

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 May 11, Jim Best of Albuquerque caught and released nine tiger muskies ranging in size from 29 to 38 inches. He was using Rapala Shallow Raps.

Elephant Butte Lake: On May 9, Jay Jula of Chaparral caught and released a 5.9-pound largemouth bass.

Fenton Lake: On May 9, Jean Garcia of Albuquerque celebrated Mother's Day by catching a 19.5-inch 3.5-pound rainbow trout. She was fishing from the bank and using pink Power Bait.

Navajo Lake: On May 8, Ed Acree caught a beautiful brown trout that weighed in at 7.5-pounds.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: On May 1, Anthony Boliver of Truth or Consequences caught and released a 9.15-pound largemouth bass. He was using a weightless whacky rigged senko.

Bluewater Lake: On May 2, Michael Espinosa age 12 caught and released four tiger musky ranging in size from 36 to 38.5 inches. He was trolling with his dad and uncle and using Panther Martins, jointed minnows and deep diving fire tiger crank baits.

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 12, 2015

Northeast

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

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 75 cfs near Cimarron. Fishing on the upper Cimarron was good using double nymph rigs for a mix of brown and rainbow trout up to 16 inches in length. Copper John Barrs, bead head pheasant tails and Cimarron specials worked best. Fishing on the lower Cimarron slowed this past week due to higher flows and murky water conditions. A few trout were caught by anglers using bead head nymphs and worms fished deep. A youth fishing derby was held at the Gravel Pit Lakes and fishing was fair to good for the youngsters using gold glitter salmon eggs and regular salmon eggs for trout. Anglers also did well using Panther Martin spinners.

Clayton Lake: Trout fishing was good when the weather would allow. Anglers did well using Panther Martins and gold Colorado spoons. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, curly tail grubs, salt craws and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Anglers fishing from the bank did well using tubes. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using jerk baits and jig and minnow combinations and night crawlers for walleye. The best reports came from anglers fishing at night. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 50s.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was 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 using Power Bait for trout and an occasional kokanee. Fishing was slow to fair using worms for perch. A few small northern pike were caught by anglers using crank baits. The surface water temp was in the upper 40s. There are no boat docks in the water at this time.

Gallinas River: Fishing was fair to good using copper John Barrs and worms for trout.

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

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing for trout was good using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and garlic scented 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Monastery Lake: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, Gulp eggs and Power Bait for trout.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout. The boat ramp is closed but the lake is accessible with canoes and kayaks.

Mt View Ponds: Fishing was good using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 188 cfs. Trout fishing was fair 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: Stream flow near Costilla was 67 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 610 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species as rising waters made for muddy water fishing. Action should pick up as the waters clear.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 59 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 117 cfs. Fishing was slow.

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 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 fair to good using jig and minnow combinations, jig and leech combinations and spinner rigs for walleye. The walleye remained scattered as they were last week with some in 5 to 6 feet of water while others were caught as deep as 30 feet. Fishing was good using tubes, worms, senkos, chigger craws and curly tail grubs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using minnows for crappie. Fishing was very good trolling crank baits for white bass. 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, salt 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. Fishing was fair to good using liver for catfish. The surface water temp was in the mid 50s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 841 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, large flies and jerk 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 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: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 104 cfs and 266 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using wooly buggers, night crawlers, Power Bait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout.

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

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

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

Heron Lake: Bank fishing was slow to fair using cut bait, roe sacs and salmon eggs for rainbow trout. We had no report on other species. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 125 cfs. Fishing was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Rio Cebolla was good using copper John Barrs, worms and salmon eggs. Fishing on the San Antonio was good using copper John Barrs, renegades and worms. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was fair using Fisher Chick spinners, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, worms, Pistol Petes 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: Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, grubs, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was slow to fair trolling crank baits for brown trout. A few rainbow trout were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using Power Bait. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the mid 50s .

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 351 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using foam wing emergers, RS2s, San Juan worms, wooly buggers, desert storms and bead head pheasant tails. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using night crawlers, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, Power Bait 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 using small crank baits and spinners for largemouth bass. Trout fishing at the Youth Pond and Central Pond was slow to fair 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 slow to fair using worms for catfish and carp. Brandi and Rafael Dominguez had an enjoyable fishing weekend here. They caught both carp and catfish while using big red worms for bait. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs, Power Bait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, senkos and worms 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 to good trolling crank baits, 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 and casting crank baits for white bass. Anglers did very well fishing around the Black Bluff area. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was good using chigger craws, sweet beavers, jerk minnows, jigs, tubes and crank baits. Fishing was fair to good using stink bait for catfish. 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 69 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: Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and spoons for tiger musky. Fishing for trout was slow.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was 0.00 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

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 15cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow to fair using homemade dough bait and chicken liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using Power Bait, salmon eggs and Gulp eggs for trout.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow to fair using spinners, worms and Power Bait for trout.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 93 cfs. Fishing was fair using liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 29 cfs. Jeremy Flack reported great fishing here last week. In a four hour stretch he caught and released 18 rainbows. He was using a dry dropper combinations rigged with a size 14 orange stimulator and a size 16 custom tied flashback pheasant tail. Anglers also reported some success while using salmon eggs.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was excellent using tubes, sweet beavers, worms, minnows and chigger craws for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s.

Crews stocked 65,700 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CHAMA RIVER(Above and Below El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COSTILLA RIVER, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), FENTON LAKE, GALLINA CREEK, GLENWOOD POND, HOLY GHOST CREEK, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTARY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MORPHY RESERVOIR, MT. VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), QUEMADO LAKE, RIO BONITO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters), SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND, SNOW LAKE, STORRIE RESERVOIR and TIGER PARK POND (Aztec) .