

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: David Kittle of Siloam Spring, Arkansas caught a 22-inch rainbow trout Dec. 10. He was fishing the Central Pond and using a chartreuse micro jig on 6x fluorocarbon tippet.

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

Bear Canyon Lake: Max Price, 5, of Las Cruces, caught his very first fish Dec. 5. It was a rainbow trout and he was using a chartreuse trout worm.

Bluewater Lake: Jayden Chavez of Grants caught a 22-inch rainbow trout Dec. 6. He was using 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 9 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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: There was a layer of thin ice on much of the lake which was unsafe for ice fishing. However, there was some open water for bank fishing. We had no reports from anglers.

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: Bank fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes and salmon peach PowerBait. The fishing pier and courtesy dock have been removed for the season. Fishing pressure was very light.

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 31 cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area was good using salmon eggs.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 46 cfs. Fishing was fair using small spoons and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Costilla: 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 695 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using spinners for brown 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 14 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was 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 this past week was good using jigging spoons and blade baits at 42 to 48 feet for white bass and walleye. Action slowed over the weekend. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 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 293 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs and spinners for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque Drain (south) and Corrales Drain was good using worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, small streamers and San Juan worms. 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 1,160 cfs and 1,190 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Fenton Lake: Closed to fishing due to thin ice covering the entire lake.

Heron Lake: We had no reports of kokanee snagging but bank fishing was good using corn, salmon eggs, roe sacs and PowerBait near the dam for rainbow trout.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, salmon peach 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 24 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair to good using salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

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 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. Fishing was fair using swim baits and large streamers for northern pike. Fishing was fair using spoons and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the high 40s.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 318 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using WD40s, disco midges, zebra midges, Griffith's gnats and San Juan worms. There were some good midge hatches coming off this past week. Anglers fishing the bait waters did well using San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, salmon eggs and small spoons.

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

Tingley Beach: Trout fishing at the Central Pond and Youth Pond was good this past week. Anglers did well using salmon peach PowerBait, salmon eggs, gold spoons and small jigs. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was fair to 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. We had no reports on other species.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was good using salmon peach and garlic 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 193 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

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 3.7 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs 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: Fishing was fair using small spoons and Pistol Petes for trout.

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bottomless Lakes: Fishing was fair to good using Kastmasters, 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 very good using PowerBait, Pistol Petes, Kastmasters and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was fair using garlic PowerBait, marshmallow salmon egg combinations 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 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 29 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 32 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair to good using jigging spoons deep for white bass and walleye. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light.

Crews stocked 27,124 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BATAAN LAKE, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BLUEWATER LAKE, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, JACKSON LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE ROBERTS, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), ROSWELL KIDS POND and YOUNG POND.