

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:

Chama River: Juliet Gerado, 9, of Albuquerque, caught a 17-inch brown trout Oct. 11. She was fishing below El Vado Lake and using a night crawler.

Eagle Nest Lake: Randy Lobb of Rio Rancho, caught a 27-pound, 38-inch northern pike Oct.10. He was using a #10 salmon egg hook with worms and fishing for perch.

Fenton Lake: Caterina Wingfield, 14, of Las Cruces, caught a 19.5-inch rainbow trout Oct.10. She was using salmon peach PowerBait just off the bottom.

Rio Grande: David Burger of Santa Fe, caught and released a 30-inch, 7.7-pound, northern pike and two smaller fish. He was fishing just south of the Taos Junction Bridge and using a Panther Martin. Fred Vigil of Pojoaque caught a 30-inch and a 15-inch northern pike Oct. 12. He was using a spinner.

Ute Lake: Richard Beilue of Border, TX, caught and released a 4.76-pound largemouth bass Oct. 11. He was using a top water lure.

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

Fenton Lake: Gabrielle Montano, 6, of Albuquerque, caught a 19.5-inch rainbow trout Oct. 4. She was using worms.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday below Eagle Nest was 8.9 cfs. Fishing was fair using copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using wooly buggers and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using drop shot rigs, tubes and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using spoons and blade baits for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using liver, shrimp and stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was slow.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing was very good using worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Eagle Nest Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good trolling and fishing from the bank. Anglers did well using PowerBait, Platte River specials and Panther Martins tipped with corn. Fishing was fair to good using worms for perch. There was no snagging action for kokanee but it could turn on any day. Fishing for northern pike was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using spinners and worms.

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

Hopewell Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and worms for trout.

Lake Alice: Fishing was fair using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was very good using PowerBait for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using Pistol Petes and wooly buggers.

Los Pinos: Fishing was fair to good using spinners, salmon eggs, copper John Barrs and wooly buggers for trout.

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

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

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 48 cfs. Trout fishing was good using prince nymphs, wooly buggers, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms. We had no reports on catfish.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 11 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 262 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, poundmeisters, copper John Barrs, spinners, PowerBait, salmon eggs and night crawlers for trout. Fishing was good using streamers and Panther Martins for northern pike. Most of the pike action was near the John Dunn Bridge. We had no reports on bass.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 16 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 7.2 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing was slow to fair using Platte River specials, Fisher Chick spinners, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was fair using top water lures, tubes, creature baits and worms for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The best top water bite was in the morning hours. Fishing was fair to good using slab spoons and blade baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using jig and minnow and jig and night crawler combinations for walleye. The walleye were at depths of 35 to 38 feet. Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, night crawlers and blood baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid to high 60s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Kokanee snagging opens October 1 and runs through December 31. Fishing was fair using worms, tubes, curly tail grubs, and night crawlers for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 336 cfs. Fishing was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow for all species but the trout action should pick up as the lake received a good stocking this past week.

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

Canjilon Lakes: Closed by the U.S. Forest Service until further notice due to danger from fallen trees.

Chama River: Kokanee snagging opened October 1 and runs through December 31 on that section of river from El Vado Lake to the west boundary of the Chama River Wildlife and Fishing Area. We had no reports of kokanee snagging this week. Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 507 cfs and 161 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using spinners, wooly buggers, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, creature baits, top water lures and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Anglers fishing for bass

reported catching several northern pike and catfish. The water was murky and the surface temp was in the mid to high 60s.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. We had no reports of kokanee snagging activity.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Tim Wingfield and his daughters, Caterina 14 and Gwen 12 of Las Cruces, had a great time catching limits of trout over the weekend. They were using salmon peach PowerBait.

Heron Lake: Closed to kokanee snagging here and at Willow Creek until November 14. No kokanee may be in possession at either location during the closure. Fishing in the Piedra Cove area was fair using corn and PowerBait for trout. The La Laja boat ramp has closed due to low water conditions but the primitive ramp remains open. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 19 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was fair using worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs 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 and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Kokanee snagging opened October 1 and runs through December 31. The Pine Main boat ramp and the surrounding no wake zone will be closed to anglers during the month of October to allow the Department of Game and Fish to harvest kokanee eggs and sperm. This closed area will reopen to anglers November 1. Snagging was very good for anglers working near the dam as several limits were reported. Fishing was fair using creature baits, grubs, tubes, and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

San Gregorio: Fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 562 cfs. Fishing through the Quality Water section was good using Griffith's gnats, WD40s, root beers, RS2s, zebra midges, small pheasant tails and wooly buggers. The dry fly action has been a bit sporadic. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using salmon eggs, worms, jerk baits, wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms.

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

Tingley Beach: Fishing the Central Pond was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and wooly buggers for trout. We had no reports on other species or from the other Ponds.

Trout Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

Caballo Lake: The water was quite murky and fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, blade baits and spoons for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, top water lures, plastic worms, sweet beavers and tubes for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

Fishing was fair using shrimp, liver and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the low to mid 70s.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 105 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Percha Dam: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was .00 cfs. We had no reports from anglers in this area or below Caballo.

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

Young Pond: Fishing continued to be slow this past week for all species.

Southeast

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 22 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Closed until further notice by the city of Alamogordo due to fire damage.

Bosque Redondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bottomless Lakes: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Brantley Lake: Anglers should practice catch-and-release for all fish here as high levels of pesticides were found in some fish. Fishing was good using plastic worms, tubes, crank baits and senkos for largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and spinners for white 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 for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and worms for catfish.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, worms, garlic cheese and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow for all species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was slow and fishing pressure was very light.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 91cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair using beef liver, live worms and small plastic worms 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 worms, tubes, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using deep diving crank baits and spoons for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using top water lures, tubes and plastic worms for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 62,636 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, ANIMAS RIVER, AZTEC POND #1, BLUEWATER RESERVOIR, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), EAGLE ROCK LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, MONASTERY LAKE, NAVAJO RESERVOIR, PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RUIDOSO RIVER and SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters).

In addition, crews stocked 6,331 Gila trout in WILLOW CREEK and 13,486 Rio Grande cutthroat trout in the following waters: HIDDEN LAKE (aka Lake Hazel), HORSESHOE LAKE, LOST LAKE, LOWER TRAMPAS (aka Lake Ruth), MIDDLE FORK LAKE and UPPER TRAMPAS (aka Lake Alice).