

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:

Glenwood Pond: Gavin Gonzales, 5, of Bayard and Izrael Dominguez, 5, and Randy James Dominguez, 5, of North Hurley, caught limits of rainbow trout Dec. 30. They were using salmon peach 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 9.9 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: Closed to ice fishing at this time. 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: There is currently 9 to 12 inches of ice covering the lake and ice fishing has been reported as very good. Anglers are doing well using jigs, power eggs, salmon eggs and dough bait for trout up to 14 inches in length.

Lake Maloya: Closed to ice fishing due to thin ice conditions but conditions have been changing rapidly with the cold temps. For further updates contact the Sugarite 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 37 cfs. Fishing in the Villanueva area was fair to good using San Juan worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 34 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 464 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: As of Monday, there was a thin layer of ice covering the lake and it was closed 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: In spite of the weather, there were a few anglers out this past week. They picked up a few white bass and walleye using spoons at 35 to 40 feet. We had no reports on other species. The surface temp was in the low 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. As of this past weekend, there was some ice forming around the edges of the lake.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 282 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain and Albuquerque Drain South was fair using wax worms, power eggs and salmon eggs. On Sunday, Jan. 3, Joshua Garcia, Wayne Garcia and Jeff Martinez of Albuquerque, caught and released 5 largemouth bass. They were fishing the Albuquerque Drain and using night crawlers. We had no reports from the other drains or on other species.

Bluewater Lake: Closed to ice fishing at this time. 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 114 cfs and 70 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using wooly buggers and egg patterns for trout. We had no reports from below El Vado.

Cochiti Lake: As of Monday about 60% of the lake was covered with ice. We had no reports from anglers.

El Vado Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Fenton Lake: The lake is currently closed to ice fishing.

Heron Lake: There is a thin layer of ice covering the lake at this time and it is closed to fishing. For updated ice conditions, contact the State Park office at 575-588-7470.

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 18 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: 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 266 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using black and olive midge patterns, parachute Adams, pheasant tail nymphs, San Juan worms and callibaetis nymphs. The best action continued to be from late morning through midafternoon. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using midge emergers, 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. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was fair using small leech patterns and small streamers. Ice was forming on all of the ponds over the weekend.

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

Southwest

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

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

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spoons, blade baits and grubs for white bass. 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 and power eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 163 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs 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 0.0 cfs. Fishing was 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Southeast

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

Bataan Lake: Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 17 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was fair using Gulp eggs, egg pattern flies and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bottomless Lakes: As of this past Sunday, there were still some icy and slushy spots on the road into the park. We had no reports from anglers.

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 to good using 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: As of this past Sunday, there was a thin layer of ice covering the majority of the lake and we had no reports from anglers.

Greene Acres Lake: As of Monday morning, there was a layer of ice covering much of the lake. We had no reports from anglers.

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

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

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

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

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 30 cfs. Fishing was fair to 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: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

Crews stocked 34,697 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALUMNI POND, BATAAN LAKE, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, GLENWOOD POND, LAKE FARMINGTON, LAKE MALOYA, LAKE VAN, PERALTA DRAIN, RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), ROSWELL KIDS POND, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters and Quality Waters) and YOUNG POND.