

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:

Bataan Lake: Peyton Chase, age 5, caught her first fish June 10. It was a bluegill about five inches in length. She was using a night crawler under a bobber.

Bluewater Lake: Harley Wiese, age 5, caught and released a 34-inch tiger muskie June 9. She was using a night crawler.

Chama River: Derek Trujillo caught a 4-pound, 22.5-inch rainbow trout June 15. He was fishing the river below El Vado Lake and using a worm.

Cowles Ponds: Christopher Ruiz, age 3, caught his first fish ever June 9. It was a rainbow trout and he was using a marshmallow he picked out from the store.

Laguna Del Campo: Frank C' De Baca caught a 4-pound, 24-inch rainbow trout June 13. He was using a black with yellow dots Panther Martin.

Morphy Lake: Jasmine Trujillo, age 13, caught an 18-inch rainbow trout June 10. She was using glitter Power Bait.

Ute Lake: Mike Chisum of Clovis caught and released a 5.64-pound largemouth bass. He was fishing the Sun Country Bass tournament.

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

Abiquiu Lake: Karen M of Albuquerque caught and released a 5-pound, 23-inch walleye May 28. She was using a 3-inch curly tail grub.

Eagle Nest Lake: Dewey Loveless caught an 8-pound, 34-inch northern pike June 5. He was fishing from the bank near the boat dock and using a Husky Jerk.

Elephant Butte Lake: Joe Ford caught and released a 54-pound striped bass June 3. He was fishing early in the morning and using a white, medium diver crank bait.

Rio Guadalupe: Chad Lucero caught a 21-inch rainbow trout June 4. He was using a Brook's stonefly nymph.

Ute Lake: Scoot Curtis caught a 4.4pound, 24-inch walleye May 30. He was using a Scotty rig with a leech.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Cimarron River: Stream flow was 62 cfs near Cimarron. Fishing was slow midday but fair to good in the early morning and evening hours. Best bets were orange stimulators and Cimarron specials for the fly angler and salmon eggs and worms for bait fishing. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair to good using salmon peach Power Bait and worms.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was good using Power Bait, Pistol Petes and gold spoons for trout. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver and worms. A few small walleye were caught by anglers using night crawlers. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing continued to be very good using worms, small poppers and small grubs and tubes for bluegill. Fishing was good using tubes, senkos, creature baits, top water lures and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to 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 and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

Cowles Ponds: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, marshmallows and Power Bait for trout.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was good using glitter Power Bait and salmon eggs 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: The boat ramp is open, courtesy docks are now in the water and the water is at an excellent boat launching level. Fishing was good trolling Arnies, Panther Martins and Platte River specials for trout and kokanee. Anglers fishing from the bank and using salmon eggs and Power Bait picked up a few trout in the morning hours. Fishing was very good using worms and crappie jigs for perch. Fishing for northern pike was slow. Fly anglers who hit the water on the right days had a great time catching carp on a wide variety of flies.

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

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good using worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait, olive and black Pistol Petes and small spoons.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using pink Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout up to 3 pounds. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.

Los Pinos: Fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs and wooly buggers for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Morphy Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Panther Martins, Fisher Chick spinners, Pistol Petes and Power Bait for trout.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 220 cfs. Trout fishing was fair to good using stoneflies, San Juan worms, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and worms. Fishing for catfish was fair using worms and liver. The Pecos National Historical Park opened for summer fishing June 15. For more information and reservations call (505) 757-7272.

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 62 cfs. Fishing was fair using stone flies and red copper John Barrs.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,890 cfs. The high waters above Espanola slowed fishing considerably this past week. A few trout were caught by anglers using spinners and weighted wooly buggers. We had no reports on northern pike or smallmouth bass. Carp fishing further downstream was good again this past week for anglers using hybrid San Juan worms and crayfish. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 191 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 86 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Santa Barbara: The water was flowing a bit high but clear before the big rains this past week and fishing was fair using copper John Barrs for trout.

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 brass #3 Fisher Chick spinners 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 fair salmon peach 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 excellent using worms, grubs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing was good using tubes, minnows, leeches and crank baits on the brushy flats for walleye. Fishing was very good trolling a wide assortment of crank baits for schooling white bass. Fishing was good using tubes, creature baits, top water lures and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was very good using liver, homemade dough baits and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was slow to 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 to good using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. The walleyes were a bit deeper this past week. Fishing was fair using Power Bait and spinners for rainbow trout. Night fishing was fair using liver stink bait for catfish.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 4,170 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, water dogs and hot dogs for tiger muskie. Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs and liver for catfish. The catfish reports came from anglers fishing the west shoreline. We had no reports on other species. **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 699 cfs and 835 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using night crawlers, garlic Power Bait, salmon eggs, gold Panther Martins, wooly buggers and copper John Barrs for brown and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

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 good using garlic Power Bait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, Kastmasters, Panther Martins and wooly buggers for trout.

Heron Lake: The boat ramps are open. The water is a bit off color as the lake continues to rise. Fishing was described as sporadic with a few lake trout, kokanee and rainbow trout caught along with one bluegill. Best baits were night crawlers, Power Bait, jigs and spinners. Emmett Williams of Albuquerque caught a nice 19-inch kokanee June 13 and described the fishing as slow.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 62 cfs. Fishing was good using worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla and the Rio Guadalupe was fair to good using worms and hoppers. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas was very good using copper John Barrs, hares ears and hoppers. 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 with small black flies. 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, hoppers, Fisher Chick spinners and gummy minnows 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 again this week were caught at the north end of the lake in murky fairly shallow water. Fishing was good using top water lures, chigger craws, baby brush hogs, sweet beavers and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp ranged from the mid to high 60s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was very slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 318 cfs.

Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using root beers, zebra midges, RS2s, pheasant tails, San Juan worms and foam wing emergers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using salmon eggs, Gulp eggs, Power Bait, copper John Barrs and jerk baits.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, worms and copper John Barrs for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was fair using hot dogs, beef 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: Fishing was slow for all species. There were a few catfish caught by anglers fishing at night and using beef liver.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jerk baits and night crawlers 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. A few walleye were caught by anglers fishing the upper end of the lake and using crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. A few were also caught by anglers using grubs and jerk baits. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using chigger craws, chatter baits, tubes, jigs, jerk baits, top water lures and crank baits. Fishing was very good using

chicken liver, hot dogs, liver, crawdads and bluegill for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 60s.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 35 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was 1,900 cfs. Fishing above and below Elephant Butte Lake was fair using bluegills, crawdads, night crawlers and chicken liver for catfish. The best reports came from anglers fishing at night. Fishing was fair using jerk baits and grubs for walleye on the river above Caballo. Fishing below Caballo was fair to good using liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was very good early last week but slowed some by the weekend. Best baits were beef liver and hot dogs. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Fishing was very good using night crawlers under a bobber for bluegill and small largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs, liver and salmon eggs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow to fair using homemade dough bait and beef liver for catfish. Two black bass were caught by an angler using a jerk bait. We had no reports on other species.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing was good using crank bait, jerk baits and top water lures for largemouth bass. Joel and Alli Arnwine of Carlsbad caught and released 15 black bass that weighed between .5 and 3 pounds June 13. They were fishing the riprap along the dam and using fire tiger crank baits. Our only other report was of a few catfish and longnose gar caught up near 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 slow to fair using hot dogs, 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 fair using liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver, beef liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs for trout. Sergio Beltran, his wife Amanda and son Chris caught limits of trout and a few catfish using salmon eggs and two smallmouth bass on an elder nymph. Amanda caught the catfish and Chris caught the bass. They reported low water but great fishing conditions.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was fair using blood baits, worms 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. A few trout were caught by anglers using worms and Power Bait. 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 126 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using worms and Power Baits. Fishing further downstream was fair using beef liver and night crawlers for catfish.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 19 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: The water level continues to rise and fishing has improved for all species. A few walleye and smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using tubes, minnows and crank baits. A few trout were taken on worms and salmon eggs and catfish were caught by anglers using hot dogs, worms and liver. Crappie fishing slowed but a few small fish were picked up on minnows.

Sumner Lake: Fishing for white bass was good for some but slow for others. The key was finding the schooling fish and staying with them. Best baits were white and fire tiger crank baits. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass slowed some but a few good fish were caught by anglers using top water lures, jigs and soft plastics. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

Crews stocked 26,300 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ANIMAS RIVER, AZTEC POND #1, COW CREEK EL PORVINOR CREEK (2115), EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), HARRIS LAKE, LAKE FARMINGTON, LOS PINOS RIVER, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTARY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MORPHY LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RIO BONITO, RIO PUEBLO,

RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR,
SIPAPU POND, STORRIE RESERVOIR and TAOS CREEK (aka Rio Fernando
de Taos).

In addition, 169 channel catfish were stocked in the FISHING CLINIC WATERS
and 10, 687 walleye fry in CLAYTON LAKE.