

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: Nate Lanyate, age 7 of Albuquerque, caught and released a 19-inch, 3.25-pound tiger muskie June 30. It was his first and he was using a top water popper.

Chama River: Yuri Romo, age 8 of Albuquerque caught an 18-inch brown trout July 3. He was using a gold Panther Martin.

Clayton Lake: Nick Gonzales of Moriarty caught a 21.5-inch, 2.5-pound rainbow trout July 3. He was using Power Bait.

Cowles Ponds: Teagan Armijo, age 3 of Santa Fe, caught a 20-inch rainbow trout June 30. She was using salmon eggs.

Escondida Lake: Don Hoel, age 4 of Belen, caught his first big fish July 3. It was a 22.5-inch channel catfish. He was using a hot dog.

Jacks Creek: Larry Jaramillo of Santa Fe, caught a 21-inch rainbow trout July 4. He was using worms.

Monastery Lake: Clifford Moquino of Tesuque Pueblo caught a 20-inch rainbow trout July 2. He was using a Kastmaster.

Red River: Jonathan Casados of Albuquerque caught a 23-inch rainbow trout July 5. He was using a silver Mepps spinner.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Savannah Ulibarri, age 22 months of Albuquerque, caught a 4-pound, 20-inch rainbow trout July 3. She was using salmon glitter Power Bait.

Sumner Lake: Jim Lyssy, Nick Lyssy and Judge Hall of Fort Sumner caught a 22-pound flathead catfish and several channel catfish in the 6-pound range July 4. They were using a trotline.

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

Laguna Del Campo: Alexander Dye, age 10 of Albuquerque, caught an 18-inch rainbow trout June 28. He was using a Panther Martin.

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, age, hometown, 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 on Monday near Cimarron was 131 cfs. Fishing was good using red copper John Barrs, purple Montana prince nymphs, Cimarron specials, worms and spinners. 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 under a bobber for bluegill. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, worms, top water lures and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using top water lures, spinners and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was fair to 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 was very good using worms for perch. Fishing for trout was fair trolling Panther Martins, Cripplures and Arnies on light line. Anglers fishing for trout actually did better using Power Bait from anchored boats. Fishing for kokanee was slow. We had no reports on northern pike.

Gallinas River: Trout fishing was fair using worms, salmon eggs, PMDs, copper John Barrs and spinners.

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

Lake Alice: Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using Power Bait.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, hoppers, black ants,

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, hoppers, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, worms and Power Bait for trout.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms, salmon eggs, Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout. Kenneth Bachicha of Las Vegas, caught a nice 17-inch rainbow June 28. He was using yellow Power Bait.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 137 cfs. Trout fishing was good using orange stimulators, yellow sallies, small spinners, salmon eggs and worms. Fishing was fair using night crawlers for 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 122 cfs. Fishing above town was good using parachute Adams, copper John Barrs and poundmeisters for trout.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla was 150 cfs. Fishing was good using may flies, parachute Adams and yellow sallies for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 2,000 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using weighted wooly bugger, Kastmasters, Panther Martins and night crawlers for trout. We had no reports on northern pike or smallmouth bass.

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

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 22 cfs. Fishing was excellent using parachute Adams, BWOs and yellow sallies.

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: Fishing was fair to good using spinners during the day and olive caddis in the evening hours for trout. Stream fishing on the Valle Vidal was very good using parachute Adams, Yeager 409s, yellow sallies and PMDs.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair to 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 very good using top water lures and spinners for white bass. Fishing was fair using jigs tipped with liver bait for walleye. Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers and stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 70s.

Winsor Creek: Andy Ray of Tijeras fished here downstream from the junction of trails 251 and 271 July 4. He had a great day catching several 6 and 7 inch cutthroat trout and a couple in the 10 inch range. All were caught on stimulator dries and parachute Adams in crystal clear water.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing from the bank was fair using worms for smallmouth bass and walleye. Fishing from boats was fair using top water lures, tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass and bottom bouncer night crawler rigs and spinner minnow rigs for walleye. Anglers did best fishing the early morning hours. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,730 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 for tiger muskies. Anglers fishing from boats were having the best luck. We heard of two rainbow trout caught but were unable to verify. 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 very good using prince nymphs, copper John Barrs, spinners and worms for rainbow and brown trout. Frank Dolan reported catching and releasing about 18 trout July 3. He was using a size 1 rainbow Mepps spinner and a size 1 Blue Fox spinner. His big fish were a 17-inch rainbow and a 15-inch brown.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 206 cfs and 350 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using white may fly nymphs, wooly buggers, night crawlers, Power Bait, salmon eggs, Rapalas and gold Panther Martins for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using wooly buggers and worms for rainbow trout.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, salt craws, jigs, tubes and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth baits. Anglers using crank baits also reported catching a few white bass. Fishing was fair using hot dogs, night crawlers and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few trout caught by anglers using Power Bait, worms, salmon eggs and spinners.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout.

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 from the bank and from boats for mixed bags of kokanee and rainbow trout. The best trolling action was around the island while bank fishing was best in the Ridge Rock and Salmon Run areas. Best baits were spinners tipped with corn, Power Bait and worms. We had no reports on lake trout.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 77 cfs. Fishing here and on the Cebolla and San Antonio was good using copper John Barrs, worms, black ants and salmon eggs for trout. 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, Gulp 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair to good using top water lures, tubes, curly tail grubs, crank baits and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Anglers using top water lures and crank baits also caught a few northern pike. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was fair trolling Arnie's, Panther Martins, Super Dupers and Z Rays tipped with corn at 25 to 40 feet for kokanee. Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait, worms and spinners for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the low 70s.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 357 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using zebra midges, foam wing emergers, Chernobyl ants, hoppers and beetles. Small midge pattern dries are working through the hatches which are happening a little before noon and again in the late afternoon hours. Fishing through the bait waters was good using night crawlers, Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, Power Bait and wooly buggers.

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 to fair using hot dogs, liver and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species or from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: We received a report of one smallmouth bass caught this past week but don't have any further details.

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. Fishing was fair using crank baits for white bass and an occasional walleye. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, Gulp minnows, top water lures and spinners for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair using creature baits, jerk baits, tubes and top water

lures. Fishing was good using chicken liver, beef liver, homemade dough baits and night crawlers 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 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 66 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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. We had no reports on tiger muskies.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 2,080 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair to good using crank baits and curly tail grubs for walleye. Fishing was good using beef liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing below Caballo was fair using minnows and night crawlers for walleye and night crawlers and 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 using hot dogs, bacon, worms and beef liver. The best reports came from anglers fishing at night. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using night crawlers.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 25 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was good using liver, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was fair using liver and homemade dough bait for catfish.

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

Brantley Lake: Anglers are to practice catch-and-release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was good using liver, blood baits, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish.

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 fair to good using liver and worms for catfish.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was good using chicken liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was slow for all species. Cody Wells and three others fished here for 4 hours Sunday and had no success. They saw a few small trout caught along with one small smallmouth bass that was returned to the lake. He also reported low water and steep banks which made water access a bit difficult.

Jal Lake: Fishing was fair to good using beef liver and chicken liver for catfish.

Lake Van: Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers, blood baits and homemade dough bait for catfish.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was very 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 98 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using liver and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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 tubes, worms, creature baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing for walleye was slow. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver and night crawlers. A few crappie were caught by anglers using minnows. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, top water lures, tubes and jigs for smallmouth bass. A few white bass were caught by anglers trolling and casting crank baits. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 70s.

Crews stocked 107,880 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: CHAMA RIVER Above and Below El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), COW CREEK, EAGLE NEST LAKE, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, HOPEWELL LAKE, LAGUNITAS LAKES, MONASTARY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), QUEMADO LAKE and SHUREE PONDS.

In addition, crews stocked 3,675 channel catfish fry in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONOCO POND, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), DENIS CHAVES POND, 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 ROSWELL KIDS POND.