

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:

Cochiti Lake: Hunter Doerwald of Santa Fe caught and released a 33-inch northern pike Dec. 4. He was fly fishing and using a chartreuse streamer.

Tingley Beach: Ron Berlind of Albuquerque, caught and released a 23-inch rainbow trout Dec. 1. He was fishing the Central Pond and using a leech pattern. Derrik Herrera of Belen, caught and released a big rainbow, Dec. 3. He was fishing the Bob Gerding Catch and release pond and using a size 20 black zebra midge. Richard Garcia of Albuquerque, caught a 5-pound, 23-inch rainbow trout Dec. 7. He was fishing the Central Pond and using a chamois leech.

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 22 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using slab spoons for white bass and an occasional walleye. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temperature ranged from the high 40s to the low 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: A thin layer of ice covered the majority of the lake and there was no fishing or snagging activity.

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

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

Lake Alice: As of this past Sunday, there was a thin layer of ice covering most of the lake and it was unsafe. Some open water was reported near the dam but we had no reports from anglers.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, Joe's flies and Colorado spoons for trout. Fishing pressure was very 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 33 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using salmon eggs and San Juan worms.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 43 cfs. Fishing was fair using copper John Barrs, small spoons and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow on Monday near Costilla was 7.7 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 544 cfs. Fishing for northern pike was slow but there were a few hooked by anglers using large streamers. Fishing was slow to fair using wooly buggers, copper John Barrs and garlic PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 27 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing was fair using spoons, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Storrie Lake: Trout fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was light.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing on the good weather days was very good using spoons and blade baits at 42 to 47 feet for white bass and walleye. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 40s.

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 315 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs, RS2s and spinners for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Belen Drain and Corrales Drain was good using worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, parachute Adams and small midge patterns. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: As of Monday morning there was a thin layer of ice on the lake that was unsafe for fishing.

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 782 cfs and 987 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using spoons, PowerBait and salmon eggs for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was extremely light.

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

Fenton Lake: The majority of the lake was iced over but there was one small opening where anglers did well using corn for trout.

Heron Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no salmon snagging reports.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was good using spinners, Pistol Petes, 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 25 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Laguna Del Campo: Closed for the season.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and marshmallows for trout. We had no reports on other species. **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, garlic PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. 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. Successful snagging appears to be over for the year. Fishing was slow to fair using swim baits and large streamers for northern pike. Fishing was fair using spoons and PowerBait for trout.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 322 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using red larva, chocolate emergers, rootbeers, RS2s and zebra midges. Anglers fishing the bait waters did well using San Juan worms, 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 again this past week. Anglers did well using garlic and salmon peach PowerBait, salmon eggs, gold and silver spoons and emerald shiner and leech pattern flies. 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 spoons and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, corn and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair to good using spoons and blade baits for white bass. A few were also caught by anglers using crank baits. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow with just a few caught by anglers using jigs, jigging spoons and crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair 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 221 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait 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 .46 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was fair to good using small silver spoons and 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 19 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs and small spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

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

Bottomless Lakes: Fishing was good using Kastmasters, Super Dupers, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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 fair using salmon peach and garlic PowerBait, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and marshmallows for trout.

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

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

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

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

Grindstone Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Oasis Park Lake: Trout fishing was good using green Pistol Petes, homemade dough bait and PowerBait. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 27 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 31 cfs. Trout fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs and copper John Barrs.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Crews stocked 129,563 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ALTO LAKE, ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BLUEWATER LAKE, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CORONA POND, DENNIS CHAVES POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), EUNICE LAKE, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, HERON RESERVOIR, JACKSON LAKE, JAL LAKE, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE ROBERTS, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Lake Sumner to Roswell), PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), RUIDOSO RIVER, TIGER PARK POND (Aztec) and YOUNG POND.