

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:

Chama River: Xavier Atencio, age 9 of Espanola, caught a 15-inch rainbow trout June 27. He was using salmon eggs.

Laguna Del Campo: Leroy Atencio, age 11 of Espanola, caught an 18-inch rainbow trout June 27. He was using salmon eggs.

Pecos River: Michael Angel Martinez, age 3 caught a 20-inch rainbow trout June 25. He was fishing near San Jose and using a spinner.

Percha Dam: Aydan Gonzalez, age 4 and Evan Gonzalez, age 11 of El Paso, each caught their first fish on their first fishing trip June 27. Ayden caught a small catfish while Evan's was a nice 4-pound channel catfish.

Roswell Kids Pond: Jayden Mari Helmstetler, age 12 caught a 5-pound, 22-inch channel catfish June 26. She was using a worm under a bobber. Her brother Roddy Helmstetler, age 8 caught an 8-pound, 26-inch channel catfish. He was using stink bait under a bobber.

Ute Lake: Justin Keith, age 8 caught his biggest smallmouth ever June 23. It weighed 2.5 pounds and was 17 inches in length. He was using a minnow. He also caught a 15-inch walleye while using a ¼ ounce white jig head with a white grub.

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

Bluewater Lake: Will Hartley caught and released a 41-inch tiger muskie June 20. He was using a water dog and fishing near the dam.

Eunice Lake: Jasey Johnson, age 7 caught a 20-inch channel catfish June 20. He was using a worm.

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.

June 30, 2015

Northeast

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

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 110 cfs. Prior to the recent heavy rains trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms, hares ears, brassies and yellow sallies. The flooding has receded and the river east of Clear Creek was murky as of Monday but should be back to normal in a few days. Will keep you posted. Trout fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using salmon peach and garlic Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was very good using worms and small tubes for bluegill. Fishing was fair using tubes, worms, top water lures and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using minnows, crank baits and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was very good using liver, homemade dough baits and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the mid to high 70s.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was fair to 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: Fishing for perch was good using worms from boats and from the bank. Fishing for kokanee and rainbows slowed a bit from last week but anglers managed a few while trolling with Arnies and Panther Martins. We had no reports on other species.

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

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was good using damsel nymphs, slump busters, single poundmeisters, size 16 batman, salmon eggs, Power Bait, worms, spinners and Kastmasters.

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

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

Los Pinos: Fishing was very good using worms, small spoons, copper John Barrs, poundmeisters and wooly buggers for trout.

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

Monastery Lake: Fishing was good using hares ears, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, worms and Power Bait for trout. Jonathan Garcia landed a nice 19-inch rainbow trout June 28. He was using a hare's ear.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs, pink and salmon peach Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout. Shelby Wier caught an 18.5-inch rainbow trout and a few others June 27. She was using pink Power Bait.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 123 cfs. Trout fishing was good using orange stimulators, wooly buggers, copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports on catfish. 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 142 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla was 103 cfs. Fishing was good using may flies and yellow sallies for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,440 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using weighted wooly bugger, spinners and night crawlers for trout. We had no reports on northern pike or smallmouth bass. Fishing in the Albuquerque area was fair to good using liver and dough bait for catfish.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez was 98 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 33 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using poundmeisters and copper John Barrs for trout.

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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Shuree Ponds: Open for the season July 1. The ponds look in good shape.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was good using 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 was fair using top water lures and trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. Anglers who found schooling fish did very well. Fishing was slow to fair using jig and night crawler combinations in the trees for walleye. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers and stink baits for catfish. Fishing was excellent using worms for bluegill. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow to fair using tubes and grubs off main lake and secondary points. Fishing for crappie was slow. The surface water temp was in the high 70s.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, worms, jerk baits, crank baits, wooly buggers and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair trolling crank baits and using spinner/night crawler rigs for walleye. The best reports again this past week came from anglers fishing the early morning hours. Night fishing was fair to good using liver and stink bait for catfish.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 2,720 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was fair using top water lures, large flies and water dogs for tiger muskies. 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 202 cfs and 330 cfs respectively. Fishing above and below El Vado was fair to good using night crawlers, Power Bait, Rapalas and gold Panther Martins for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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 slow to fair using Power Bait, worms, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout. May want to put this one on your list for late September.

Heron Lake: The boat ramps are open. The water is a bit off color as the lake continues to rise. Fishing was slow to fair trolling Panther Martins tipped with corn for kokanee and rainbow trout. Bank fishing was fair using Power Bait and worms 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 65 cfs. Fishing was good using copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla was good using worms, stimulators and black ants. 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 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.**

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 40 feet for kokanee. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, top water lures, baby brush hogs, tubes and jerk baits for smallmouth

bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using night crawlers and liver for catfish. 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 mid to high 60s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was very slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 3371 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using root beers, jujus, zebra midges, foam wing emergers, pheasant tails and Chernobyl ants. There are some decent hatches coming off around mid-day and in the late afternoon hours. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, Power Bait, San Juan worms and jerk baits.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was slow with just a few catfish and bluegill caught by anglers using worms. 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 good using worms, salmon eggs, copper John Barrs 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was good using night crawlers, shad, cut bait and liver for catfish. A few white bass were caught by anglers using crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good using spoons, crank baits, top water lures and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using tubes, creature baits, jerk baits, top water lures and crank baits. Fishing was very good using chicken liver, beef liver, crawdads and bluegill for catfish. The best reports came from anglers fishing at night. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 70s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. A few catfish were caught by anglers using night crawlers.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 48 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Percha Dam: Fishing was good using night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Quemado Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and worms for trout. Mark and Andrew Burlingame fished here June 26 and 27. They caught a half

dozen rainbows in the 12 to 15 inch range. They were using worms. We had no reports on tiger muskies.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte on Monday morning was 1,950 cfs. Fishing below Caballo was fair to good using night crawlers and liver for catfish. Fishing for walleye was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using minnows and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species. We had no reports from the river below Elephant Butte.

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

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was good early in the week for anglers using hot dogs, worms and beef liver. Lots of carp were caught over the weekend by anglers using hot dogs. 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 25 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using stink bait and worms.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow to fair using homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish. We heard of a largemouth bass caught but were unable to verify.

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

Brantley Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes and worms off deep structure and deep diving crank baits 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using worms and liver for catfish.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using worms and blood bait.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair to good using 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 up to 7 pounds. 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 1,300 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 18 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair to good using jerk baits, crank baits and tubes for smallmouth bass. Fishing for walleye was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using spinner night crawler rigs and crank baits. Fishing for catfish was fair to good using liver and night crawlers. A few trout were caught by anglers using worms and Power Bait.

Sumner Lake: Fishing slowed some this past week with the changing water conditions. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using crank baits, top water lures and worms. A few white bass were caught by anglers trolling crank baits. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 70s.

Crews stocked 19,656 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: CEBOLLA RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COYOTE CREEK, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GLENWOOD POND, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTARY LAKE, MT VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), QUEMADO LAKE, RED RIVER (Above Questa), RIO BONITO, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 513,172 channel catfish fry in SANTA ROSA LAKE, SUMNER LAKE and UTE LAKE.