

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:

Albuquerque Drain: Andrew Orlicky of Albuquerque caught a 4-pound rainbow trout Nov. 25. He was fishing below Montano Rd. and using a spinner.

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.

December 1, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Closed for the season.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 9.3 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was slow for all species and fishing pressure was very light due to bad weather conditions.

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 to good using salmon peach PowerBait. Kokanee snagging was slow with a few snagged by anglers working near the boat ramp and a few more near the Honey Hole. 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: Over the weekend there was a thin layer of ice on the lake and it was unsafe.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, Joe's flies and Colorado spoons for trout. Fishing pressure was light. The fishing pier and courtesy dock have been removed for the season.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Closed for the season.

Monastery Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 42 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 53 cfs. Fishing was fair using copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 18 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 671 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 12 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 PowerBait, corn and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Wind, snow, rain and ice kept most anglers off the lake this past week. Those who did brave the weather managed to catch a few walleye and white bass. They were using jigging spoons in 35 to 45 feet of water. 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 remained light and fishing was slow for all species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 297 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, San Juan worms and spinners for trout.

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, spinners, salmon eggs and San Juan worms. Trout fishing on the Corrales Drain was good using worms, salmon eggs, parachute Adams and small midge patterns for trout. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout. A few tiger musky were caught and released by anglers using large spoons. 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 798 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using jigs, spoons, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. Ralph Valenzuela, from Nambe, had another good day trout fishing below Abiquiu this past week. He was fishing near the second picnic area and using salmon eggs and spinners.

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

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

Fenton Lake: Trout fishing was good using Tennessee shad, green PowerBait, corn and salmon eggs.

Heron Lake: Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, worms and roe sacs for rainbow trout. Kokanee snagging was fair near the dam and the La Laja boat ramp. We had no reports on other species.

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

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 32 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair to good using salmon eggs, worms, San Juan worms 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 Kastmasters, marshmallows, salmon peach 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. Fishing was slow for all species with just a few trout and northern pike caught this past week. The trout were caught by anglers using Kastmasters and PowerBait. Best lures for the pike were swim baits. It appears that the snagging is over for this year.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 331 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using red larva, gray and chocolate emergers, BWOs, zebra midges, jujus and comparaduns. Anglers fishing the bait waters did well using San Juan worms, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and small spoons.

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 and salmon peach PowerBait, salmon eggs, gold spoons and emerald shiner fly patterns. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was good using small leech patterns and small streamers.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was good using worms, spoons, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms, PowerBait, Pistol Petes and gold spoons 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 and blade baits for white bass. Anglers using spoons also picked up a few walleye and an occasional largemouth bass. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 392 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Percha Dam: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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 fair using worms, marshmallows and Kastmasters for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes, spoons and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 19 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, PowerBait and marshmallows for trout.

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

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, PowerBait, Kastmasters and small jigs for trout. We had no reports on other 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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

El Rito Creek: Fishing was very good using worms, PowerBait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was good using corn, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair using spoons, spinners 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 and Pistol Petes. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 11 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 32 cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing continued to be slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

Crews stocked 51,139 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BATAAN LAKE, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below El Vado), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), HERON RESERVOIR, JACKSON LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE MALOYA, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), ROSWELL KIDS POND, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters), TIGER PARK POND (Aztec) and YOUNG POND.