

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:

Bill Evans Lake: Raylene Carillo, age 7 of Alamogordo, caught a 2.75-pound largemouth bass July 25. She was using lemon twist Power Bait.

Cochiti Lake: Shawn Ramone of Albuquerque, caught a 22-inch channel catfish. He was using night crawlers.

Glenwood Pond: Ryan Miller, age 3 of Silver City, caught a limit of trout July 22. He was fishing with his grandparents and using rainbow Power Bait. The fish ranged in size from 12 to 14 inches.

Green Meadow Lake: Nicholas Stevens, age 20 of Hobbs, caught a 6-pound 2-ounce largemouth bass July 24. He was using a plastic worm.

Lake Van: The father, son team of Rick and Darian Sanchez caught a 10.8-pound, 24-inch catfish July 18. They were using blood bait.

Monastery Lake: Lucas Rodriguez, age 4 and Miranda Rodriguez age 5 of Santa Fe, caught their very first fish July 22. They were using garlic Power Bait.

Navajo Lake: Matt Gladstone of Taos caught and released an 11-pound 12-ounce, 40-inch northern pike July 14. He was using a one ounce Pike Pounder rattle bait in a glitter tiger pattern. He also released a 10-pound, 8-ounce pike July 16. He was using a perch colored buzz bait.

Pecos River: Carlos Trujillo, Jr., age 3 of Albuquerque reeled in a 19.5-inch rainbow trout July 26. He was using salmon peach 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.

July 28, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on perch.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 77 cfs. Fishing was good using brassies, elk hair caddis, Montana prince nymphs and micromays for trout. Trout fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using Power Bait, salmon eggs and worms. A few were also caught by anglers using Pistol Petes.

Clayton Lake: Fishing slowed considerably this past week with just a few trout caught by anglers using Power Bait and a few catfish caught with night crawlers.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using worms, small tubes and small crawdad imitations for bluegill. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, tubes, worms, senkos, chigger craws and salt craws for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using liver and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 80s.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers 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 continued to be very good using worms for perch. Anglers did well from the bank and from anchored boats. Fishing for trout continued to be very sporadic with some fish caught by anglers trolling spinners tipped with corn or Power Bait and others doing best using Power Bait from anchored boats. Fishing for kokanee and northern pike was slow.

Gallinas River: We had no reports this week.

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was fair using damsel nymphs, poundmeisters, Pistol Petes, Power Bait, worms and Kastmasters.

Lake Alice: Fishing was slow.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using green and orange Power Bait, corn, salmon eggs, hoppers and Pistol Petes for trout up to 3.5 pounds.

Los Pinos: Fishing was good using worms, copper John Barrs, prince nymphs, poundmeisters and wooly buggers for trout.

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

Monastery Lake: Fishing was very good using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, worms and Power Bait for trout. Colleen Ortiz and her daughter Angel of Albuquerque, caught limits of rainbow trout July 27. They arrived at the lake about 7:30 in the morning and had limits by 9. They were using Power Bait and Pistol Petes. Angel's first fish was her biggest. It was a healthy 18-inch rainbow.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, Kastmasters, Super Dupers and Panther Martins for trout in the early morning and evening hours.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 141 cfs. Trout fishing was good using pheasant tail nymphs, salmon eggs and worms. We had no reports on catfish. The Pecos National Historical Park opened for summer fishing June 15 through August 3. For more information and reservations call (505) 757-7272.

Red River: Stream flow above Questa on Monday was 65 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using poundmeisters, wooly buggers, night crawlers and Panther Martins for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 895 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few trout caught by anglers using night crawlers and weighted wooly buggers.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 44 cfs. Fishing on the upper Hondo was very good again this past week using single dry flies. Best flies were PMDs, parachute Adams and yellow sallies.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 28 cfs. Fishing was good using parachute Adams, elk hair caddis, hippie stompers and yellow sallies.

Santa Barbara: Fishing was fair to good using beetles, copper John Barrs and elk hair caddis for trout. Fishing pressure was light.

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 first week in September. 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, BWOs and wooly buggers for trout. Stream fishing on the Valle Vidal was good using Yeager 409s, parachute Adams, yellow sallies and PMDs for trout.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair using Power Bait, corn and worms 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 worms, small grubs and poppers for bluegill. Fishing was fair trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing for walleye was slow. Fishing was fair to good using chigger craws, tubes and plastic worms on main lake points for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using chicken liver for catfish. Most of the catfish were caught by anglers fishing at night in shallow water. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 80s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair using spinner night crawler rigs, deep running crankbaits and swim baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using worms, wooly buggers, crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 598 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken and hot dogs for tiger muskies. Fishing was fair using hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Brazos River: Trout fishing was fair using 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 391 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using Panther Martins, Kastmasters wooly buggers and night crawlers for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, jigs, senkos, worms and chigger craws for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using blood baits and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Fenton Lake: Fishing conditions have deteriorated with the hot summer weather but there were a few trout caught this past week by anglers using corn and worms.

Heron Lake: Fishing pressure was very light this past week and fishing was sporadic at best. A few trout were caught by anglers fishing from the bank and using Power Bait while anglers fishing from boats picked up a few small kokanee. They were using Panther Martins and Arnies tipped with corn.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 40 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was good using worms, salmon eggs, copper John Barrs and black ants for trout. The water was a bit stained. Fishing on the Cebolla was fair to good using hoppers, ants, beetles and worms for trout. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe was good using worms, beetles and dark colored pheasant tail nymphs for brown trout. Fishing on the San Antonio was slow. 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 using worms, salmon eggs, Gulp eggs and garlic 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good using buzz baits, crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using tubes, worms, jerk baits, top water lures and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using chicken liver for catfish. Fishing was fair to good trolling Arnie's, Kokanee Killers and Z Rays tipped with corn at 30 to 45 feet for kokanee. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the mid 70s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 641 cfs. The increased flow stirred up the water for a short time but fishing was still good. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using foam wing emergers, San Juan worms, Chernobyl ants, beetles dark midge patterns and pheasant tail nymphs. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using Power Bait, night

crawlers, jerk baits, Gulp eggs, San Juan worms, chamois leeches and wooly buggers.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: About 90 percent of the pond is covered with aquatic vegetation leaving very little fishable water at this time.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was slow again this past week. A few catfish were caught by anglers using hot dogs and liver. We had no reports on other species or from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

Trout Lakes: Trout fishing was good using small Fisher Chick spinners, worms, Power Bait, ants 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 tubes, worms and Power Bait for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few small catfish caught by anglers using cut bait, worms, chartreuse shad and liver. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using minnows, crank baits and spinners for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using worms, tubes, sweet beavers, jerk baits and top water lures for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using chicken liver, cut bait, shad and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 80s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 74 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing was fair to good using assorted Power Bait for trout. A few tiger muskie in the 30 to 35-inch range were caught by anglers using top water lures and crank baits.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 1,540 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair using beef liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing below Caballo was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Fishing was slow for all 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 with only one catfish catch reported. The angler was using liver.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow to fair using beef liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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 fair 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 for all species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using 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. Fishing for all other species was slow with just a few largemouth bass caught by anglers using plastic worms.

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

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

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver, blood baits and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 141 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 29 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and small nymphs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Crews stocked 35,583 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Above and Below El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), COSTILLA RIVER, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), FAWN LAKES, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HONDO RIVER (Lower), HPEWELL LAKE, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MT VIEW PONDS (aka COWLES PONDS), NUTRIAS LAKES (aka Trout Lakes), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above and Below Questa), RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters), SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR and SIPAPU POND.

In addition crews stocked 799 channel catfish in ALTO LAKES.