

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:

Cochiti Lake: Michael Giudicissi of Albuquerque, caught a great smallmouth estimated to weigh between 3.5 and 4 pounds Aug. 15. He was fishing shallow water and using a square billed crank bait.

Conchas Lake: Brad Smithberger of Cincinnati, OH, caught a 4-pound walleye Aug. 14. He was using a white bucktail jig. Katelyn Smithberger of Cincinnati, OH, caught a 5.25-pound, 21-inch largemouth bass Aug. 15. She was using a white crank bait.

Eagle Nest Lake: Glen Lynch of Terrell, TX, caught an 8-pound 12-ounce, 29-inch rainbow trout. He was using a Platte River special tipped with PowerBait.

Monastery Lake: Beto Quintana, 5, of Santa Fe, caught his first fish Aug. 12. He was using PowerBait.

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 slow.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 25 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms, elk hair caddis, tricos and brassies for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Conchas Lake: Hot spot for bluegill and bass: Fishing was excellent using worms for bluegill. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was very good using crank baits, jerk baits and drop shot rigs. A few white bass and walleye were caught by anglers using crank baits, jig and blade baits. Fishing

was fair using liver and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 70s. Joe and Katelyn Smithberger along with her dad, had a great time fishing here last week. They caught and released several smallmouth bass and largemouth bass and a few walleye. They were using white crank baits and white jigs.

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

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

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 using Panther Martins, Platte River specials tipped with PowerBait, salmon eggs and PowerBait. We had no reports of kokanee or northern pike.

Gallinas River: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, copper John Barrs and worms for trout.

Hopewell Lake: Fishing was good using a wide assortment of flies, Pistol Petes, spinners, worms and PowerBait for trout. Robert James of Albuquerque caught his first fish on a fly rod last week, a nice 19-inch rainbow. He was using a No Namer fly.

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

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

Los Pinos: Fishing was very good using worms, salmon eggs, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms and spinners for trout.

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

Monastery Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms and PowerBait for trout.

Morphy Lake: Trout fishing was slow.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 164 cfs. Trout fishing was good using elk hair caddis, prince nymphs, egg patterns, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Roger Tannen of Albuquerque fished here last week and had a solid day. He caught and released three rainbows on the Mora and another ten or more on the Pecos along with one nice brown trout. He was using a pink egg pattern and pink San Juan worms for the rainbows and a size 12 elk hair caddis for the brown. We had no reports on catfish.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 51 cfs. Fishing was good using red copper John Barrs, poundmeisters, San Juan worms, red worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 15 cfs. Fishing was good using elk hair caddis, small mayflies, hoppers and hares ears.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 344 cfs. Fishing improved from the previous week as anglers picked up several smallmouth bass. They were using wooly buggers and small jerk baits. Fishing was fair to good using San Juan worms, poundmeisters, wooly buggers and spinners for trout. We had no reports on northern pike.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 31 cfs. Fishing was very good using royal Wulffs royal humpys and parachute Adams for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 29 cfs. Fishing was good using parachute Adams, moth patterns, salmon eggs and PowerBait for a mix of brown and 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 fair to good using spinners, salmon eggs and garlic PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Shuree Ponds: Fishing was good using elk hair caddis, wooly buggers and spinners for trout.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow with just a few caught by anglers using top water lures in the early morning hours. Fishing was slow to fair using liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the upper 70s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, worms, salt craws, wooly buggers and zonkers for smallmouth bass. Fishing for walleye was slow to fair using deep diving crank baits, spinner night crawler rigs and minnows. Anglers fishing at night and using night crawlers and liver picked up a few catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 270 cfs. The river has reopened to fishing and other recreation but it is recommended that anglers practice catch and release through the contaminated area for now.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using stick baits, jerk baits and hot dogs for tiger muskies. Fishing was fair to 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 861 cfs and 697 cfs respectively. Fishing slowed at both locations due to the high water release.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and an occasional white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers

and curly tail grubs for crappie. We had no reports on other species. Michael Giudicissi reported fair fishing after two trips here this past week. He caught several nice smallmouth bass and two small white bass while using a square billed crank bait in very shallow water as the fish were right next to the bank. His son caught two crappie on night crawlers. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 70s and the water was murky.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was sporadic but some anglers did well using PowerBait, olive Pistol Petes and wooly buggers for trout up to 19 inches.

Heron Lake: Trout fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and spinners west of the main boat ramp. We had no reports on other species. The lake received a good stocking of catchable size trout this past week.

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 good using worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla above and below Fenton Lake was good using 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. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas was good using royal Wulffs and hoppers. 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 salmon eggs, PowerBait, marshmallows, 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 to good using salmon peach PowerBait, worms and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair using jerk baits, 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 for northern pike was slow. We had no reports on other species.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 629 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan worms, hoppers, foam ants, emergers, zebra midges, RS2s and pheasant tail nymphs. Anglers did best using small flies. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using jerk baits, spinners, night crawlers and San Juan worms.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was slow to fair using hot dogs, homemade dough bait, PowerBait and worms for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

Trout Lakes: Trout fishing was very good using spinners, hoppers, garlic PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs.

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 worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing remained slow again this past week. There were a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and night crawlers and a few white bass caught by anglers trolling crank baits. Fishing pressure was light.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using blade baits and spinners in the early morning and late evening hours for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, swim baits and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. A few bass were also caught with top water lures. The best action was in the early morning hours. Fishing was fair using chicken liver, beef liver, cut bait, homemade dough bait and night crawlers 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 55 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was fair using PowerBait for trout.

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

Percha Dam: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Quemado Lake: Trout fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and salmon egg corn combinations. We had no reports on tiger muskie.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 2,050 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was fair using beef liver and grubs for catfish. Fishing below Caballo was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver. Fishing pressure was light. We had no reports on other species.

Snow Lake: Korrie Scott reported fair fishing here this past week using red, white or gold spoons or anything really shiny for trout. Bank fishing was good using salmon peach and garlic PowerBait.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using beef liver.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 13 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 very good using spoons, spinners and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using jerk baits, tubes, jigs and creature baits 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 worms and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was slow.

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, worms and liver for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using artificial worms and crawdads for largemouth bass. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, marshmallows and spinners for trout. Thomas Armendariz reported that his group all caught limits of trout over the weekend. They were using PowerBait and assorted colors of salmon eggs. He also fished with a worm under a bobber along the edge of weed beds and caught one nice bluegill and several small bass.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow for all species with just a few catfish caught by anglers using beef liver, night crawlers and homemade dough baits. Fishing was fair using corn for carp. 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 97 cfs. Fishing here and further downstream was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and night crawlers.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 7.5 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using minnows, night crawlers and white crank baits for a mixed bag of white bass, largemouth bass and walleye. Most of the walleye were small. Fishing from the bank was fair using worms for bluegill and small bass. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 14,950 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: CEBOLLA RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, FAWN LAKES, FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, HONDO (Lower), MORA (Pecos River Drainage), GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOPEWELL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), LAKE

ALICE (Sugarite Canyon), LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), NUTRIAS LAKES (aka Trout Lakes), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RED RIVER CITY PONDS, RIO PUEBLO, SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND and SHUREE PONDS.

Crews also stocked 36,900 fingerling largemouth bass in ELEPHANT BUTTE LAKE, 38,325 smallmouth bass fingerlings in SANTA ROSA LAKE and 8,499 Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the CHAMA RIVER below El Vado.