

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:

Chama River: Mark Marsalis of Cedar Crest, caught a 24-inch brown trout Feb. 26. He was fishing below Abiquiu and using a zebra midge.

Elephant Butte Lake: Seth Evangelista, 9, of El Paso, caught a 15-inch largemouth bass Feb. 28. He was using a minnow.

El Rito Creek: Chris Baca Jr., 8, of Santa Rosa, caught a 21-inch rainbow trout Feb. 28. He was using a Kastmaster.

Sumner Lake: Jim Lyssy of Fort Sumner, caught a 22-inch walleye Feb. 27. He was fishing in about 13 feet of water.

Tingley Beach: Jayden Martinez, 5, of Albuquerque, caught and released a 14-inch rainbow trout Feb. 24. He was fishing with his dad and using a silver Super Duper.

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.

March 1, 2016

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Open for the season March 1.

Clayton Lake: Opens for the season at noon on March 1 and the boat ramps are open.

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

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair to good using shrimp and liver for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using jigging spoons and blade baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

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 lake was still open to walk in traffic only for ice fishing. Fishing pressure was very light and our only report were of a few perch caught by anglers using meal worms and small ice jigs. 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 was rapidly melting this past week and the lake has been closed to ice fishing. For updates, contact the State Park office at 575-445-5607.

Lake Maloya: As of this past Monday, the ice was about 10 inches thick. Fishing for trout was good using homemade dough bait, corn, salmon eggs and PowerBait. For 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: Open for the season March 1.

Monastery Lake: Trout fishing was good using PowerBait, Gulp eggs and worms.

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 49 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using small streamers, power eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 52 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River City Ponds: Open for the season March 1.

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

Shuree Ponds: Closed for the season

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was fair to good using assorted colors of PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout up to 18 inches. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few walleye caught by anglers using blade baits. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the mid to upper 40s.

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 468 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was excellent using PowerBait, Gulp eggs, salmon eggs, worms and homemade dough baits for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using Kastmasters. We had no reports on other species.

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 79 cfs and 77 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using worms, egg patterns and midge patterns for trout. We had no reports from below El Vado. Water release from the lakes can alter fishing conditions. The best fishing is on those days when the flow has been consistent for a period of time.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Fenton Lake: Warm weather has caused closure of the lake to ice fishing. As of this past Monday, about 90 percent of the lake was still covered with ice. For ice condition updates, contact the state park office at 575-829-3630.

Heron Lake: Closed to ice fishing due to hazardous ice conditions. Anglers should contact the State Park office at 575-588-7470 for updates.

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 80 cfs. The water was off color. Fishing was slow. 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, power eggs and homemade dough bait for trout. **Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily.**

Manzano Lake: Fishing was fair using spoons, PowerBait, worms, Gulp eggs, and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using swim baits and crank baits for northern pike. We had no reports on other species.

San Gregorio: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan: Water flow below Navajo Lake on Monday morning was 453 cfs with a visibility of about two feet. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was fair to good using small leech patterns, cream and red larva, egg patterns, and small streamers. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using jerk baits, spoons, PowerBait, 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 very good using homemade dough baits, PowerBait, Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, small spoons and spinners. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was good using emergers, egg patterns, small leach patterns and small streamers. We had no reports on other species.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was good using worms, PowerBait and small spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon: Trout fishing was very good using cheese, corn and garlic PowerBait. Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair to good using silver and gold spoons, Pistol Petes and garlic scented eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was fair to good using liver and shrimp for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and minnows for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using slab spoons for white bass. Fishing was fair using shrimp, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using crank baits, jigs and spoons. We had no reports on other species.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair using homemade dough baits, PowerBait, garlic cheese and Super Dupers for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 263 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Trout fishing was good using worms, homemade dough bait, salmon eggs, PowerBait and silver and gold spoons. 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 1.5 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was good using red and green PowerBait, Velveeta cheese and silver spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was fair to good using spinners, Pistol Petes, PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 16 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait, garlic cheese, Gulp eggs and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Bosque Redondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Brantley Lake: Anglers are required to catch and release all fish here as high levels of pesticides have been found in some fish. Fishing was fair using crank baits for a mixed bag of largemouth bass and white bass. A few largemouth were also caught and released by anglers using swim baits and jigs. We had no reports on other species.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, small Kastmasters, homemade dough baits 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 very good using Kastmasters, wooly buggers, worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was good using cheese, corn, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, PowerBait, worms and spoons for trout.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was good using garlic cheese, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and PowerBait for trout.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, worms, Super Dupers, Kastmasters and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was fair to good using garlic cheese, PowerBait, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait and homemade dough bait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 41 cfs. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Perch Lake: Fishing was excellent using PowerBait, homemade dough bait, salmon eggs, small spoons and a variety of flies for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 25 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was rated as slow again this past week. A few walleye and bass were caught by anglers using crank baits and jigs. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 40s.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits for a mixed bag of walleye and smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 40s on the main lake.

Crews stocked 131,462 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: ABIQUIU RESERVOIR, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALTO

LAKE, ALUMNI POND, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BLUEWATER LAKE, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, DENIS CHAVEZ POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, HARRY MCADAMS PARK POND, JAL LAKE, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE FARMINGTON, MONASTERY LAKE, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK POND, PECOS RIVER (Lake Sumner to Roswell), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and YOUNG POND.