

## 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:

**Perch Lake:** Adessa Salas, 7, of Santa Rosa, caught a 21-inch rainbow trout March 19. She was using salmon peach PowerBait.

**San Juan River:** Shalisa Crawford of Farmington, caught a 23-inch, 6.5-pound rainbow trout March 20. She was using worms.

**Tingley Beach:** Diego Anaya III, 5, of Albuquerque beat his previous record catch by catching a 19-inch rainbow trout March 19. He was fishing the Youth Pond and using salmon eggs.

**Ute Lake:** Ivory Williams of Logan, caught a 10.29-pound channel catfish and several smaller catfish March 16. All the catfish were caught on stink bait.

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.

**March 22, 2016**

### Northeast

**Charette Lakes:** Fishing was fair to good using salmon peach and garlic PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on perch.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing from the bank was very good using PowerBait and homemade dough baits for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 5.2 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using small bead-head hare's ears, small spinners. A few were also caught by anglers drifting worms and salmon eggs. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using gold spinners and worms.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, swim baits and sassy shad for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using night crawlers, shrimp, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using jerk baits, crank baits, swim

baits and jigs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and jigs for walleye. We had no reports on other species.

**Cowles Ponds:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Coyote Creek:** Trout fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.

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

**Eagle Nest Lake:** As of this past weekend, the lake was completely free of ice. Bank fishing was good using garlic and salmon peach PowerBait. We had no reports on other species. Fishing pressure was light with strong winds in the area.

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

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

**Lake Alice:** Fishing was good using orange PowerBait, corn and salmon eggs for trout.

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing was very good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and PowerBait for trout.

**Los Pinos:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, worms, salmon eggs and homemade dough baits for trout.

**Monastery Lake:** Trout fishing was good using salmon eggs, PowerBait, egg patterns and worms.

**Morphy Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms, Pistol Petes, Fisher Chick spinners and Kastmasters for trout.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow on Monday was 75 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using small streamers, salmon eggs, Gulp eggs and PowerBait for trout.

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

**Red River City Ponds:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Costilla:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 874 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using spoons, night crawlers and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 16 cfs. Fishing was fair using hare's ears, copper John Barrs and zebra midges for trout.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 39 cfs. 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, homemade dough bait, Fisher Chick spinners and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Shuree Ponds:** Closed for the season

**Springer Lake:** Boats can be launched as the lake is full at this time. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing was fair using salmon peach PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing was good trolling medium and deep diving crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using jigs tipped with grubs or live bait in 8 to 10 feet

of water for walleye. Fishing was good using jerk baits, crank baits and plastics for smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp on the main lake ranged from the high 40s to the low 50s.

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

## **Northwest**

**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and plastics for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 507 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Fishing on the Albuquerque Drain, Albuquerque Drain South and Peralta Drain was good using worms, salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and flashback pheasant tails for trout. A few largemouth bass were caught on the Albuquerque Drain by anglers using worms. We had no reports on other species or from the other drains.

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing was very good using yellow PowerBait, corn, cheese, Gulp eggs, worms and homemade dough baits for trout. We had no reports on other species. Fishing for tiger musky and catfish was slow.

**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 76 cfs and 72 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was fair using worms, copper John Barrs and pheasant tails for rainbow trout. Fishing below El Vado was slow with just a few brown trout caught by anglers using small midge patterns and copper John Barrs.

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

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

**Fenton Lake:** Fishing was good using olive wooly buggers, Pistol Petes and assorted colors and flavors of PowerBait for trout. Jack Jaramillo fished here with friends over the weekend and reported that they caught and released over 80 trout. They were fly fishing on the east side of the lake and using mouse patterns.

**Heron Lake:** Bank fishing was good using salmon eggs and chartreuse PowerBait for rainbows and lake trout. We had no reports on other species.

**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 100 cfs. Fishing was slow. Fishing on the Cebolla was good using small bead-head nymphs. Fishing on the Rio San Antonio was good using worms, salmon eggs and small nymphs for a mixed bag of brown trout and rainbow trout. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

**Laguna Del Campo:** Closed for the season.

**Lake Farmington:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, homemade dough bait and small crank baits for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**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:** Fishing was fair using grubs and perch and rainbow colored soft swim baits for northern pike. Fishing was slow to fair using roe sacs for rainbow trout. 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 428 cfs with a visibility of about two feet. Trout fishing through the Quality Waters was good using chamois leeches, red larva, cream egg patterns and zebra midges. Fishing through the bait waters was good using worms, salmon eggs, jerk baits, egg patterns and chamois leeches 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 homemade dough baits, PowerBait, salmon eggs and egg patterns. Trout fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was good using San Juan worms, small leech patterns, small streamers and an assortment of custom tied flies. We had no reports on other species.

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

## **Southwest**

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

**Bear Canyon:** Trout fishing was slow to fair using garlic PowerBait, worms and Pistol Petes. A few catfish were caught by anglers using hot dogs. We had no reports on other species.

**Bill Evans Lake:** Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and swim baits for white bass. Fishing for catfish was slow to fair using liver and stink bait. We had no reports on other species.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** HOT SPOT FOR WHITE BASS. Fishing was very good using jerk baits, sassy shad, swim baits and crank baits for white bass. The best action reported was near Kettle Top. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, tubes, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp ranged from the high 40s to the low 50s.

**Escondida Lake:** Trout fishing was fair to good using homemade dough baits, garlic and salmon peach PowerBait, worms, small spoons and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 165 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 and PowerBait. We had no reports on other species.

**Percha Dam:** Fishing was fair to good using minnows, white sassy shad and white jigs for white bass. Fishing was fair using night crawlers, liver and stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 11 cfs. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Young Pond:** Fishing was fair using yellow PowerBait, Velveeta cheese, salmon eggs and Zeke's bait for trout. A few catfish were caught by anglers using liver flavored dough balls and one bluegill was caught by an angler using Velveeta cheese. We had no reports on other species.

## **Southeast**

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

**Bataan Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using small spoons, Pistol Petes, worms, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 19 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, garlic cheese, worms 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 good using crank baits, swim baits, jigs and jerk baits for a mixed bag of largemouth bass and white bass. We had no reports on other species.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, spoons, worms and Gulp 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 San Juan worms, copper John Bairs, spoons, worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, homemade dough bait and Kastmasters for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing was slow to fair using garlic cheese, garlic and salmon peach PowerBait, worms, homemade dough bait and Pistol Petes under a bubble for trout. Fishing for catfish was slow but a few were caught by anglers using liver. We had no reports on other species.

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait and homemade dough bait for trout. Fishing pressure was light and we had no reports on other species. The park will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Trout Derby March 26 and 27. The derby is open to all ages. For more information, contact the State Park office at 575-356-5331.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 121 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and homemade dough baits for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Perch Lake:** Fishing was very good using salmon peach and garlic PowerBait, worms, Pistol Petes, leech patterns, hare's ears and San Juan worms for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 26 cfs. Fishing was good using salmon eggs and small nymphs for trout.

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

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using crank baits and jerk baits for walleye at the upper end of the lake. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, jerk baits, swim baits and plastics for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 184,704 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters:

ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN, ALBUQUERQUE DRAIN (South), ALTO LAKE, ALUMNI POND, ANIMAS RIVER, BEAR CANYON RESERVOIR, BELEN RIVERSIDE DRAIN, BERNALILLO DRAIN, BILL EVANS LAKE, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Below Abiquiu), CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, CORRALES RIVERSIDE DRAIN, EAGLE NEST LAKE, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), ESCONDIDA LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, JEMEZ RIVER, LAKE ROBERTS, MONASTERY LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERALTA DRAIN, PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), RIO BONITO, RIO GRANDE (Elephant Butte to Caballo), RUIDOSO RIVER, SANTA CRUZ RESERVOIR, TIGER PARK POND (Aztec) and YOUNG POND.

In addition, crews stocked 1,926 channel catfish in ALTO LAKE, LAKE VAN and the ROSWELL KIDS POND and 1,544 Gila Trout in the GILA RIVER (EAST, MIDDLE and WEST FORKS).