

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: Robert Abeyta caught and released a 41-inch tiger muskie June 21. He was using a hot dog.

Brantley Lake: Avery Chase, age 4 caught his first fish June 16. It was a "monster" largemouth bass. He was using worms under a bobber.

Chama River: Katiyana Goslow, age 7 of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch brown trout June 21. She was using a night crawler.

Monastery Lake: Charles Jimenez caught a 24-inch rainbow trout June 16. He was using corn and salmon eggs.

Pecos River: Horace Martinez of Santa Fe caught a 5-pound, 22-inch rainbow trout June 19. He was using a ¼ ounce Panther Martin.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Joshua Waltman, age 10 caught a 17-inch rainbow trout June 17. He was using worms and it was the largest fish he has caught. Alexa Lucero, age 10 caught an 18.5-inch rainbow trout June 21. She was using a Pistol Pete.

Tingley Beach: Brian Leigh-Manuell caught a 10-pound, 32-inch channel catfish June 18. He was fishing the Central Pond and using Power Bait.

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

Abiquiu Lake: Kelvin Wilkinson caught a 24-inch lake trout June 13. He and friends also caught 4 brown trout with the smallest being 22 inches. They were trolling crank baits at a depth of 8 feet.

Bluewater Lake: Abel Lovato, Jr. age 9, caught two 38-inch tiger muskies June 13 and 14. He was using hot dogs.

Eagle Nest Lake: Mark Lopez caught a 25-inch rainbow trout June 13. He was using Purple Power Bait with black glitter.

Quemado Lake: Jeje Otero, age 8 of Socorro caught a 13-inch rainbow trout June 12. She was using worms.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Estrella Gonzalez, age 8 and Eddie Gonzales, age 10 caught limits of trout, all over 18 inches in length June 13. They were using Power Bait.

Ute Lake: Jaylene Rael, age 7 caught a beautiful smallmouth bass June 14. She was using worms under a bobber.

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 29 cfs near Cimarron. Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, worms, silver Panther Martins, Super Dupers, hares ears, brassies, orange stimulators, mosquitoes and Platte River specials. Gary Schwerts of Kingwood, TX fished here last week and caught a limit of trout one day and three the next. He was using salmon eggs. Trout fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using salmon peach and garlic Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms for trout up to 16 inches.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair using gold spoons, spinners and wooly buggers for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was very good using worms, poppers and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing was good using tubes, senkos, worms, grubs, top water lures and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using minnows, curly tail grubs, jigs and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing for crappie was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using minnows. Fishing was very good using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 60s to the low 70s.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was good using 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, Super Dupers, Panther Martins and Platte River specials for trout and kokanee. Anglers having the best luck were using light weight tackle. Fishing was good from the bank and from boats using worms for perch. We had no reports on other species.

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

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, Pistol Petes and Kastmasters.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using garlic Power Bait, marshmallows and salmon eggs for trout.

Los Pinos: Fishing was very good using worms, salmon eggs, small spoons and wooly buggers for trout. Anglers also did well using prince nymphs, red copper John Barrs and poundmeisters.

Maxwell Lake 13: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 145 cfs. Trout fishing was very good using stimulators, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and worms. Christopher McLaren had a good day fishing the special waters above Terrero. He caught and released over 20 trout while using orange stimulators and bead head green caddis pupa nymphs. He reported seeing a large hatch of orange stoneflies and lots of flying ants. 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: Stream flow above Questa on Monday was 187 cfs. The upper stretches of the Red fished very well this past week. The water was high and clear and a variety of nymphs worked for the trout.

Red River City Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla was 29 cfs. Fishing during the week was good using PMDs and BWOs for trout. Fishing this past weekend was slow.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,550cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using wooly bugger, spinners and night crawlers for trout. We had no reports on northern pike or smallmouth bass. Fishing in the Albuquerque area was good using liver for catfish.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 113 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 86 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Barbara: Fishing was fair to good 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 fair to good

using salmon eggs, Power Bait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Shuree Ponds: Closed for the season. Open July 1.

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair to good salmon peach Power Bait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing continued excellent using worms, grubs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing was good using jigs tipped with night crawlers or leeches for walleye. Most of the walleye were found in 10 to 15 feet of water. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing for black bass was fair to good using top water lures and a wide assortment of plastics. Fishing was very good using liver, night crawlers and hot dogs at the upper end of the creek arms for catfish. Fishing for crappie was slow. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair to good using tubes, senkos, worms, jerk baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair trolling crank baits and using bottom bouncer/night crawler rigs and spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair using Power Bait and spinners for rainbow trout and an occasional brown trout. The best reports have come from anglers fishing the early morning hours. Night fishing was fair using liver and stink bait for catfish.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 4,950 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, crank baits and hot dogs for tiger muskie. Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs, night crawlers 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 774 cfs and 866 cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was slow to fair using night crawlers, 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: Fishing was fair using crank baits for white bass and an occasional smallmouth bass. Anglers using tubes and top water lures also caught a few smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using liver and stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using garlic Power Bait and salmon eggs.

Heron Lake: The boat ramps are open. The water is a bit off color as the lake continues to rise. Fishing was fair to good trolling Panther Martins tipped with

corn for kokanee. Bank fishing in the Rincon recreation area was good using night crawlers for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 22 cfs. Fishing was good using copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla and the Rio Guadalupe was fair to good using worms, stimulators and black ants. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas was very good using copper John Barrs, hares ears and black ants. Fishing on the San Antonio was good using small spinners, orange stimulators, copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports from other streams in the area. For information on fishing the Valles Caldera call 1-866-382-5537.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, Power Bait, Fisher Chick spinners and hoppers 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.**

Manzano Lake: Fishing was fair using Power Bait, salmon eggs and spinners for trout.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good trolling Panther Martins, Arnies and Z Rays tipped with corn at 25 to 35 feet for kokanee. Fishing was fair using crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was good using wooly buggers, top water lures, baby brush hogs, sweet beavers and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Most of the bass caught were small. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the high 60s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was very slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 353 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using PMDs, zebra midges, parachute adams, foam wing emergers, pheasant tails and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, copper John Barrs, spinners 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, 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 on the lower lake was very good using worms, salmon eggs, spinners and Pistol Petes.

Southwest

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

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jerk baits and night crawlers for largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was good using night crawlers, homemade dough baits and stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Anglers who found them schooling did well using top water lures and crank baits. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using tubes, jigs, jerk baits, top water lures and crank baits. Fishing was very 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 70s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 32 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was 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 1,340 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte Lake was fair using crawdads, night crawlers and chicken liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using minnows 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 good using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout. Wesley Whitney reported catching limits of fish while using pink, yellow and green Power Bait fished about 5 to 6 feet under a float.

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was good using hot dogs, worms and beef liver for catfish. The best reports over the weekend came from anglers fishing at night. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Fishing was 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 49 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow to fair using homemade dough bait and beef liver for catfish. 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 and white bass. David Watkins described his trip here this past Sunday morning as epic. He caught and released several largemouth bass early while using a square bill crank bait and Flicker Shad. About 8 a.m. he found schooling fish and conservatively caught and released 85 white bass. He was using a bone colored Pop R and a white blade bait. 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 with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and worms.

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

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using beef liver and blood baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Jal Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was good using homemade dough baits and 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 99 cfs. Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 17 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. Fishing was slow to fair using jig and minnow and jig and night crawler rigs for walleye. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using tubes, jigs and top water lures. Fishing was fair using liver and homemade dough baits for catfish.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair using top water lures, jerk baits, crank baits and tubes. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 60s.

Crews stocked 42,394 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Above El Vado and Below Abiquiu), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COSTILLA RIVER, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HONDO RIVER (Lower), HOPEWELL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), MONASTARY LAKE, MORPHY LAKE, MT VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), NAVAJO RESERVOIR, PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER WEST FORK, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND and SHUREE PONDS.

In addition, 184 channel catfish were stocked in YOUNG POND.