

## 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:

**Tingley Beach:** Steve Roybal of Albuquerque caught a 20-inch rainbow trout Nov. 17. He was fishing the Central Pond and using chunky chartreuse 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](mailto: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.

### November 24, 2015

#### Northeast

**Charette Lakes:** Closed for the season.

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 10 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass slowed this past week but there were a few caught by anglers using jigs and jigging spoons. Anglers using jigging spoons also reported catching a few walleye and white bass. The surface water temp was in the low to 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, roe sacs and salmon eggs. Kokanee snagging was slow again this past week with just a few snagged 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing was good using spoons, spinners and PowerBait for trout. Fishing pressure was light.

**Los Pinos:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** Closed for the season.

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing was good using white and salmon peach PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

**Morphy Lake:** Closed for the season.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow on Monday was 41 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and San Juan worms. We had no reports on catfish.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 48 cfs. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

**Rio Costilla:** Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 16 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 617 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow on Monday was 14 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Penasco was 20 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 good using salmon peach PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species. Angelico Chavez reported great fishing here last week with anglers catching limits of trout in less than an hour. Best baits were yellow and salmon peach PowerBait.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing was fair to good for some anglers using slab spoons at 38 to 44 feet for walleye. Fishing was fair using slab spoons and blade baits for white bass. Fishing for all other species was slow. The surface water temp was in the low 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 pressure was light and fishing was slow for all species.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 334 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Trout fishing reports were good again this past week from the south Albuquerque Drain and Albuquerque Drain. Anglers did well using worms, PowerBait and San Juan worms. Trout fishing on the Peralta Drain and Belen Drain was reported as good using worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**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 805 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was very good using jigs, spoons, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. Ralph Valenzuela, from Nambe, reported awesome trout fishing below Abiquiu on Nov. 19. He was using salmon eggs and yellow Panther Martin spinners. Higher flows since then have slowed fishing considerably.

**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 this past week.

**Fenton Lake:** Trout fishing over the weekend was slow on Saturday and good on Sunday. Anglers fishing Sunday caught limits of trout. They were using a variety of PowerBait. About two thirds of the lake was covered with a thin layer of ice.

**Heron Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and roe sacs for rainbow trout. Kokanee snagging was good near the dam. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Jemez Waters:** Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 32 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using 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 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 and fishing were reported as slow with just a few salmon snagged and a few carp caught by anglers using corn. The kokanee were very soft. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 50s.

**San Gregorio:** Fishing was slow.

**San Juan:** Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 423 cfs. The bump in flows from the previous week did not seem to affect the fishing as anglers reported good success in the Quality Waters and the bait waters. Anglers did well using RS2s, red larva, gray and chocolate emergers, root beers and San Juan worms through the Quality Water section and PowerBait, San Juan worms, small spoons, copper John Barrs and wooly buggers through the bait waters.

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

## **Southwest**

**Alumni Pond:** Fishing was fair to good using worms, wooly worms, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait. We had no reports on other species.

**Bear Canyon:** Fishing was fair to good using spoons, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

**Bill Evans Lake:** Fishing was good using wooly buggers, corn, worms, 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 using spoons for white bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using drop shot rigs. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 251 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Glenwood Pond:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Lake Roberts:** The lake has been stocked with trout and should provide some good late fall and early winter trout fishing. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Percha Dam:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Quemado Lake:** Fishing was slow but there were a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait.

**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 very good using worms, PowerBait, and small spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

## **Southeast**

**Alto Lake:** Stephanie Snedden reported good trout fishing here Nov. 19. She was using a Pistol Pete renegade under a bubble. Anglers also reported success using gold spoons and PowerBait.

**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. Fishing pressure was very light.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

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

**Bosque Redondo:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Bottomless Lakes:** Trout fishing at Devil's Inkwell and Pasture Lake was good using PowerBait.

**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:** Fishing was fair to good using corn, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was good using salmon eggs and PowerBait 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 PowerBait, salmon eggs, spoons and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Oasis Park Lake:** Trout fishing was good using PowerBait, corn, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on other species.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 9.6 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Perch Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout. A few trout were also taken by anglers using Pistol Petes under a bubble. We had no reports on other species.

**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 slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing was fair using craws, tubes and jigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 36,742 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALTO LAKE, ALUMNI POND, BATAAN LAKE, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Above and Below El Vado), CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, DENNIS CHAVES POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa),

EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, HERON RESERVOIR, JAL LAKE, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, MONASTERY LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Lake Sumner to Roswell and Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), ROSWELL KIDS POND and YOUNG POND.