

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:

Brantley Reservoir: Darrell Carr of Ruidoso, caught and released over 30 largemouth bass October 13. He was fishing from the bank and using a variety of lures including flukes, 5-inch swim baits, football jigs and Rick Clunn crank baits.

Lake Maloya: Mr. Mares of Raton, caught a 30-inch rainbow trout Oct. 15. Dion Jojola of Raton, caught a 20-inch rainbow trout Oct. 18. He was using a Pistol Pete.

Ute Lake: Ben Hansen of Logan, caught a 4.22-pound walleye Oct. 14. He was using a blade bait.

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

Alumni Pond: Chad Lozano of Las Cruces, caught a 22-inch channel catfish. He was using hot dogs dipped in stink bait.

Navajo Lake: Andrew Orlicky of Albuquerque caught a 28-inch, a 25-inch and an 18-inch channel catfish October 12. He was fishing near the snagging area and using roe sacs.

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 salmon eggs and worms for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using top water lures, drop shot rigs, tubes and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using spoons and blade baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 60s.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was slow.

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good trolling with light tackle and fishing from the bank. Anglers did well using PowerBait, Platte River specials, Panther Martins and Pistol Petes. Fishing was fair to good using worms for perch. There was no snagging action reported. Fishing for northern pike was slow with a few reports of anglers breaking off big fish.

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: Kerry Medina of Raton reported great success here last Wednesday and Thursday evenings using Pistol Petes and Joe's flies. Kerry caught and released seven rainbows in an hour the first night and six in 45 minutes the next.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers for trout up to 30 inches in length. This past week, Friends of Sugarite stocked 100 rainbow trout that averaged 17 inches in length.

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 fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 42 cfs. Trout fishing was good using egg patterns, copper John Barrs, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms. We had no reports on catfish.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 42 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using San Juan worms, spinners, PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 12 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 271 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, poundmeisters, spinners, PowerBait, salmon eggs and night crawlers for trout. Fishing was fair using streamers and Panther Martins for northern pike. 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 8 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, 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 and fishing pressure was light.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, night crawlers and blood baits for catfish. Fishing for white bass was sporadic with just a few caught by anglers who could find schooling fish. They were using spoons and blade baits. Fishing was slow to fair using blade baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light. 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 opened October 1 and runs through December 31. Fishing from the bank was slow to fair using night crawlers for walleye and rainbow trout. Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair using tubes, jigs, curly tail grubs and night crawlers. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 332 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing on the Albuquerque Drain was slow to fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports from the other drains or on other species.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was very good using yellow and salmon peach PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing for catfish was slow but a few were caught by anglers using beef liver and hot dogs. We had no reports on tiger musky.

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 211 cfs and 270 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using spinners, wooly buggers, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair to good using wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and worms.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using creature baits, jigs, worms and spinner baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The water was murky and the surface temp was in the mid 60s.

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

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

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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs, PowerBait and marshmallows for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow near Jemez on Monday morning was 20 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was good using worms, salmon eggs, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs and egg patterns for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla was slow to fair using worms, salmon eggs and copper John Barrs. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 continued to be very good for anglers working near the dam. Fishing with roe sacs near the snagging areas was good for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using creature baits, grubs, tubes, and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using jerk baits and spinner baits for northern pike. 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 428 cfs. Fishing through the Quality Water section was very good using parachute Adams, Griffith's gnats, WD40s, foam wing emergers, RS2s, zebra midges and comparaduns. The dry fly action picked up with hatches coming off at several times during the day. Fishing through the bait waters was good using salmon eggs, worms, jerk baits, assorted dry flies, 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 egg marshmallow combinations and worms 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 but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using hot dogs dipped in stink bait.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, garlic cheese and marshmallows for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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 was light.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 104 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 fair using PowerBait, marshmallows, 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 fair to good using Pistol Petes, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

Bataan Lake: Fishing was good using beef liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 11 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was slow for all species.

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 excellent from boats and from the bank using tubes, flukes, worms, crank baits and jigs for largemouth bass. Fishing near the dam was good using beef liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using crank baits 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: Fishing was slow to fair using worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, garlic cheese, marshmallows 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. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and stink bait 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 6.1 cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

Santa Rosa Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, jigs and plastic worms for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 17,054 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), COSTILLA RIVER, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, QUEMADO LAKE, RED RIVER (Above and Below Questa), RIO GRANDE (Pilar to Cochiti Lake) and SNOW LAKE.

In addition, crews stocked 67,139 Rio Grande cutthroat trout fingerlings in the following waters: CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Below El Vado), GUADALUPE RIVER, JEMEZ RIVER EAST FORK, RIO LAS VACAS and SAN ANTONIO RIVER.