

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: Jonathan Swinger, age 18 of Albuquerque, caught a 40-inch tiger muskie July 18. He was using a hot dog. He also caught and released four fish in the 30 to 36-inch range.

Brantley Reservoir: Tyler Wilson of Carlsbad had a terrific day on the water July 16. He caught and released 100 largemouth bass with his five best weighing 26 pounds which included a 7-pound kicker. He was using a Duo Realis crank bait and a Picasso double barrel underspin in about 20 feet of water.

Elephant Butte Lake: Logan Haggerton, age 13 of Las Cruces, caught an 18-pound, 33-inch blue catfish July 14. He was using cut bait.

Jal Lake: Dusty Loftis of Jal, caught a 5-pound channel catfish and a 9-pound channel catfish July 16. He was using liver and blood bait.

Rio Las Vacas: Evelyn Narducci, age 8 of Albuquerque, caught a 14-inch brown trout while backpacking in the San Pedro Wilderness July 18. She was using worms.

Rio Grande: Len Lo Presto of Las Cruces, caught a 33-inch blue catfish July 17. He was fishing the river between Elephant Butte and Caballo and using a Texas rigged plastic worm.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Ryland Wells, age 3 of Phoenix, AZ, caught a 20-inch and a 25-inch rainbow trout July 17. He was using a 76 Lucky Craft jerk bait.

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

Bluewater Lake: Nick Aragon, age 18 of Belen, caught a 42-inch tiger muskie July 5. He was using a lime green lure. Bob and Kathy Lindig of Rio Rancho caught a 33-inch, a 34-inch and a 36-inch tiger muskie July 12. They were using 5-inch rubber minnows and the biggest fish was caught on the first cast.

Lake Maloya: Noah Rivera, age 4 of Ribera, caught a limit of rainbow trout July 12. The fish ranged in size from 12 to 15 inches. He was using anise flavored marshmallows.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Isaac Garcia, age 11 of Rio Rancho, caught a 20-inch, 3.5-pound rainbow trout July 9. He was using Power Bait.

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: Fishing was fair using Power Bait for trout. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 88 cfs. Fishing was fair using Montana prince nymphs and micromays for trout. Trout fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was very good with several limits caught by anglers using Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish and bullheads. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was very good using worms, grubs, small tubes and small crawdad imitations for bluegill. Fishing was fair to good using spinner baits, jerk baits, tubes, worms, chigger craws and baby crawdads for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using top water lures and crank baits for white bass. 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 high 70s to 80 degrees.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was slow.

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 continued to be very good using worms for perch. Anglers did well from the bank and from anchored boats. Fishing for trout was a bit sporadic but some anglers did well trolling Platte River specials with Power Bait. Fishing for kokanee and northern pike was slow.

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

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

Lake Alice: Fishing was fair using orange and yellow Power Bait and Pistol Petes for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was slow.

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

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

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

Morphy Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, Super Dupers and Panther Martins for trout in the early morning and evening hours. Mid day fishing was best with Power Bait and salmon eggs.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 130 cfs. Trout fishing was good using yellow sallies, pheasant tail nymphs, salmon eggs and worms. A few trout were also caught by anglers using small golden stone flies. 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 73 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 958 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 59 cfs. Fishing on the upper Hondo was very good using single dry flies. Best flies were PMDs, parachute Adams and yellow sallies.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 19 cfs. Fishing was very good using parachute Adams, olive and tan elk hair caddis, BWOs, hippie stompers 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 good using Pistol Petes, elk hair caddis and wooly buggers for trout. Stream fishing on the Valle Vidal continued to be very good for anglers using Yeager 409s, parachute Adams, small hoppers, yellow sallies and PMDs for trout.

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few northern pike caught by anglers using cut bait, spoons and in line spinners. We had no reports on other species.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using 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 good using top water lures and trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was very good using worms and small plastics for bluegill. Fishing for walleye was slow with just a few caught by anglers using minnows

and crank baits. Fishing was fair to good using a wide assortment of plastics for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using liver, night crawlers and stink baits for catfish. The surface water temp was right at or close to 80 degrees all week.

Winsor Creek: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair to good using minnows, spinner night crawler rigs and tubes for walleye. Fishing was fair using worms and top water lures for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,190 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 and hot dogs for tiger muskies. We had no reports on other species.

Brazos River: Trout fishing was fair to good using prince nymphs, copper John Barrs, worms and salmon eggs for rainbow and brown trout.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 158 cfs and 220 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using Panther Martins, wooly buggers, night crawlers, Power Bait and salmon eggs for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

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

El Vado Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling at the upper end of the lake for brown trout, rainbow trout and a few kokanee. Anglers were doing best trolling spinners tipped with corn and Rapalas.

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

Heron Lake: Fishing for kokanee was slow but there were a few caught by anglers trolling Panther Martins and Cripplures tipped with corn. Fishing for rainbow trout from the bank was fair using Power Bait and salmon eggs. We had no reports on lake trout.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was light.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 62 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was good using worms, salmon eggs, hoppers and black ants for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla was good using San Juan worms, ants, beetles and worms for trout. Fishing on the San Antonio was slow. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas was fair using worms for brown 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 fair to good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, Gulp eggs and Power Bait for trout.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was slow for all species. **Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily.**

Manzano Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon peach Power Bait, Pistol Petes and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good using buzz baits, tubes, craws, senkos, crank baits and baby brush hogs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The majority of the bass caught were small. Fishing was good using crank baits at the upper end of the lake for small northern pike. Fishing was fair using chicken liver for catfish. Fishing was fair trolling Arnie's, Panther Martins and Z Rays tipped with corn at 30 to 40 feet for kokanee. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the low to mid 70s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 384 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using foam wing emergers, hoppers, beetles, chamois leeches RS2s and pheasant tail nymphs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using night crawlers, Gulp eggs, San Juan worms, chamois leeches, wooly buggers and Power Bait.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, Power Bait, worms and jerk baits for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using hot dogs, homemade dough bait and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species or from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

Trout Lakes: Trout fishing was fair to good using small Kastmasters, Fisher Chick spinners, worms, Power Bait, ants and Pistol Petes.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bear Canyon: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bill Evans Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using minnows, crank baits, top water lures and spinners for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using creature baits, tubes, jerk baits and top water lures for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using chicken liver, cut bait, homemade dough baits, shad and night crawlers for catfish. The best catfish reports again this week 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.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 85 cfs. Fishing on the main river and the West Fork was slow. We had no reports from the East Fork.

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

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

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing was fair using Power Bait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on tiger muskie.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 2,110 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was slow to fair using crank baits and curly tail grubs for walleye. Fishing was fair to good using beef liver, chicken, grubs and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing below Caballo was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Snow Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and salmon eggs for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 18 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow to fair using homemade dough bait, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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. Fishing was good to excellent using crank baits, spinner baits and plastic worms for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish.

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

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish.

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

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

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow for all species.

Oasis Park Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 100 cfs. Fishing was fair using beef liver, homemade dough bait, night crawlers and cut bait 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 using salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, jigs tipped with minnows and night crawlers for walleye. Fishing was good using yellow curly tail grubs for small crappie. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 70s.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using top water lures, jigs, curly tail grubs and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. A few white bass were caught by anglers using crank baits and spoons. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 27,874 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: CEBOLLA RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, FAWN LAKES, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, HONDO RIVER (Lower), JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MORPHY RESERVOIR, PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), QUEMADO LAKE, RED RIVER (Above Questa), RIO PUEBLO, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR and SNOW LAKE.

In addition crews stocked 189,729 Rio Grande cutthroat trout fry in the CHAMA RIVER (Below El Vado) and 711 Rio Grande cutthroat trout in VERMEJO PARK LAKES.