

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 29, Randall Harris, Joe Davis and Norm Redenshek of Albuquerque and Jim Bartus of Michigan caught and released 18 tiger musky ranging from 30 to 37 inches. They were using a variety of Rapala crank baits and jerk baits.

Chama River: On May 30, Amanda Warren of Albuquerque, caught a 21-inch rainbow trout. She was fishing the river in Chama and using worms. On May 30, Ayden White age 7 of Albuquerque, caught a 17-inch brown trout. He was using an orange dressed Panther Martin.

Clayton Lake: On May 28, Daniel Vigil of Clayton caught a 20-inch rainbow trout and a 7-pound largemouth bass. He was fishing from the bank.

Cowles Ponds: On May 27, Fred Vigil of Pojoaque, caught a 20-inch rainbow trout. He was using Power Bait.

Fenton Lake: On May 28, Justin Moquino age 3 of Albuquerque, caught a 20-inch rainbow all by himself. He was using Power Bait and had a great day fishing with his father and both caught their limits.

Lake Maloya: On May 30, Mike Litt of Raton caught a 4-pound rainbow trout. He was using night crawlers. On May 31, Ernest Salas of Raton caught a 21-inch rainbow trout. He was using Berkley Power eggs dipped in nitro grease.

Navajo Lake: On May 29, JJ Luna of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch 4.2-pound smallmouth bass. He was using a double tail grub.

Oasis Park Pond: On May 30, Khamphai Xaysaleumsack of Clovis caught a 28-inch 12-pound channel catfish.

Sumner Lake: On May 30, Jacob Galvan age 9 of Roswell caught a 2.3-pound white bass. He was fishing from the bank and using a spinner bait.

Ute Lake: On May 30, Scott Curtis of Clovis caught a 4.4-pound walleye. He was using a leech.

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

Abiquiu Reservoir: On May 21, Mitch S. Chavez of Bloomfield, caught a 29-inch 8-pound 14-ounce walleye. It was his first ever walleye and he was using an orange jig tipped with a night crawler. On May 23, David Brailer caught a 28-inch 9-pound walleye. He was using a crawler harness on a bottom bouncer.

Black River: On May 25, Jackson Mills age 14 of Roswell caught a 14-inch largemouth bass. He was using worms.

Bluewater Lake: On May 23, Audrey Swiderek age 9 of Albuquerque, caught a 41-inch 17-pound tiger musky. She was using a hot dog and fishing on the bottom. Over Memorial weekend Frank Martinez age 82 of Albuquerque caught several tiger musky over 35 inches in length. He was using a variety of lures. Lance Tanner caught a 41-inch tiger musky. He was using a hot dog.

Clayton Lake: On May 25, Myka Gallegos age 7 of Albuquerque, caught an 18.5-inch rainbow trout. She was using rainbow Power Bait and had help landing the fish from her sister Amaya and "grampi".

Rio Grande: From May 22 thru May 24, Fred Kloeppel caught five blue catfish weighing 15 to 32 pounds and one flathead catfish that weighed 31 pounds. He also caught his biggest turtle ever. It was a spiny Texas soft shell turtle that weighed about 25 pounds. He was fishing the Rio above Elephant Butte Lake.

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.

Apologies to Chris Griego of Albuquerque listed as Chris Garcia in last week's report in Catches of the Week.

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Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was slow.

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 85 cfs near Cimarron. Fishing was fair to good using bead head pheasant tails, red copper John Barrs, Cimarron specials and worms for trout. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

Clayton Lake: Fishing from boats was excellent using worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait, Panther Martins, Pistol Petes, Rooster Tails, Colorado spoons and Panther Martins for trout. Anglers fishing from the bank also reported catching

several trout. A few largemouth bass were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using worms, small poppers and curly tail grubs for bluegill. Fishing was good using tubes, chigger craws, top water lures, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was very good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was very good using crank baits, jig and minnow combinations and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was good using minnows and small jigs for crappie. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers, hot dogs and homemade dough baits at night for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s

Coyote Creek: Fishing was fair using 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 this past week was slow for some but fair for others. Anglers who did best were trolling and casting Panther Martins and red Crippures and catching a few small rainbow trout and kokanee. Perch fishing was slow but starting to improve. Best bait was worms. We had reports of one northern pike caught but had no other details.

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

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was good using olive and black Pistol Petes, gold spinners and small spoons and worms.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using worms, corn, Gulp eggs, salmon eggs and assorted Power Bait for trout up to four pounds. Fishing was fair using worms for perch and an occasional catfish. The Sugarite Canyon State Park annual Fishing Derby is ongoing and continues to run through June 7 with a free Kids Derby on June 6. For more information call (575) 445-5607.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

Monastery Lake: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, pheasant tails, salmon eggs, worms and Power Bait for trout.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, Power Bait and worms for trout. The water level has risen considerably and the boat ramp is now open.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 366 cfs. Trout fishing above Terrero was fair to 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. Fishing for catfish was fair using worms and liver.

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 and red copper John Barrs. Expect higher flows with additional runoff this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 793 cfs. Fishing the Wild Rivers section was good over the past weekend. Anglers did very well using San Juan worms, red copper John Barrs and poundmeisters for trout up to 21 inches. Trout fishing down river from Taos was fair using poundmeisters, wooly buggers and night crawlers. Carp fishing on the Rio was good using hybrid San Juan worms and crayfish. Fishing for catfish from Bernalillo down river through Albuquerque was good using liver and stink baits. We had no reports on northern pike or smallmouth bass.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 125 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 160 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. Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Shuree Ponds: Closed for the season.

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Storie Lake: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and worms for trout. Brooklyn Aragon caught a really nice 17-inch rainbow on the 31st. She was using a gold and black spinner. 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: Fishing was very good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs, trolling crank baits and spinner/night crawler rigs and using jigs tipped with leeches for walleye. Fishing was excellent trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using tubes, crawdad imitations, worms, jerk baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Most of the smallmouth were short fish but provided great fun. Fishing was good using stink bait, hot dogs and worms at the head of the Canadian arm for catfish. Most of the catfish caught were in less than five feet of water. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill. Anglers also reported decent crappie fishing. They were using minnows and small jigs. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, jerk baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Julian Silva of Santa Fe was here on the 31st and caught several smallmouth in the 12 to 15 inch range. He was using a popper. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, worms, tubes, bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair using Power Bait

and spinners for rainbow trout. Night fishing was fair to good using liver, homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 2,590 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Chris Ortega reported fishing the Albuquerque Drain near the Montano Bridge on Monday. He caught a handful of smallmouth and largemouth bass ranging in size from 8 to 16 inches and one 18-inch rainbow trout. The bass were caught on silver Clouser minnow and the trout hit a custom Kush Cricket fly. We had no other reports from the Drains.

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 692 cfs and 1,070 cfs respectively. Fishing slowed considerably at both locations due to increased flows. Fishing below El Vado was fair using worms, salmon eggs, spinners and wooly buggers for brown and rainbow trout. The water was a bit murky. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using jigs, tubes and jerk baits. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling spinners tipped with corn for kokanee. Fishing was fair using spinners, tubes and worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, worms, Power Bait and spoons for trout.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was very good using orange and yellow Power Bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, small spoons and crank baits and olive wooly buggers for trout. Jerome Trujillo of Albuquerque was catching them two at a time and wound up with a limit including several in the 15 to 18 inch class. Clay Kraemer and Nate Olayer caught three nice rainbows between 16 and 19 inches. They were using Kastmasters.

Heron Lake: The boat ramps are open. Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few rainbow trout caught by anglers using Power Bait and salmon eggs.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 84 cfs. Fishing was good using worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the upper Cebolla was fair to good using gold bead hare's ears and small copper John Barrs. Fishing on the San Antonio was good using salmon eggs, worms and bead head hare's ears. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe was fair using copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

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

Lake Farmington: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, Power Bait, 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 good using worms, tubes, curly tail grubs, senkos, baby brush hogs and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for northern pike was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using jerk baits. Fishing was fair using Power Bait, worms and spinners for rainbow trout. Fishing was fair using small tubes and grubs for crappie. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp ranged from the low to high 60s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 361 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using RS2s, fluff baetis, parachute adams, brown and olive midge larvae, San Juan worms, wooly buggers and bead head pheasant tails. Visibility has improved and is now about three feet. Fishing through the bait waters was good using Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, worms, Power Bait, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs and jerk baits. The Bob Gerding Youth Fly Fishing Adventure will be held on June 13. This is for young people ages 11 through 16. For more information contact Bob Fitz at (505) 402-6995.

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 fair to good using hot dogs, liver and worms for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill. The bluegill and bass were spawning. 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. We had no reports from the Catch and Release Pond.

Trout Lakes: Trout fishing was very good for some but slow for others. Best baits were spinners, small spoons and Power Bait.

Southwest

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

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using spinners, Power Bait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was good using night crawlers, hot dogs and stink baits for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair trolling crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was very good trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. A few were also caught by anglers using jerk baits and top water lures. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using sweet beavers, tubes, worms, spinner baits and crank baits. Fishing was good using chicken liver, crawdads and bluegill for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 60s.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 47 cfs. Our only report this week came from anglers fishing the East Fork. They did well using worms and wooly buggers for smallmouth bass.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was slow to fair using worms and tubes for largemouth bass. 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 1,960 cfs. Fishing for catfish was good using live sunfish, crawdads, night crawlers, liver and Gene LaRue plastic worms for catfish. Anglers did well above and below Elephant Butte Lake. Fishing was fair to good using jerk baits for walleye on the river above Caballo. Fishing below Caballo was fair using liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was good using beef liver and hot dogs 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 9.2 cfs. Fishing was slow but there were a few largemouth bass and rainbow trout caught by anglers using worms.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair to good using hot dogs and liver for catfish. A few rainbow trout were caught by anglers using worms, salmon eggs and spinners. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was fair using homemade dough bait and beef 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 very good using tubes, craws, jerk baits and top water lures for largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits and jerk baits for white bass. Joseph Jane and others had a great one day trip. They caught and released 5 black bass over 14 inches, about 28 under 14 inches and probably 10 white bass while fishing the north end of the lake. 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: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

El Rito Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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 chicken liver, worms and dough bait for catfish.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, Power Bait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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 continued to be very good using cut bait and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species. **Anglers are reminded that there is a two fish limit on the catfish and a New Mexico fishing license is required to fish here.**

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 fair to good using worms and hot dogs for catfish.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 24 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: The water level continues to rise and the surface temp has remained in the mid to high 50s. Fishing was fair using minnows and curly tail grubs for crappie. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits, spinner baits and minnows for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair to good using minnows for crappie. Fishing was good trolling crank baits and casting crank baits and spinner baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using worms, tubes, crank baits, spinner baits and chigger craws for smallmouth bass and an occasional largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs for walleye. We had no reports on other species. The best reports came from anglers fishing from boats.

Crews stocked 151,887 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, BRAZOS LODGE POND, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Above El Vado), COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, EAGLE NEST LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, MONASTARY LAKE, NAVAJO RESERVOIR, PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RIO BONITO, RIO LAS VACAS, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND, SIPAPU POND, SNOW LAKE and TIGER PARK POND .

FREE FISHING DAY! On June 6 all anglers, residents and non-residents, enjoy a day (without a license or a stamp) of free fishing on public waters state wide. Bag limits and all other fishing rules still apply.