

## 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:

**Tingley Beach:** Steven Stickney, 12, of Albuquerque, caught and released a 21-inch rainbow trout Feb. 7. He was fishing the Bob Gerding Catch and Release pond and using an egg pattern. He also caught and released several other trout and a 2-pound largemouth bass.

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.

**February 9, 2016**

### Northeast

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

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

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

**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:** The ice thickness was about 14 inches as of Monday morning. Fishing was fair to good using small PowerBait for trout. Fishing was fair using jigs tipped with meal worms for perch. We had no reports on other species. For updated ice 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:** The ice thickness as of this past Sunday was 15 inches. We had no reports from anglers.

**Lake Maloya:** The ice thickness as of this past Sunday was about 13 inches. Fishing for trout was excellent using ice jigs, homemade dough bait, corn,

PowerBait, and jigging spoons. 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 25 cfs. Fishing in the Villanueva area was good using small streamers, power eggs and salmon eggs for trout.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 46 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 482 cfs. Fishing was fair using streamers and night crawlers 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:** Ice fishing is not allowed on this lake.

**Storrie Lake:** There was some open water for bank fishing this past week. Fishing pressure was light but there were a few trout caught by anglers using salmon eggs and PowerBait. 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 fair using jigging spoons for walleye at 28 to 35 feet. Anglers fishing for walleye also reported catching a few smallmouth bass. Fishing pressure was very light and we had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 40s.

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

## **Northwest**

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

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 304 cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, streamers and PowerBait.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Trout fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque Drain South, Bernalillo Drain and Belen Riverside Drain was good using wax worms, earth worms, power eggs, small jigs and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other species or from other drains.

**Bluewater Lake:** As of Monday, the lake remained closed to fishing due to unsafe ice conditions. 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 98 cfs and 74 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using worms, egg patterns, small streamers and midge patterns for trout. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using an assortment of small nymphs for a mixed bag of brown and rainbow trout.

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

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

**Fenton Lake:** As of this past Sunday, the ice thickness was 14 inches. Fishing was fair using PowerBait, wax worms, small Kastmasters and ice jigs tipped with wax worms for trout.

**Heron Lake:** Ice thickness as of Monday was about 11 inches. Fishing was fair using ice jigs and meal worms for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species. 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 28 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using wax worms, salmon eggs and egg patterns for trout. Fishing pressure was very light. 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:** Fishing was good using garlic PowerBait, Gulp eggs and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**San Gregorio:** We had no reports from anglers.

**San Juan:** Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 428 cfs. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair to good using bunny leeches, RS2s, egg patterns, and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using worms, PowerBait, salmon eggs and small spoons 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, power eggs, garlic PowerBait and small jigs. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was great for some but slow for others. Best flies were egg patterns, small leach patterns and small streamers. Fishing for other species was slow with just one bass caught by an angler using egg patterns.

**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 good using meal worms, PowerBait and garlic cheese for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing pressure was extremely light and fishing was slow for all species.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using jigging spoons and slow trolling deep running crank baits for white bass. Fishing for catfish was slow with just a few caught by anglers using liver and worms. We had no reports on other species.

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, wax worms and homemade dough bait for trout. We had no reports on other species. Irene Entila of Albuquerque fished here this past Sunday and just a few minutes after getting started, she put her second trout in the basket. She was using red and white PowerBait and rainbow candy Gulp dough mixed with salmon eggs.

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 179 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, PowerBait 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 slow to fair using worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

## **Southeast**

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

**Bataan Lake:** Fishing was good using worms, PowerBait, salmon eggs and spoons for trout. The best reports came from anglers using PowerBait. 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:** Fishing was good using Gulp eggs, wax worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

**Bosque Redondo:** Fishing was slow to fair using an assortment of PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

**Bottomless Lakes:** Trout fishing was good using PowerBait and homemade dough bait.

**Brantley Lake:** Anglers are required to catch and release all fish here as high levels of pesticides have been found in some fish. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, Kastmasters, Gulp eggs 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 good using worms, wax worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

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

**Green Meadow Lake:** Trout fishing was fair using corn, worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait. We had no reports on other species.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Fishing was fair using garlic cheese, homemade dough bait and PowerBait for trout.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, garlic cheese and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing was fair using garlic PowerBait, power eggs and homemade dough bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using egg patterns, Pistol Petes and PowerBait for trout.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 97 cfs. Fishing below Sumner was good using worms, salmon eggs 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 19 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing pressure was light and fishing was slow for all species.

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

Crews stocked 15,858 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:  
ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ANIMAS RIVER, BATAAN LAKE, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BLACK RIVER, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOTTOMLESS LAKES, CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL LAKE, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, LAKE VAN, MANZANO LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva and Villanueva to I-40), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County) and ROSWELL KIDS POND.