

## 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.

**Anglers mark your Calendars! The New Mexico Outdoor Adventures Hunting and Fishing Show is coming to the Manual Lujan Building at Expo New Mexico February 19-21. Admission: \$3 for adults. Free admission to anyone holding a valid fishing, hunting or furbearer license and to youth under age 18. Don't miss it!**

### CATCHES OF THE WEEK:

**Pecos River:** The husband wife team of Naomi and Victor Gonzales of Loving, NM, caught two really nice largemouth bass Jan. 6. They were fishing the river near Loving and using buzz baits.

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](mailto: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.

**January 12, 2016**

### Northeast

**Charette Lakes:** Closed for the season.

**Cimarron River:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very 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 the Jan. 8, the lake has opened to ice fishing. The ice was 8 to 10 inches thick. For updated conditions, contact the State Park office at 575-377-1594. Fishing was good using wax worms, ice jigs and small spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**Lake Alice:** Ice fishing continued to be very good this past week. Anglers did doing well using jigs, power eggs, salmon eggs and dough bait for trout up to 14 inches in length.

**Lake Maloya:** As of Jan. 6, the lake has opened to ice fishing at your own risk. Fishing was good using ice jigs, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout. For further updates on ice conditions, 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 51 cfs. Fishing in the Villanueva area was fair using power eggs and salmon eggs for trout.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 33 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 501 cfs. Fishing was fair using spoons, Power Bait, wax worms and salmon eggs 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

## **Northwest**

**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing pressure remained light and fishing was slow for all species. About 20 percent of the lake was covered with ice as of this past Sunday.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 245 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain South, Belen Drain and the Peralta Drain was good using wax worms, power eggs and salmon eggs. Our only report on other species was from Wayne Garcia of Albuquerque who caught and released a nice largemouth bass caught on the Albuquerque Drain, Jan. 9. He was using night crawlers. We had no reports from the other drains.

**Bluewater Lake:** Remains closed to ice fishing as there were some open water areas as of this past Sunday. 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 68 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was good again this past week as anglers did well using Berkley power eggs, worms, wooly buggers and egg patterns for trout. We had no reports from below El Vado.

**Cochiti Lake:** As of Monday, the majority of the lake was covered with unsafe ice. We had no reports from anglers.

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

**Fenton Lake:** The south end of the lake opened to ice fishing Jan. 8. Fishing was very good using wax worms and small silver and blue Kastmasters for trout. As of Sunday, the ice at the south end was about 10 inches thick. There were still a few soft spots at the north end which remained closed.

**Heron Lake:** The ice thickness as of Monday was only about three inches and considered unsafe for 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 slow to fair 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 248 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair to good using red larva, small leech patterns, zebra midges and San Juan worms. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using San Juan worms, Gulp eggs 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 fair using night crawlers, wax worms, salmon eggs and small jigs. We had no reports on other species or from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond. As of this past Monday morning, there was a considerable amount of ice on the ponds.

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

## **Southwest**

**Alumni Pond:** Fishing was fair to good using marshmallows, corn and PowerBait for trout. Anglers using small crank baits, spoons and spinners found conditions a bit tougher.

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

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

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing pressure was extremely light. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using jigging spoons for white bass and an occasional largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

**Escondida Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 286 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

**Percha Dam:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Quemado Lake:** There is a layer of ice covering the lake but we have no report of its thickness and no reports from anglers.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 0.0 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**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 using salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 16 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**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 slow to fair using salmon eggs 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 fair using Gulp eggs, small trout worms 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 fair to good using Gulp eggs, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

**Eunice Lake:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**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:** Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 28 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was fair using salmon eggs for trout. Fishing further downstream was slow to fair using buzz baits and worms for largemouth bass. 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 26 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 6,616 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ANIMAS RIVER, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), GLENWOOD POND, MANZANO LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County) and SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters).

In addition, crews stocked 10,582 Gila trout in the following waters: GILA RIVER (East, West and Middle Forks), LAKE ROBERTS and SAPILLO CREEK (Near Lake Roberts).

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