

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 June 5, Michael Mendoza age 12 of Los Lunas and his uncle Daryl Cordova caught and released 22 tiger musky. They were fishing from a boat and using hot dogs, water dogs and crank baits. On June 6, Daniel Medley and Joshua Ham of Los Lunas caught and released 21 tiger musky ranging in size from 25 to 35 inches. They were using hot dogs.

Chama River: On June 6, Rodney Toledo of Pinian, NM caught a 22-inch brown trout. He was fishing below El Vado Lake and using a night crawler.

Clayton Lake: On June 6, Marquita Martinez of Rio Rancho caught a 20-inch rainbow trout. She was using Power Bait.

Gallinas River: On June 7, Joseph Dominguez of Las Vegas caught a 20-inch rainbow trout. He was fishing in town and using a worm on a crappie rig.

Grindstone Reservoir: On June 4, Austin Contreras age 5, caught a 17-inch 2-pound rainbow trout. Austin loves fishing with Grandpa and caught his limit two days in a row using salmon peach and grape Power Bait.

Navajo Lake: On June 7, Ricky-Ray Martinez of Santa Fe caught and released a 4.06-pound largemouth bass. He was using a buzz bait.

Rio Grande: On June 2, Eric Archuleta caught a 20-inch brown trout. He was fishing about a half mile below the Taos Junction Bridge and using salmon eggs.

Sumner Lake: Luke Aaron Taschner age 3 caught an 18-inch white bass. He was trolling a lure while fishing with Grandpa Robert White.

Ute Lake: On June 7, Butch Colantonio of Amarillo, TX caught and released a 4.2-pound smallmouth bass.

Young Pond: On June 6, Barbara Sallach of Las Cruces caught and released her biggest fish and first in over a decade. It was a 22-inch channel catfish. She was using a piece of hot dog.

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

Conchas Lake: On June 1, Karen Ruhl, recently retired and a cancer survivor caught her first fish in over 25 years. It was a white bass caught while trolling on the Canadian arm and using a white crank bait.

Ute Lake: On May 30, Matt Holly of Albuquerque caught and released a beautiful smallmouth bass estimated to weigh over 4 pounds. He was using a top water lure.

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 slow.

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 62 cfs near Cimarron. Fishing was fair to good using bead head pheasant tails, gummy worms, midge emergers, red copper John Barrs, Cimarron specials and worms for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair to good using Pistol Petes, worms and Power Bait.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was good using Power Bait, worms, Pistol Petes and a variety of spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was very good using worms, small poppers and small grubs and tubes for bluegill. Fishing was good using tubes, senkos, chigger craws, top water lures 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, minnows, curly tail grubs and night crawlers for walleye.

Fishing was fair using minnows and small jigs for crappie. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eagle Rock Lake: Closed through next fall. The closure will allow Chevron Mining to dredge the lake and reconstruct the area.

Eagle Nest Lake: The boat ramp is open and courtesy docks are now in the water. Fishing was fair to good trolling spinners and red Crippures for a mix of trout and kokanee. One boat came in with limits of trout and four kokanee in the 17 to 19 inch range. A few trout were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using Power Bait and spinners. Fishing for northern pike was slow but a few were caught by anglers using large streamer flies. Fly anglers also caught a few big carp. We had no reports on perch.

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

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs, olive Pistol Petes and small spoons.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using green Power Bait and worms for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using salmon eggs and Pistol Petes. More than 20 tagged fish were turned in during the recent derby which ended over the weekend

Los Pinos: Fishing was fair to good using worms for trout.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Mt View Ponds: Fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs and Power Bait for trout. Myriah Cordova and little Phil Cordova had a great time here this past Saturday. They caught limits of trout in about an hour and a half using worms.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 226 cfs. Trout fishing was good using stoneflies, San Juan worms, chamois leeches and worms. Fishing for catfish was fair using worms and liver. Andy Ray of Albuquerque fished the Rio Mora flats this past weekend and reported water a bit high but fairly clear and good brown trout fishing. He was using red and brown San Juan 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 84 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using stone flies, bead head pheasant tails and red copper John Barrs.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,060 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 154 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 128 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Storrie 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 trolling mid depth crank baits for white bass. Fishing was very good using leeches, minnows, night crawlers and curly tail grubs in 6 to 10 feet of water for walleye. Fishing was good using tubes, senkos, top water lures and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing was very good using stink baits and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was excellent using worms and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, senkos, crank baits, jerk baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. A few were also caught by anglers using tubes. Fishing was fair using Power Bait and spinners for rainbow trout. Night fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 4,750 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque Drain was fair using worms for trout and a few largemouth bass. We had no other reports from the Drains.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was good using jerk baits, top water lures, large flies, water dogs and hot dogs for tiger musky. Fishing was slow to 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 good using worms, salmon eggs, bead head pheasant tails and copper John Barrs for trout.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 251 cfs and 355 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using night crawlers, wax worms, Power Bait, salmon eggs, black leech patterns, egg patterns, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms for brown and rainbow trout. Trout fishing below Abiquiu was fair using worms.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using tubes, jigs and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling spinners tipped with corn for trout. A few were also caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using Power Bait and worms. We had no reports on other species.

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

Heron Lake: The boat ramps are open. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 69 cfs. Fishing was good using worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla was fair to good using gold bead hare's ears, hoppers and copper John Barrs. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe was fair to good using hoppers and worms. Fishing on the San Antonio was good using salmon eggs, worms and bead head hare's ears. Anglers fishing the San Antonio on the Valles Caldera reported great fishing and good roads. The best fly was a black ant. We had no reports from other streams in the area. For more information on fishing the Valles Caldera call 1-866-382-5537.

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

Lake Farmington: We had no reports from anglers this week. **Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily.**

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Most of the fish were caught at the north end of the lake in murky fairly shallow water. Fishing was good using top water lures, senkos, sweet beavers and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using Power Bait, worms and spinners for rainbow trout. 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 326 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using midge pupae, zebra midges, RS2s, pheasant tails, San Juan worms and foam wing emergers. San Juan worms were working best at the lower end of the Quality Waters and through the bait waters. Anglers were also doing well through the bait waters using salmon eggs, worms, Power Bait, 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 very good using hot dogs, liver, homemade dough baits and worms for catfish. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species or from the Catch and Release Pond.

Trout Lakes: Trout fishing was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and worms.

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 slow to fair using tubes, worms and chigger craws for largemouth bass. 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 good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using sweet beavers, tubes, worms, jerk baits, top water lures and crank baits. Fishing was very good using chicken liver, hot dogs, crawdads and bluegill for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the 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 41 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was fair using worms for catfish and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. Tracy and Rich Duggan of La Mesa caught two really nice catfish here last week. They were using worms.

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 1,830 cfs. Fishing above and below Elephant Butte Lake was good using bluegills, crawdads, night crawlers and chicken liver for catfish. Anglers did well above and below Elephant Butte Lake. Fishing was fair to good using jerk baits and grubs 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: Fishing was fair to good using pink, yellow and green Power Bait for trout. Laura Jones of Deming caught her fish using pink Power Bait and did it without the use of a rod and reel. She used string wrapped around her hand, a clear bobber and a hook.

Young Pond: Fishing was very good using beef liver and hot dogs for catfish. A few were also caught by anglers using worms. 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 6.2 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using hot dogs, night crawlers and liver for catfish. 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 fair to good using tubes, craws, jerk baits and top water lures for largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits for white bass. Most of the action was still at the upper end of the lake above the railroad bridge. 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 good using hot dogs, homemade dough bait, liver 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 liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was good using worms, liver 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. We had no reports on other species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species. Amanda Lujan and her parents had a good day here Sunday. They were using salmon eggs and caught a dozen rainbow trout.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was good using hot dogs, worms, liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. A few trout were caught by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was good using beef liver and other blood baits for channel 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 105 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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 as of Monday morning was in the low 60s. Fishing was fair to good using minnows and curly tail grubs for crappie. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits, buzz baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. A few small walleye were caught by anglers using tubes. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was good trolling crank baits and casting crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using worms, tubes, sweet beavers, top water lures and chigger craws for smallmouth bass and an occasional largemouth bass. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 60s.

Crews stocked 30,55 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Above and Below El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, CLAYTON LAKE, COSTILLA RIVER, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, GLENWOOD POND, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HONDO RIVER (Lower), JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, MONASTARY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MT VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), NUTRIAS LAKES (aka Trout Lakes), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RIO LAS VACAS and SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 4,252 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 LAKE (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) and YOUNG POND.

Crews also stocked 725 Gila trout in WILLOW CREEK (Gila Drainage).