fair using Power Bait, worms, Pistol Petes and Kastmasters for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner on Monday was 88 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 43 cfs. Trout fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, hare's ears, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species. The surface water temp was in the mid 50s.

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

Crews stocked 348,870 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ALUMNI POND, CEBOLLA RIVER, EAGLE NEST LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER, NAVAJO LAKE, RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), RIO LAS VACAS, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters), SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND, SNOW LAKE and YOUNG POND.

In addition, crews stocked 207,232 walleye fry in CONCHAS LAKE.

REMINDER TO ALL ANGLERS: The new license year began April 1.