

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 16, Ian Stroud of Albuquerque caught and released a 50-inch tiger musky. He was using a Rapala X Rap husky jerk. On May 17, Danny Gonzales of Albuquerque caught and released several tiger musky the biggest of which was 49 inches. He was using a Bomber herky jerky. On May 17, Javier Atencio age 5 of Santa Fe caught and released a 47-inch tiger musky. He was using a top water lure. On May 17, Jose Gutierrez age 9 caught a 41-inch tiger musky. He was using a hot dog.

Chama River: On May 14, Jim Engstrom caught and released a 22-inch brown trout. He was fishing below Abiquiu and using a size 10 bead head olive wooly bugger.

Conchas Lake: On May 16, Kenny Trujillo of Albuquerque caught a 5.8-pound largemouth bass. He was using a 3.5-inch tube.

Navajo Lake: On May 16, David Herrera caught and released a 6.23 largemouth bass. He was using plastics. On May 16, George Fagundes caught and released a 5.20 smallmouth bass. He was using plastics.

Ute Lake: On May 15, Morris Eakins of Borger, TX caught a 26-inch 6.42-pound walleye. On May 17, Walter Burnett of Amarillo, TX caught and released a 4.88-pound smallmouth bass. On May 17, Dustin Stovall of Hereford, TX caught a 6.10-pound channel catfish. He was fishing a bass tournament and using a senko.

Young Pond: On May 17, Linda Rundell age 8 caught a 16-inch channel catfish. Linda gently released this fish and several other catfish that her and her brother Hayden caught. On May 17, Andres Vergara of Las Cruces caught a 20-inch 3.5-pound channel catfish. He was using a hot dog bathed in sardine oil.

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

Bluewater Lake: On May 10, Jonah Mestas caught and released a 46-inch tiger musky. He was using a jointed trout lure.

Cochiti Lake: On May 12, Keith Anderson of Belen caught and released a 22-inch northern pike. He was using a swim bait.

Monastery Lake: On May 9, Gavin Lawrence age 14 La Cienega caught a 21-inch rainbow trout. He was fishing with his father Verne and sister Ashley.

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: Fishing was fair using Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on perch.

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 56 cfs near Cimarron. Fishing was fair to good using copper John Barrs, bead head pheasant tails, Cimarron specials, San Juan worms and worms for brown and rainbow trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and spinners for trout.

Clayton Lake: Fishing from the bank was fair to good using Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, salt craws, chigger craws, sweet beavers, spinner baits, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using tubes, jig and minnow combinations and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair to good using liver and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 50s to the low 60s.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was very good using small bead head nymphs, 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, salmon eggs and worms from the bank for a mix of rainbow trout and perch. Fishing from boats was fair using Power Bait, salmon eggs and spinners on light tackle for trout and a few kokanee. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light. There are no boat docks in the water at this time.

Gallinas River: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Hopewell Lake: Fishing was very good using worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait, wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, small spoons and spinners for trout.

Lake Alice: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using spoons, spinners, wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and garlic scented Power Bait for trout up to 20 inches. Fishing was good using worms for perch. 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: Trout fishing was described as sporadic this past week. Anglers having the best luck were using Power Bait.

Monastery Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, worm and Power Bait for trout.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 213 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using San Juan worms, bead head hares ears, copper John Barrs, 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 94 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using bead head pheasant tails, copper John Barrs and bead head hares ears for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 625 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using San Juan worms, red copper John Barrs, spinners and night crawlers for trout. Fishing in the Embudo area was fair using rust and olive colored streamers for smallmouth bass. The water was off color due to recent snow and rain in the area.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 86 cfs. Fishing was fair using bead head hares ears and copper John Barrs for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 89 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: Fishing was fair using cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on northern pike. The lake is full.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs for trout up to 18 inches. 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, jig and grub combinations and jig and night crawler combinations for walleye. The walleye were found in 10 to 25 feet of water. Fishing was very good using tubes, worms, chigger craws, sweet beavers, spinner baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing continued to be very good trolling crank baits for white bass between wind storms. Fishing was fair using stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, Robo worms, curly tail grubs, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, crank baits, bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs 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 and worms for catfish. The surface water temp was in the mid 50s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,060 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 crank baits, large flies, jerk baits and hot dogs 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 279 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow to fair using wooly buggers and copper John Barrs for brown trout. Fishing below El Vado was very good using wooly buggers, copper John Barr, leech patterns, night crawlers, Power Bait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. Fishing for northern pike was slow with just a few caught by anglers using jerk baits and swim baits. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spinners and worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and spinners for rainbow trout.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was very good using lemon twist and chartreuse Power Bait, Pistol Petes, olive wooly buggers, worms, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout. Ty Ortiz and a friend caught limits of trout here Sunday. They were using Pistol Petes.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 234 cfs. Fishing slowed considerably on the Jemez with the high water conditions. Fishing on the Rio Cebolla was fair using bead head hares ears, worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Baits, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was 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 for bass was tough for anglers looking for keepers but great fun for catch and release of small fish. Anglers were using a wide assortment of plastics, spinner baits, crank baits and jerk baits. Fishing for northern pike was slow. 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 348 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using chocolate foam wing emergers, BWOs, San Juan worms, wooly buggers, desert storms, fluff baetis and bead head pheasant tails. There have been some decent hatches coming off on cloudy days. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, Power Bait and jerk baits.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond was slow to fair using small crank baits and spinners for largemouth bass. Fishing at the Youth Pond and Central Pond was fair using hot dogs, homemade dough bait and worms for catfish. A few trout were caught by anglers 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. We had no reports on other species.

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jerk baits, tubes, salt craws 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 trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using night crawlers, hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. The best reports again this past week came from anglers fishing the Black Bluffs area. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was good using lizards, chigger craws, sweet beavers, jerk minnows, jigs, tubes and crank baits. Fishing was good using chicken liver, dead minnows, crawdads and dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 60s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair using hot dogs and liver for catfish. A few rainbow trout were caught by anglers using salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on other species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 77 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: The water level is coming up and fishing for trout was reported as fair by anglers using worms. We also had a report of a 9-pound largemouth bass caught last week but have no other details.

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, Pistol Petes and spoons for tiger musky. Fishing for trout was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using Pistol Petes and Power Bait.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was 52 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Snow Lake: Fishing was good using Power Bait and worms for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was slow for some but good for others. Best baits were worms and hot dogs. 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 17cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow but there were a few channel catfish caught by anglers using worms.

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 fair using crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits and tubes for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. 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 slow to fair using hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was fair using worms and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 worms, liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. A few trout were caught by anglers using worms.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spinners and Power Bait for trout. Fishing was fair to good using liver, hot dogs and blood baits. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 86 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 31 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using copper John Barrs, bead head pheasant tails and salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using minnows for small crappie. A few small bass were caught by anglers using tubes and worms. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was very good using tubes, sweet beavers, crank baits, top water lures and chigger craws for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

Crews stocked 210,061 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, AZTEC POND #1, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BRAZOS LODGE POND, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER(Above El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, CLAYTON LAKE, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, EL PORVINOR CREEK (2115), EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, HARRIS LAKE, HOPEWELL LAKE, LAKE ALICE (Sugarite Canyon), LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTARY LAKE, NAVAJO RESERVOIR, NUTRIAS LAKES (aka Trout Lakes), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), PENASCO RIVER (Upper), RIO GRANDE (Pilar to Cochiti Lake), RIO LAS VACAS, RIO PUEBLO, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters), SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, SANTA FE RIVER, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND, SNOW LAKE and TAOS CREEK (aka RIO FERNANDO DE TAOS).

In addition, crews stocked 1,866 channel catfish in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE,

CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), DENNIS CHAVES POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE VAN and OASIS PARK LAKE.

Crews also stocked 500,000 striped bass fry in Elephant Butte Lake.