

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:

Abiquiu Reservoir: On May 1, Edna Harper of Coyote, NM caught and released a 4-pound smallmouth bass. She was using a robo worm.

Bill Evans Lake: On May 2, David Carillo of Las Cruces caught and released a 6-pound largemouth bass. He was using a brown with red flake senko on 4-pound test line.

Bluewater Lake: On May 1, Xavier Lopez age 9 of Albuquerque caught a 42-inch 12-pound tiger musky. He was using hot dogs and fishing with a youth fishing pole. On May 2, Roy Tapaha of Albuquerque caught a 29-inch 15-pound catfish. He was using hot dogs. On May 2, Nathan Strenger caught a 42-inch 19-pound tiger musky. He was using little smokies.

Cochiti Lake: On May 3, Adam Dunstan of Los Lunas caught a 4.5-pound walleye. He was trolling a spinner/minnow rig near the tower.

Navajo Lake: On May 2, Scott Skelton caught and released a 5.32-pound largemouth bass. He was using soft plastics.

Ute Lake: On May 2, John McWilliams of Borger, TX caught a 4.82-pound walleye. He was using a rogue jerk bait.

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

Tingley Beach: On April 27, Pancho Lopez of Albuquerque caught a 3.5-pound largemouth bass. He was fishing the Central Pond and using red salmon eggs.

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.

May 5, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was light.

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 43 cfs near Cimarron. Trout fishing in the lower canyon below Clear Creek was fair for anglers using brassies, bead head hare's ears and Panther Martins. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow to fair using worms, garlic scented Power Bait and spinners.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was very good using chartreuse and yellow Power Bait, Super Dupers, Kastmasters and Panther Martins for trout. Fishing was fair using crank baits and tubes for small bass. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was very good using tubes, chigger craws, sweet beavers, Yamamoto flappin' hogs, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using minnows and small jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits and jig and minnow combinations and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was fair using liver and dough bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms and tubes for bluegill. The surface water temp ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was very good using Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

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 fair to good trolling spinners and flies behind Hildebrandt blades for trout and kokanee. Fishing from the bank was fair using Power Bait and worms for trout. Fishing was fair using worms for perch. The surface water temp was in the mid 40s. There are no boat docks in the water at this time.

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

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

Lake Alice: Fishing was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs and spinners for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good for some but slow for others. Anglers having the best success were using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and garlic scented green Power Bait. The Sugarite Canyon State Park annual Fishing Derby will be held May 30-June 7 with a free Kids Derby on June 6. For more information or early registration call (575) 445-5607.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was fair using Power Bait, worms, corn and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Morphy Lake: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, Fisher Chick spinners, Panther Martins and Pistol Petes for trout. 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 155 cfs. Trout fishing was fair to good using San Juan worms, Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms.

Red River: 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 476 cfs. Fishing was good using BWOs, wooly buggers, spinners and worms for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 45 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using copper John Barrs and bead head pheasant tails for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 104 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. 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: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs for trout up to 17 inches in length. Several limits were reported. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was good using jig and minnow combinations, crank baits, jerk baits and grubs for walleye. The walleye were scattered with some in 5 to 6 feet of water while others were caught as deep as 30 feet. Fishing was very good using tubes, senkos, chigger craws, curly tail grubs and other soft plastics for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using curly tail grubs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, robo worms, chigger craws, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits and spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair using worms, Power Bait and crank baits for trout. 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 723 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Blewater Lake: Fishing was good using hot dogs, swim baits, top water lures and jerk baits for tiger musky. Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs and stink bait for catfish. 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 mid 50s. **Anglers should be aware that it is illegal to use bait fish at this lake.**

Brazos River: Fishing was fair using prince nymphs and copper John Barrs for trout.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 394 cfs and 412 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow. Fishing below El Vado was good using wooly buggers, warden's worries, night crawlers, Power Bait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair using jigs, tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair trolling white bombers over 20 feet of water for white bass. Fishing for walleye was slow with just a few caught by anglers using crank baits and spinner/minnow rigs. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was very good using Pistol Petes, olive wooly buggers, small crank baits, Power Bait, worms, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout.

Heron Lake: Bank fishing was fair using cut bait, roe sacs and salmon eggs for rainbow trout and carp. We had no reports on other species.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, worms and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 85 cfs. Trout fishing on the Jemez was good using worms, salmon eggs, copper John Barrs and bead head prince nymphs for trout. Fishing on the Rio Cebolla was good using worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was good using Kastmasters, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and small spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species. **Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily.**

Navajo Lake: Bass fishing over the weekend was tough for anglers looking for keeper size fish but good for those just looking to have fun. Lots of small bass were caught and released by anglers using crank baits, jerk baits, tubes and curly tail grubs. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Crappie fishing slowed but there were a few caught by anglers using minnows and small tubes. Fishing was fair trolling Arnies and Super Dupers for kokanee. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the low to mid 50s in the morning hours and in the low 60s in the afternoon.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 616 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using black and grey foam wing emergers, RS2s, San Juan worms, wooly buggers, desert storms and

chamois leeches. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, Power Bait, worms and jerk baits.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was good using Power Bait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond was fair to good using salmon eggs and spinners for largemouth bass. A few trout were caught by anglers using salmon eggs and Power Bait. Fishing was fair using leech patterns and parachute adams for trout at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

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

Southwest

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

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, senkos and salt craws for largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using night crawlers and liver at the north end of the lake for catfish. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 60s.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair to good using chigger craws, sweet beavers, jerk minnows, jigs, tubes and crank baits. Fishing was fair to good using stink bait for catfish. A few crappie were caught by anglers using minnows. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 60s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 87 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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Quemado Lake: Thomas Armendarez reported tiger musky fishing as fair over the weekend. He caught a few working the banks with minnow shaped jerk baits and a few trolling bomber type crank baits and a tiger striped black and yellow spoon. His biggest catch was about 30 inches. Fishing for trout was very slow. The water level is quite low.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was 477 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using worms.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 10 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was extremely light as high winds have kept boats off the water. 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was slow.

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

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

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs 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 slow to fair using Pistol Petes and Power Bait for trout.

Oasis Park Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 100 cfs. We had no reports from anglers.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 36 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using egg patterns, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, chigger craws, senkos, crank baits, spinner baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits and jig and minnow combinations for walleye. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 50s.

Crews stocked 21,071 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ANIMAS RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), JACKSON LAKE, LAKE FARMINGTON, PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN (Below Quality Waters) and STORRIE LAKE.

Crews also stocked 201 channel catfish in RALPH EDWARDS DERBY, 28,188 fingerling tiger musky in BLUEWATER LAKE and QUEMADO LAKE and 624,913 walleye fry in SANTA ROSA LAKE.