

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:

Cowles Ponds: On May 25, Nicole Chavez of Albuquerque caught two 20-inch rainbow trout. She was using salmon eggs.

Eagle Nest Lake: On May 21, Hue Gonzales of Angel Fire caught a 20-inch trout. He was using worms. On May 21, Clay McClure of Springer caught five northern pike ranging in size from 28 to 40 inches. He was using a brown predator streamer.

Lake Farmington: On May 24, Jordan Black age 5 caught a 16-inch rainbow trout. It was his very first fish and he was using salmon eggs.

San Juan River: On May 24, Chris Garcia of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch rainbow and two 18-inch brown trout. He was fly fishing the bait waters and using a San Juan worm.

Young Pond: On May 23, Len Lopresto of Las Cruces caught a 27-inch channel catfish. He was using beef liver.

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

Conchas Lake: On May 16, Tyler Harrington age 12 caught and released a 24-inch carp. He was using a curly tail grub.

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 26, 2015

Northeast

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

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 124 cfs near Cimarron. The higher flow slowed fishing somewhat but there were still some good trout caught by anglers using Platte River specials, bead head hare's ears and weighed peach colored egg patterns. The best action was above Clear Creek. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow but there were a few trout caught by anglers using salmon eggs and worms and fishing on the bottom.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, Rooster Tails, Colorado spoons and Panther Martins for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms and curly tail grubs for bluegill. Fishing was good using tubes, chigger craws, sweet beavers, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few were also caught by anglers using top water lures and jigs. Fishing was fair to good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, jig and minnow combinations and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows and small jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair using liver and homemade dough baits at night 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 slow due to high runoff.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was rated as good to excellent this past week. Anglers did well using olive Pistol Petes, brass Fisher Chick spinners, gold Panther Martins and worms. A few fish were also caught by anglers using bead head nymphs.

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

Lake Maloya: Runoff from recent rains turned the lake a bit murky over the weekend and slowed fish catching activity. The Friends of Sugarite stocked the lake with almost 700 pounds of trophy size rainbows ranging from three to eight pounds that should provide some exciting action as the lake clears. 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, worms and Power Bait for trout.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and worms for limits of 8 to 12 inch trout. Anglers using Super Dupers, Panther Martins and

Pistol Petes reported catching several trout in the 16 to 18 inch range. The water level has risen considerably and the boat ramp is now open.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 285 cfs. Trout fishing above Terrero was good using stoneflies and worms. Downstream fishing was slower with the higher flows but a few fish were caught by anglers using wooly buggers and worms. The river below the town of Pecos was stocked with catfish but we had no reports this week.

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 152 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 1,190 cfs. Fishing slowed considerably with the higher flows over the weekend. There was some decent fishing above the confluence with the Red River. Anglers fishing for trout did well using weighted wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms. We had no reports on northern pike or smallmouth bass.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 129 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 276 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. Frank Garcia of Santa Fe reported great fishing here Sunday. He caught and released several trout in the 16 inch range while using Pistol Petes and a custom tied streamer. He also reported that salmon eggs were working very well.

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, Power Bait and worms for trout. A few catfish have been caught by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Walleye fishing was quite good this past week as several limits were caught. Anglers did well trolling crank baits, running bottom bouncer/night crawler combinations and using jig and minnow combinations. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, chigger craws, craw tubes, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows and jigs for crappie. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing

was fair to good using stink bait for catfish. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair to good using tubes, jerk baits, crank baits and worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits, bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. Most of the walleye caught were in the 14 to 17 inch range. Night fishing was fair using liver and worms for catfish.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,990 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 jerk baits, top water lures, large flies and hot dogs for tiger musky. Fishing was fair using hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species. **Anglers should be aware that it is illegal to use bait fish at this lake.**

Brazos River: Fishing was fair to good using worms for trout.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 1,000 cfs and 1,320 cfs respectively. Fishing slowed considerably at both locations due to increased flows. Anglers fishing below El Vado did catch a few trout. They were using salmon eggs, night crawlers and weighted bead head nymphs.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was good trolling spinners tipped with corn for kokanee. Fishing was slow to fair using spinners, tubes and worms for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on trout.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was very good using orange and yellow Power Bait, Pistol Petes, olive and black wooly buggers and salmon eggs for trout.

Heron Lake: The water level has come up about 14 feet over the past several weeks and anglers can now safely launch boats. Fishing was slow but there were a few small lake trout caught by anglers using jigs tipped with cut bait. A few rainbows were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using salmon eggs and Power Bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 237 cfs. Fishing slowed considerably on the Jemez with the high water conditions. Fishing on the San Antonio early last week was good using salmon eggs and worms. Fishing on the Guadalupe was slow due to high and stained water. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait 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 was fair to good using tubes, senkos, curly tail grubs, spinner baits, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. A few rainbows were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using spinners and Power Bait. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs and small tubes for crappie. Kevin Schneider caught a nice 13.5-inch crappie. He was using a small red and green crappie jig. Fishing for northern pike was slow. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the mid high 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 and olive foam wing emergers, brown and olive midge larvae, San Juan worms, wooly buggers, desert storms, fluff baetis and bead head pheasant tails. There have been some decent hatches coming off daily. Fishing through the bait waters was good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, worms, Power Bait, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs and jerk baits.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was good using hot dogs, liver and worms for catfish. Fishing for trout was a bit slow but there were a few caught by anglers using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and Power Bait. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was slow with just a few fish caught by anglers using small streamers.

Trout Lakes: Fishing was good using spinners, small spoons and Power Bait for trout.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was slow to fair using worms for catfish. One small bass was caught by an angler using worms. 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 tubes, salt craws and worms for largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and worms for trout. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. 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, hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was very good trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair to good using sweet beavers, jerk minnows, jigs, tubes, spinner baits and crank baits. Fishing was good using chicken liver, 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 56 cfs. Fishing on the East Fork was good using wooly buggers for smallmouth bass. We had no other reports from the Gila.

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

Lake Roberts: Tobi Wagner of White Sands caught two nice bass here Monday while fishing with worms. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was 1,190 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was excellent using beef liver, hot dogs and worms for catfish. 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 14 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using homemade dough bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other 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 fair to good using tubes and other plastics in shallow water 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 very good using hot dogs, liver 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: Fishing was good using worms and hot dogs for catfish.

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

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was good using liver, worms and dough bait for catfish.

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

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

Lake Van: Fishing was good using hot dogs, worms, liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was very good using cut bait and hot dogs for catfish up to 5 pounds. Fishing was fair using Power Bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 87 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms and hot dogs for catfish.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 27 cfs. Fishing was good using green copper John Barrs, bead head pheasant tails and salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Crappie fishing was improving early in the week but slowed down over the weekend as the lake rose about two feet and the water temp dropped about three degrees to a cool 50 degrees. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using jigs and tubes but we had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was good using minnows for crappie. Fishing was good trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using tubes, crank baits, spinner baits and chigger craws for smallmouth bass. A few walleye were caught by anglers trolling for white bass. We had no reports on catfish. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

Crews stocked 114,261 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu and below El Vado), COW CREEK, EL VADO LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINA CREEK, GLENWOOD POND, HOLY GHOST CREEK, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTARY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MORPHY RESERVOIR, MT VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), NUTRIAS LAKES (aka Trout Lakes), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER WEST FORK, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 4,701 channel catfish in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONOCO POND, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, DENNIS CHAVES POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, JAL LAKE, LAKE VAN, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), ROSWELL KIDS POND and YOUNG POND.