

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:

Clayton Lake: Allan Crisman of Clayton caught two channel catfish that weighed about 9 pounds each Sept. 5.

Cochiti Lake: Michael Giudicissi of Albuquerque caught and released a northern pike that measured about 28 inches Sept. 3. He was using a square billed crank bait. Mike Molisee caught a 4-pound, 1-ounce smallmouth bass Sept. 6. He was using a Texas rigged 7-inch pumpkin worm with a chartreuse tail and flipping a beaver hut.

Escondida Lake: Rey Torrez, 7, of Belen, caught a 14-inch largemouth bass Sept. 6, He was using a bass spinner bait.

Oasis Park Lake: Brenden Davis of Clovis won the youth division prize at the Annual Fishing Derby held Sept. 5. He caught a 3-pound, 9-ounce channel catfish while fishing with night crawlers. Two other anglers who did well in the same division were Christian Brown and Gregorio Cordova also of Clovis. Christian was using salmon eggs and caught a 2-pound, 14-ounce largemouth bass and Gregorio was using a salmon egg marshmallow combo and caught a 1.75-pound catfish.

Sumner Lake: Jim Lyssy of Fort Sumner caught a 15-pound channel catfish Sept. 4. He was using shrimp on a trotline.

The following came in late but we felt they were definitely worth mentioning:

Lake Van: Steve Schwartz and son-in-law Rick Sanchez caught an 8-pound, 28-inch channel catfish Aug. 29. They were fishing with night crawlers.

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 for all species.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday below Eagle Nest was 22 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms, brassies, San Juan worms and elk hair caddis, for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, worms, spinners and small spoons for trout. Fishing for all other species was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and night crawlers.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, sweet beavers, spinner baits, worms and curly tail grubs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using spoons and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using liver, stink baits and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was fair using olive and grey elk hair caddis, salmon eggs and PowerBait 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 fair to good using worms for perch. Fishing for trout was slow to fair using PowerBait, spinners and Platte River specials. We had no reports on kokanee or northern pike. The 23rd annual Fish Fest will be held Sept. 19-27. For more information, call 575-377-6941.

Gallinas River: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout.

Hopewell Lake: Fishing was fair to good using spinners, salmon eggs, night crawlers, worms and PowerBait for trout

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait, wooly buggers, scuds, elk hair caddis and parachute Adams for trout.

Los Pinos: Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and night crawlers for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Morphy Lake: Trout fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 88 cfs. Trout fishing was good using elk hair caddis, San Juan worms, chamois leeches, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no reports on catfish.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 62 cfs. Fishing was good using poundmeisters, red and orange stimulators, San Juan worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 68 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 339 cfs. Fishing above the John Dunn Bridge was good using streamers and spinners for northern pike. Fishing in the Pilar area was fair using streamers and zonkers for smallmouth bass. Trout fishing was good using wooly buggers, San Juan worms, Fisher Chick spinners, poundmeisters, salmon eggs and night crawlers. We had no reports on northern pike.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 23 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using royal Wulffs, parachute Adams and worms for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 11 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Barbara: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: The boat ramp opened Sept. 5 and is open for day use only. Hours are 8am to 4pm. Fishing over the weekend was very good using Fisher Chick spinners, Pistol Petes, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Anglers did well from boats and from the bank. We had no reports on other species.

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

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and night crawlers 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 chicken liver, night crawlers and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was good using earth worms and night crawlers for bluegill. Fishing was fair using spoons and blade baits for schooling white bass at 25 feet. Anglers reported the white bass were suspended over about 40 feet of water. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow with just a few caught by anglers using top water lures. Fishing for walleye was slow. The surface water temp was in the mid to upper 70s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, jerk baits, spinners, chigger craws, wooly buggers and zonkers for smallmouth bass. Most of the bass caught again this past week were small. Fishing was fair using white grubs, night crawlers and crank baits on the flats for walleye. A few catfish were caught by anglers using liver and stink baits. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 604 cfs. The catch and release recommendation has been lifted as Department of Game and Fish biologists have determined that fish caught in sections of the Animas and San Juan rivers effected by last month's Gold King Mine wastewater spill are safe to eat. Trout fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, hoppers, worms and salmon eggs.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow for all 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 987 cfs and 527 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using garlic and white PowerBait, midges, egg Patterns and black and gold Panther Martins for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spinner baits, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and an occasional northern pike. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and garlic hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 70s and the water was murky.

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

Fenton Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using earth worms and meal worms.

Heron Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spinners, PowerBait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout. A few lake trout were caught by anglers trolling spinners. We had no reports on kokanee. The lake level continues to drop but there is still plenty of water for launching boats.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 18 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was rated as good to excellent using worms, salmon eggs and hoppers for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla above and below Fenton Lake was very good using stimulators, San Juan worms, meal 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 to good using hoppers, PowerBait, Gulp eggs and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair using top water lures, curly tail grubs, chigger craws, sweet beavers, tubes and Rooster Tails 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 with just a few caught by anglers using crank baits. Fishing was slow to fair trolling Arnies, Kokanee Killers and Panther Martins tipped with corn for kokanee. The best reports came from anglers trolling the Francis Canyon area. We had no reports on other species.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 598 cfs. Fishing was good using zebra midges, San Juan worms, Griffith's gnats, WD40s, parachute Adams, small pheasant tails and midge clusters through the Quality Water area. Fishing through the bait waters was good using salmon eggs, PowerBait, night crawlers, wooly buggers, wooly worms, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was good using worms and PowerBait for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was slow with just a few catfish and bluegill caught by anglers. Best baits for catfish were hot dogs, liver, homemade dough bait and worms. The bluegill were caught by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species.

Trout Lakes: Fishing was slow to fair using worms, PowerBait, spinners and salmon eggs for trout.

Southwest

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

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, minnows and spoons for white bass. Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using blade baits, spoons and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow to fair using top water lures, tubes, worms, sweet beavers, senkos and jerk baits. The best reports came from anglers fishing the early morning hours. Night fishing was fair using chicken liver, beef liver, night crawlers and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 70s to the low 80s.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 153 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs 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. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.

Quemado Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no reports on tiger musky.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 759 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 8.8 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using liver, hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Closed.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow for all species but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using beef liver and night crawlers. 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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was good using chicken liver, worms and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was good using shrimp, worms and chicken liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

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

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

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was good using homemade dough baits and blood baits for channel catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 103 cfs. Fishing was fair using night crawlers and chicken liver 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 8.9 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair using chicken liver, cut bait, night crawlers and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, grubs top water lures and crankbaits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 70s.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair to good using square billed crank baits, jerk baits and top water lures for largemouth bass and a few smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using minnows for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using minnows for walleye. Fishing was slow to fair using liver, cut bait, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish.

Crews stocked 159,189 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER

(Above El Vado), CLAYTON LAKE, EAGLE NEST LAKE, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JEMEZ RIVER, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO, MANZANO LAKE, LOS PINOS RIVER, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), QUEMADO LAKE, RED RIVER (Above and Below Questa), RED RIVER CITY PONDS, SAN JUAN RIVER (Quality Waters), SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND and STORRIE RESERVOIR.