

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:

The following came in late but we felt it was definitely worth mentioning:

Tingley Beach: Gage Johnson, 4, of Los Lunas, caught his limit of trout on Dec. 18. He was fishing the Youth Pond and using night crawlers.

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 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. For updated conditions, contact the State Park office at 575-377-1594.

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

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

Lake Alice: Closed to ice fishing due to thin ice conditions

Lake Maloya: Closed to ice fishing due to thin ice conditions. For further updates contact the State Park office at 575-445-5607.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Closed for the season.

Monastery Lake: Closed due to ice covering the lake. This lake is not open to Ice fishing.

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 32 cfs. Fishing in the Villanueva area was good using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 42 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 488 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using spoons, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Hondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: 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 on Monday morning and closed the lake to fishing. For ice condition updates, contact the State Park office at 505-425-7278.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. A few white bass were caught at 30 to 40 feet by anglers using jigging spoons. Fishing pressure was very light. The surface temp was in the low to 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 196 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, San Juan worms and small spoons for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque Drain South, Corrales Drain and Peralta Drain was good using worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, wax worms, Griffith's gnats 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: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 110 cfs and 141 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair to good using spoons, egg patterns, PowerBait salmon eggs 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 20 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, 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: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light. 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 282 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair to good using WD40s, zebra midges, pheasant tail nymphs, San Juan worms and callibaetis nymphs. The best action was from late morning through midafternoon. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using San Juan worms, Gulp eggs, 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 using night crawlers, homemade dough bait, salmon eggs, spoons and small jigs. We had no reports from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond or on other species.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was good using small spoons, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jigs and grubs for small white bass. There was one walleye caught by an angler using an orange crank bait in fairly shallow water. We had no other reports. Fishing pressure was very light.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using silver spoons, blade baits and grubs for white bass. The best reports came from anglers fishing from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers and stink bait for catfish. 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 303 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was fair to 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 1.1 cfs. Fishing was very good using salmon eggs 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, worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

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

Bataan Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 19 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 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: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, egg pattern flies and spoons 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, 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was good using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, corn 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 salmon eggs, worms and Kastmasters for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Trout fishing was good using small spoons, small crank baits and homemade dough bait. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 26 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 31 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 30,363 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BOSQUE REDONDO, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, DENIS CHAVES POND, EUNICE LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Lake Sumner to Roswell and Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), SAN JUAN RIVER (Quality Waters) and YOUNG POND.