

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:

Hopewell Lake: Esperanza Cisneros, 4, of Santa Fe, caught a 19-inch rainbow trout Aug. 22. She was using corn yellow PowerBait.

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

Cochiti Lake: Sean Garrity of Albuquerque, caught a 12.4-pound, 36-inch northern pike August 16. He was trolling about 30 yards off the bank and using a Rapala.

Rio Cebolla: Eli Sanchez, 6, of Rio Rancho caught and released 15 cutthroat trout and caught two brown trout. He was using red worms and San Juan worms and said it was the best day of his life.

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 with just a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait. We had no report on perch.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday below Eagle Nest was 17 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 for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms under a bobber for bluegill. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass slowed from last week but there were several caught by anglers using crank baits, jerk baits and tubes. A few white bass 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 upper 70s.

Cowles Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, elk hair caddis, small hoppers and prince nymphs 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 as some anglers did well while others zeroed. Best baits were garlic PowerBait, worms and Platte River specials tipped with PowerBait, salmon eggs and PowerBait. We had no reports of kokanee or northern pike.

Gallinas River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Hopewell Lake: Fishing was fair to good using a wooly worms, hoppers, salmon eggs, worms and PowerBait for trout

Lake Alice: Fishing pressure has been extremely light. We had no reports from anglers.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms, hoppers, wooly buggers and elk hair caddis.

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

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

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

Morphy Lake: Trout fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, Kastmasters and Pistol Petes.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 128 cfs. Trout fishing was good using elk hair caddis, wooly buggers, egg patterns, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had several reports of rainbows in the 15 to 18 inch class including one 17-inch fish caught by Mike Pecos of Cochiti Pueblo. He was fishing near Windy Bridge and using salmon eggs. Fishing for catfish was fair using liver and night crawlers.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 71 cfs. Fishing was very good using poundmeisters, San Juan worms, small spinners, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Terrence Charles reported excellent fishing in town. He and his wife Chris caught limits of trout within an hour and a half. They were using a variety of salmon eggs and salmon peach PowerBait.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 89cfs. Fishing was good using elk hair caddis, small mayflies and parachute Adams.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 317 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using streamers for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, poundmeisters, salmon eggs and night crawlers for trout. We had no reports on northern pike.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 25 cfs. Fishing was very good using royal Wulffs and parachute Adams for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 27 cfs. Fishing was good using parachute Adams, olive elk hair caddis, 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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Shuree Ponds: Fishing was good using elk hair caddis, parachute Adams, small hoppers and spinners for trout.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was fair to good using liver, cut bait and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using spoons and blade baits at 20 to 25 feet for white bass. The surface water temp was in the upper 70s. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, crank baits, chigger craws, wooly buggers and zonkers for smallmouth bass. 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 77 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 fair using stick baits, jerk baits, spinner baits and hot dogs for tiger muskies. We had no reports on other species.

Brazos River: Fishing was fair using small streamers and salmon eggs for trout.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 736 cfs and 897cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using salmon eggs, PowerBait, night crawlers, muddler minnows and wooly buggers for a mixed bag of rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout up to 19 inches in length. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was slow for most anglers but fair to good for others. Best baits were PowerBait, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes.

Heron Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs, Panther Martins, small Daredevles and Kastmasters for rainbow trout and a few kokanee. The best bank fishing for trout was in the La Laja boat ramp area. We had no reports on other species.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 22 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was good using worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla above and below Fenton Lake was fair to good using stimulators, hoppers, hares ears, worms 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 salmon eggs, PowerBait, 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 using PowerBait, Gulp eggs and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, baby brush hogs, chigger craws and Rooster Tails for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using chicken liver and beef liver for catfish. Fishing for northern pike was slow but a few were caught by anglers using jerk baits and crank baits. Fishing for kokanee was slow to fair trolling Arnies tipped with corn. A few perch were caught by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp as in the mid to high 70s.

San Gregorio: Trout fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 604 cfs. Dry fly fishing was good using small midge patterns, small parachute Adams and midge clusters. Nymphing was fair to good using brassies and small green midges around the Texas Hole while black and grey midge pupae and red annelids were working further upstream. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using jerk baits, night crawlers, copper John Barrs, wooly buggers 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 fair using hot dogs, liver and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Our only report this week came from Kevin Rayson of Las Cruces who caught a nice 3.7-pound largemouth bass Aug. 23. He was using night crawlers.

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 for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using blade baits, spoons and spinners for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using creature baits, sweet beavers, top water lures and jerk baits. Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, beef liver, dead shad and cut bait 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 but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using beef liver and garlic hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 156 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Percha Dam: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 2,160 cfs. Fishing below Elephant Butte was slow for all species. Fishing below Caballo was slow to fair using beef liver and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Snow Lake: Fishing was fair using gold and brass spoons, salmon peach and garlic PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow with an occasional catfish caught by anglers using beef liver and night crawlers.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 28 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow for all 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 slow to fair using tubes, jigs, worms, crank baits and creature baits for largemouth bass. Fishing for all other species was slow. The surface water temp was in the low 80s.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using worms for bluegill and small bass. We had no reports on other species.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

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

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 for all species.

Lake Van: Fishing was slow to fair using beef liver, chicken liver and night crawlers 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 96 cfs. 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 10 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver, night crawlers and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few smallmouth bass and largemouth bass caught by anglers using crank baits, jerk baits, spinners and tubes. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 20,456 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Below El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HOPEWELL LAKE, LOS PINOS RIVER, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above and Below Questa), RED RIVER HATCHERY POND and RUIDOSO RIVER.

Crews also stocked 1,632 Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the following waters: BEAVER CREEK, COSTILLA CREEK and VERMEJO PARK LAKES and 440 channel catfish in ALTO LAKES and CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach).