

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:

Green Meadow Lake: Kevin Ortiz of Hobbs, caught and released a 4-pound 3-ounce largemouth bass Nov. 11. He was using an orange spinner.

Navajo Lake: Dalton King and his son, E.J., from Aztec caught and released six northern pike Nov. 14. The biggest fish were a 38-inch pike for Dalton while E.J.'s big fish was about 36 inches. They were using swim baits.

Tingley Beach: Gabriel Vigil of Albuquerque, caught and released a 21-inch golden rainbow trout and a 20-inch rainbow trout Nov. 11. He was fishing the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond and using a Pistol Pete.

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

Monastery Lake: Josiah Roybal, 3, of Pecos, caught a 20-inch rainbow trout and a 19-inch rainbow trout Nov. 9. He was using white PowerBait.

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: Closed for the season.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 4.4 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using creature baits and drop shot rigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using slab spoons and blade baits for white bass and walleye. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 50s.

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

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

Eagle Rock Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eagle Nest Lake: Trout fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs. Kokanee snagging was slow but there were a few taken by anglers working near the boat ramp. The boat docks have been removed for the winter. We had no reports on perch or northern pike.

Gallinas River: Trout fishing was slow.

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

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using spoons, Pistol Petes, spinners and PowerBait for trout. Fishing pressure was light.

Los Pinos: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and worms for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Closed for the season.

Monastery Lake: Fishing was fair to good using white and salmon peach PowerBait for trout.

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 51 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using egg patterns, salmon eggs and San Juan worms. We had no reports on catfish. The fall fishing season on the Pecos National Historical Park waters closed Nov. 16.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 51 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using copper John Barrs, PowerBait, red worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 1.6 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week. Put this one on your list for great spring fishing.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 602 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species. There were a few trout caught by anglers using worms and weighted wooly buggers.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 14 cfs. Trout fishing was slow to fair using egg patterns and copper John Barrs.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 16 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Santa Cruz Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair to good using salmon peach PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was fair to good using jigging spoons and blade baits at 38 to 40 feet for walleye. Fishing for all other species was slow. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 50s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Kokanee snagging opened October 1 and runs through December 31. There have been no signs of kokanee for snagging. Fishing was slow to fair using senkos and tubes for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 50s.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 374 cfs. Trout fishing was fair for anglers using San Juan worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing was good using worms and PowerBait for trout. Anglers reported good success in the south Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque Drain and the Peralta Drain. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, worms, Pistol Petes under a bubble and salmon eggs for trout. Several limits were reported. Fishing for tiger muskie and catfish was slow.

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 Dec. 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 successful kokanee snagging this week. Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 501 cfs and 622 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using jigs, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu slowed with the high water release.

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

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. There were no signs of kokanee porpoising.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes, gold spoons and wooly buggers for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using PowerBait. Anglers having the best luck were fishing from boats.

Heron Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and roe sacs for rainbow trout. The kokanee snagging season opened with moderate success. The best action was reported by anglers snagging near the dam. We had no reports on other species.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was fair using silver and gold spoons, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 27 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair to good using worms, salmon eggs and copper John Barrs for trout. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Closed for the season.

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 to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and gold spoons. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Kokanee snagging opened Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 31. The north side of the Pine Main boat ramp and the surrounding no wake zone has reopened to anglers. Snagging in this area and near the dam slowed considerably from the previous week. Fishing was fair to good using swim baits for northern pike. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, worms and tubes for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using roe sacs and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 50s.

San Gregorio: Fishing was slow.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 371 cfs. Fishing through the Quality Water section was good using RS2s, crystal flash, root beers, San Juan worms and olive and tan leech patterns. Fishing through the bait waters was fair using salmon eggs, PowerBait, spinners, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms.

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

Tingley Beach: Trout fishing the Central Pond and Youth Pond was very good using garlic cheese, garlic and salmon peach PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was good using Pistol Petes and small leech patterns.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was very good using worms and an assortment of flies for trout. Anglers using worms also caught a few crappie. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using worms.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was good using spoons, Pistol Petes, PowerBait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair to good using spoons for white bass.

Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, drop shot rigs, tubes and creature baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes under a bubble for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 201 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 and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 0 cfs. We had no reports from anglers in this area or below Caballo.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was good using worms, small jerk baits and Little George spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

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

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 20 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species. There were a few catfish caught by anglers using worms. Fishing pressure was very light.

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 fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Bottomless Lakes: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout. Anglers did well fishing at Devil's Inkwell and Pasture Lake.

Brantley Lake: Anglers should practice catch-and-release for all fish here as high levels of pesticides were found in some fish. Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, creature baits, spoons and jigs for largemouth bass. Anglers seem to do best on the warmer days. We had no reports on other species.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using worms and PowerBait for trout.

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. Gilbert Lujan reported that he and his wife, Linda, caught limits of trout in an hour and a half on Nov.14. They were using salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species.

Jal Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Van: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs, spoons and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 8.5 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait for trout.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 9.7 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs for trout.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair to good using craws and tubes for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using spoons and crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 79,380 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:
ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BLUEWATER LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, CORRALES DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), JACKSON LAKE, LAKE ALICE, LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), STORRIE LAKE and YOUNG POND.