

## **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:**

**Escondida Lake:** Nick Gallegos, 13, of Belen, caught a 16-inch channel catfish August 10. He was using garlic hot dogs.

**Fenton Lake:** Landon Guise, 2, of Los Alamos, caught his very first fish August 9. It was a 12-inch rainbow and he was using a meal worm.

**Morphy Lake:** Bijou Candelaria, 6, of Albuquerque, caught her very first fish, a rainbow trout, August 9. She was fishing with her uncle, grandpa and grandma and using a corn and salmon egg combination.

**Rio Pueblo:** Bailey Roybal, 3, of Chamisal, caught her limit of trout in about a half hour August 6. She was using PowerBait and marshmallows.

**San Juan River:** Ted Swisher of Albuquerque, caught and released a 4.5-pound, 24-inch brown trout August 9. He was fishing upstream of the Texas Hole and using an annelid.

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

**San Juan River:** Marco Gonzales of Santa Fe caught and released a 23-inch rainbow trout August 2. He was using a size 26 midge on 6x tippet.

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](mailto: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.

**August 11, 2015**

### **Northeast**

**Charette Lakes:** Fishing was slow with murky water conditions but a few trout and perch were caught. Best bait for trout was PowerBait and the best for perch was worms.

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 16 cfs. Fishing was using salmon eggs, worms, tricos and brassies for trout. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing was good using white Rooster Tails for catfish. Fishing for trout was slow with just a few caught by anglers using PowerBait. We had no reports on other species.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was slow but there were a few caught by anglers fishing early in the day and using top water lures and plastics. Fishing was fair using blood baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 80s.

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

**Coyote Creek:** Fishing was fair to good using elk hair caddis, PowerBait 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 good using worms for perch. Fishing for trout was sporadic. Anglers having the best luck were using PowerBait and fishing from anchored boats. A few were also taken from the bank. Fishing for kokanee was slow with just a few caught by anglers using spinners tipped with PowerBait on light tackle.

**Gallinas River:** We had no reports this week.

**Hopewell Lake:** Fishing was good using wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, spinners, worms and PowerBait for trout.

**Lake Alice:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait for trout.

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing was fair good using PowerBait, corn, salmon eggs, hoppers, wooly worms and Pistol Petes for trout up to 3.5 pounds.

**Los Pinos:** The water was a bit off color but fishing was rated as good to excellent by anglers using night crawlers, San Juan worms and wooly worms for trout. A few trout were also caught by anglers using silver spinners.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait.

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

**Morphy Lake:** Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish caught by anglers using corn and salmon eggs.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow on Monday was 153 cfs. Trout fishing was good using parachute Adams, yellow humpys, small hoppers, prince nymphs Psycho prince nymphs, electric blue prince nymphs, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout. Fishing for catfish was slow to fair for anglers using liver and worms.

**Red River:** Stream flow above Questa on Monday was 51 cfs. The water had cleared considerably over the weekend and fishing was good using red copper John Barrs, poundmeisters, San Juan worms and salmon eggs. Fly anglers who did best switched to a lighter tippet than previously used.

**Rio Costilla:** Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 82 cfs. Fishing was good using elk hair caddis, small hoppers and small nymphs.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 422 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using San Juan worms and wooly buggers.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow on Monday was 35 cfs. Fishing was good using royal Wulffs and parachute Adams for trout.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Penasco was 24 cfs. Fishing was good to excellent using parachute Adams, moth patterns, salmon eggs, marshmallows and PowerBait for a mix of small brown and stocked rainbow 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 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. Fishing was good using spinners, worms, Gulp eggs and garlic PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Shuree Ponds:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Springer Lake:** Fishing was fair using cut bait for catfish and an occasional northern pike. The pike caught were under 30 inches in length.

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait, 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 fair to good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was slow to fair using slab spoons and blade baits in 25 to 30 feet of water for white bass. Fishing for catfish slowed considerably from the previous week with just a few caught by anglers using stink bait and night crawlers. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow. We had no reports on other species. 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 slow to fair using tubes, wooly buggers, zonkers and salt craws for smallmouth bass. Most of the bass caught were small. Fishing for walleye was slow to fair using spinner night crawler rigs, minnows and curly tail grubs. We had no reports on other species.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 788 cfs. Access to the river through San Juan County has been closed until further notice due to a toxic spill.

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

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using spinner baits, stick baits, jerk baits and hot dogs tiger muskies. Fishing was good using hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**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 198 cfs and 539 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using wooly buggers, hoppers, Rapalas, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

**Cochiti Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, jigs, worms and chigger craws for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to 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 was fair using meal worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout.

**Heron Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species with just a few rainbow trout caught by anglers using PowerBait and spinners. The water level will be dropping slowly as a release has begun.

**Jackson Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Jemez Waters:** Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 36 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla above and below Fenton Lake was very good using orange stimulators, hoppers, worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe was fair to good using worms, caddis and pheasant tail nymphs 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 good using worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, marshmallows and Pistol Petes 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 PowerBait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair to good using crank baits, jerk baits and spinner baits at the upper end of the lake for northern pike. Fishing was fair using spinners, tubes, worms, baby brush hogs, chigger craws and curly tail grubs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver and beef liver for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair trolling a variety of spinners tipped with corn or Power Bait for kokanee. We had no reports on other species.

**San Gregorio:** Trout fishing was slow.

**San Juan:** Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 1,300 cfs. Prior to the latest increase in flow, fishing was good using San Juan worms, hoppers, dark midge patterns, RS2s and pheasant tail nymphs. Fishing through the bait waters was good using jerk baits, spinners, night crawlers, Gulp eggs, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms 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. However, the pond was recently stocked and fishing has been fair to good using PowerBait for trout.

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was good using hot dogs, homemade dough bait, Power Bait and worms for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms and poppers for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

**Trout Lakes:** Trout fishing was good using spinners, PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs.

## **Southwest**

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

**Bear Canyon:** Fishing was slow for all species with just a few catfish caught by anglers using beef liver.

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

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing remained slow this past week. There were a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and blood bait. Fishing pressure was light.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using minnows, crank baits and spinners in the early morning and late evening hours for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, minnows, swim baits, jigs and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. The best action was in the early morning and late evening hours. Fishing was fair using chicken liver, cut bait, homemade dough bait and night crawlers over baited holes for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 80s.

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing was fair using beef liver, night crawlers and garlic hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 82 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 slow for all species.

**Quemado Lake:** Trout fishing was slow but a few were caught by anglers using PowerBait. We had no reports on tiger muskie.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 2,210 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair to good using beef liver and grubs for catfish. Anglers did best fishing at night. Fishing below Caballo was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver. 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 23 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Bonito Lake:** Closed.

**Bosque Redondo:** Fishing was slow to fair using beef liver, chicken 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 tubes, craws and plastic worms for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The action may slow this week as a 35,000 acre feet release is scheduled.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill and small largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using corn for carp. A few catfish were caught by anglers using worms and liver. We had no reports on other species.

**Chaparral Park Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using liver, worms and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Eunice Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using liver and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing was fair using homemade dough bait, liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Fishing was fair using night crawlers, hot dogs and liver for catfish.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs, marshmallows, worms and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using homemade dough bait, hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 1,330 cfs. The area below Sumner Lake is closed at present due to high water release. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Perch Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 13 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, scuds and pheasant tail nymphs for trout.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing was fair using liver, night crawlers and blood baits for catfish. Fishing was fair using crank baits, tubes, jigs and jerk baits for smallmouth bass. A few walleye were caught by anglers using night crawlers and spinner night crawler combinations. We had no reports on other species.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using minnows, night crawlers, tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass and white bass. Fishing was fair using worms for perch and bluegill. Fishing was fair using liver and prepared baits for catfish. Fishing for walleye was good but most of the fish were small. Best baits were minnows and night crawlers.

Crews stocked 33,176 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Above and below El Vado), COW CREEK, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), FAWN LAKES, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOPEWELL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), LAKE ALICE (Sugarite Canyon), LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MT VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above and below Questa), RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, RED RIVER WEST FORK, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.