

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: Brook Chick, 14 of Belen, caught a 20-inch channel catfish Sept. 13. She was using a worm.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fernando Aguilar of Alamogordo, caught a 10-pound channel catfish Sept. 13. He was fishing for trout and using Power Bait.

Ute Lake: Richard Belieu of Border, TX, caught a 4.37-pound smallmouth bass Sept. 13.

The following came in late but we felt it was definitely worth mentioning:

Jal Lake: Rick Miller of Jal, caught and released an 11-pound channel catfish Sept. 4. He was using blood 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.

September 15, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was slow for all species.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday below Eagle Nest was 26 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan worms, small copper John Barrs, elk hair caddis, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair to good using worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing was excellent using worms and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing was fair to good using top water lures, tubes, senkos, grubs, sweet beavers and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Anglers reported good luck fishing rocky areas in 10 to 15 feet of water. Fishing was fair using

spoons and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using liver, shrimp, 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 to good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. Fishing at the Coyote Creek Pond was very good using worms 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: Conditions were about the same as last week with fair fishing for perch and slow to fair for trout. Best baits for perch were worms and small jigs while the trout that were caught were taken on 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 and worms for trout.

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

Lake Alice: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait, wooly buggers and parachute Adams for trout. Best reports have come from anglers fishing the early morning and evening hours.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Morphy Lake: Trout fishing was slow.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 66 cfs. Trout fishing was good using San Juan worms, chamois leeches, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms. Torin and Griffin Wertz of Albuquerque had a great time fishing here last week. The trip was highlighted by an 18-inch rainbow trout caught by Torin. He was using a San Juan worm. Fishing for catfish was fair to good using liver and worms.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 43 cfs. Fishing was good using poundmeisters, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 62 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 266 cfs. Fishing was good using wooly buggers, spinners, small jerk baits, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using large streamers for northern pike. Fishing was fair to good using streamers and spinners for smallmouth bass.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 21 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 8.4 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Barbara: Fishing was fair using elk hair caddis and brassies for trout.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing was very good using Pistol Petes, PowerBait, salmon eggs, marshmallows and worms for trout. Anglers did well from boats and from the bank. We had no reports on other species.

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

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, corn and salmon egg combinations 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 worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair to good using slab spoons and blade baits for white bass. Fishing was very good using chicken liver and stink bait in shallow water for catfish. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was rated as slow to good depending on who you talked to. Some anglers did well using top water lures, tubes and chigger craws. 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 good using crank baits, jerk baits, zonkers and night crawlers for smallmouth bass. Michael Giudicissi and his son Samuel of Albuquerque did very well here Sunday. They caught and released 14 smallmouth and lost 4 others. They were using square billed crank baits and night crawlers. Five of the fish released were in the 2-pound class. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 184 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was fair using shrimp flavored hot dogs (homemade mixture) and liver for catfish including one that measured 34 inches and weighed 16.5 pounds. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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 969 cfs and 570 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using Blue Fox spinners, gold Patterns, wooly buggers, PowerBait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Heron Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few rainbows caught by anglers using spinners. The lake level continues to drop but there is still plenty of water for launching boats.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 16 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair to good using worms, salmon eggs and hoppers for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla above and below Fenton Lake was good using stimulators, San Juan worms, meal worms and earth worms for trout. Fishing on the Rio Guadalupe 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: Roberto Archuleta and his grandkids Isaiah, Bella and Ari, of Espanola, had a great time here last week. They all caught their limits of trout while using a variety of Pistol Petes under a bobber. Several trout were also caught by anglers using PowerBait, Fisher Chick spinners and salmon eggs.

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 fair using top water lures, grubs, baby brush hogs, sweet beavers, tubes and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for northern pike was slow. We had no reports on other species.

San Gregorio: Fishing was slow. A group of scouts camped up here over the weekend and did not catch one fish.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 616 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan worms, Griffith's gnats, RS2s, parachute Adams, olive foam wing emergers, small pheasant tails and midge clusters through the Quality Water area. Fishing through the bait waters was good using salmon eggs, 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 fair using hot dogs, liver, homemade dough bait and 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: Fishing was fair using liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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 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 fair using white and chrome crank baits, 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, sweet beavers, senkos and jerk baits. Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, shrimp, night crawlers and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the mid to high 70s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair to good using beef liver, shrimp, night crawlers and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow but we had one nice 18-inch largemouth bass reported. It was caught by Jorge Delgado and he was using worms.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 124 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 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 fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports on tiger musky.

Rio Grande: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 683 cfs. Fishing was fair using beef liver and shrimp for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was fair to good using cheese balls, chicken liver, beef liver and worms 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 26 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using liver, homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for trout was slow. 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, shrimp and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using worms, PowerBait 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 to excellent using shrimp, worms and chicken liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was very good using hot dogs, homemade dough baits, liver and night crawlers for catfish.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, elk hair caddis and parachute Adams for trout. Fishing was good using beef liver and worms for catfish. 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, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was fair to 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 100 cfs. Fishing was fair using night crawlers and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 8.4 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. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 70s.

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

Crews stocked 17,406 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: CHAMA RIVER (Above El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER, CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COSTILLA RIVER, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, FISH ED. POND (Albuquerque), GLENWOOD POND, LOS PINOS RIVER, RED RIVER (Above Questa), RED RIVER CITY PONDS, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters), and SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR.

In addition, crews stocked 2,983 channel catfish in the following waters: ALTO LAKES, ALUMNI POND, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONOCO POND, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, DENIS CHAVES POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, LAKE VAN, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERCH LAKE and YOUNG POND.