

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:

Fenton Lake: Joe Cano, of Albuquerque, caught an 18-inch rainbow trout Jan. 17. He was using PowerBait.

Tingley Beach: Owen Jacobson, 11, of Albuquerque, caught and released a 23-inch rainbow trout Jan. 17. He was fishing the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond and using an olive bunny leech on a sink tip fly line.

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.

January 19, 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 of this past Sunday, the ice was about 12 inches thick. Fishing was good for perch and fair for trout. The best bait was wax worms but anglers also reported catching a few fish on ice jigs and salmon eggs. Anglers also reported losing a few pike. For updated ice conditions, contact the State Park office at 575-377-1594. A one day ice fishing derby will be held Jan. 30. For entry fees and more information, contact Tim at 505-974-9168.

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

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

Lake Alice: Ice fishing for trout was reported as very good by anglers using ice jigs, corn, dough bait and PowerBait. The ice thickness remained at about 12 inches. Anglers did doing well using jigs, power eggs, salmon eggs and dough bait for trout up to 14 inches in length.

Lake Maloya: The ice thickness as of this past Friday was from 8 to 10 inches. Fishing was very good using homemade dough bait, corn, PowerBait, salmon eggs and ice jigs. 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 37 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 43 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 476 cfs. Fishing was fair using spoons, Power Bait, wax worms, night crawlers and power 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: Closed to fishing at this time due to thin ice conditions. 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 275 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque Drain South, Belen Drain and the Corrales Drain was fair to good using spinners, wax worms, power eggs, small jigs and salmon eggs. AJ Trujillo fished the Belen Drain with his brother Gerald Trujillo and his wife, Amber Trujillo of Los Lunas. They caught a walleye, carp, catfish, three largemouth bass and a

trout. All were caught on power jigs with the exception of the trout which was caught on a Rooster Tail. We had no reports from the other drains.

Bluewater Lake: Opened for ice fishing Saturday, Jan. 16 with an ice thickness ranging from 7 to 9 inches. Fishing was fair to good using atomic jigs for trout. Fishing for all other species was slow. For updated ice 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 entire lake with the exception of the river inlet opened to ice fishing. Fishing over the past weekend was very good using wax worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait, corn and small jigging spoons for trout. Mike Cano reported excellent fishing on Sunday. He was fishing with his son Joe and they caught limits of trout, including an 18-inch rainbow. They were using PowerBait and salmon egg corn combinations under slip bobbers.

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 17 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was 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 361 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using RS2s, red larva, small leech patterns, egg patterns and rootbeers. Fishing through the bait waters was very good using small jerk baits, leech patterns, 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 good using wax worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait and small jigs. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was very good using egg patterns, bunny

leeches, small streamers and San Juan worms. We had no reports on other species.

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: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, meal worms, egg patterns and small 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. A few catfish were caught by anglers using cut bait and liver. We had no reports on other species.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 210 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 using salmon eggs and worms for trout.

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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was very good using worms and yellow PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 15 cfs. Fishing was slow for all 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 slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

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 to good using PowerBait, small trout worms and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms, PowerBait and homemade dough bait for trout.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using meal worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Green Meadow Lake: Trout fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, corn, salmon eggs and small spoons.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 31 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs 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 28 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

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 46,057 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALTO LAKE, BEAR CANYON LAKE, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, DENIS CHAVES POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE ROBERTS, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Lake Sumner to Roswell), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RUIDOSO RIVER and SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters).