

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:

Navajo Lake: E J King of Aztec, caught and released two northern pike in the 35-inch class Dec. 19. He was using a swim bait.

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 22, 2015

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Closed for the season.

Cimarron River: Stream flow on Monday near Cimarron was 9.9 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

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: As of Sunday the lake was completely covered with a thin layer of ice and closed to fishing.

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

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

Lake Alice: There is a thin layer of ice covering the lake at this time and it is closed to fishing.

Lake Maloya: The majority of the lake is covered with a thin layer of ice. The areas open to bank fishing are near the boat ramp and the dam. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 37 cfs. Trout fishing in the Villanueva area was fair to good using salmon eggs and copper John Barrs.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 48 cfs. Fishing was fair using copper John Barrs, poundmeisters and salmon eggs.

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 565 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using spoons and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow on Monday was 9.7 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 11 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: A thin layer of ice covered the lake this past week which was unsafe for fishing. Winds on Monday broke up the ice but we had no reports from anglers.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was slow and fishing pressure was light. There were a few white bass caught over the weekend by anglers using jigging spoons in 35 to 45 feet of water. The surface water temp was in the mid 40s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing pressure remained light and fishing was slow for all species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 282 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs and small spoons for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain and Peralta Drain was good using worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, wax worms and small streamers. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: There was a thin layer of ice covering the entire lake that was deemed unsafe for fishing. For updated conditions, contact the State Park office at (505)-876-2391.

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 1,120 cfs and 1,330 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using spinners, wooly buggers and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports from below El Vado.

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: Bank fishing was fair to good using corn, salmon eggs, Gulp eggs, roe sacs and PowerBait near the dam for rainbow trout.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was fair using 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 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, Gulp eggs and salmon eggs 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Navajo Lake: Kokanee snagging opened Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 31. Fishing was slow to fair using swim baits and large streamers for northern pike. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 40s.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 306 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using WD40s, disco midges, Griffith's gnats, parachute Adams, BWOs and San Juan worms. There were some good midge hatches and BWO hatches coming off this past week. The best action was from late morning through midafternoon. Anglers fishing the bait waters did well using San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, Gulp egg, small spoons and salmon eggs for trout.

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 PowerBait, salmon eggs, 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, PowerBait, 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 158 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using salmon eggs for trout.

Lake Roberts: Fishing was good using 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: A thin layer of ice covered the lake and there is no fishing at this time.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was .1 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs and small jigs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was very good using garlic scented salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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: 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.** Fishing was slow to fair using jigs and spoons for white bass and largemouth bass. Fishing pressure was light.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, Gulp eggs, small trout worms, gold spoons and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Chaparral Park Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, wax worms, and PowerBait for trout.

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

Green Meadow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Oasis Park Lake: Trout fishing was very good using small spoons, small crank baits and homemade dough bait. Several limits of trout were reported. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 32 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Sumner Lake: Fishing pressure was extremely light and we had no reports from anglers this week.

Crews stocked 22,332 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALTO LAKE, ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GLENWOOD POND, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE MALOYA, LAKE ROBERTS, PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo and Pilar to Cochiti Lake), RUIDOSO RIVER, TIGER PARK POND (Aztec) and YOUNG POND.