

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:

Elephant Butte Lake: Tyler Groff of Albuquerque, caught three 20-inch walleye May 21. He was using a crank bait.

Lake Farmington: Dillon Wright, 3 of Farmington, caught a 17-inch rainbow trout May 19. He was using a 3-inch floating Rapala.

Navajo Lake: Amanda Wright of Farmington, caught a 24-inch brown trout with a 14-inch girth May 22. She was using an eighth ounce crappie jig.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Jessica Scovel of Nambe, caught a 20-inch, 2.3-pound rainbow trout and a 17.5-inch, 2-pound rainbow trout May 21. She was using salmon peach PowerBait.

Ute Lake: Mickey Trousdale of Tucumcari, caught and released a 4.78-pound largemouth bass May 22. He was using a chigger craw.

Storrie Lake: MykleJon Vasquez, 7 of Las Vegas, caught a 24-inch carp and a limit of trout and his sister Aryanna, 5, caught a 20-inch carp and a limit of trout May 22. They were using cheese and garlic.

The following reports came in late but we felt they were definitely worth mentioning:

Cow Creek: Jerome Lopez, 9 of Pecos, caught a 22-inch rainbow trout. He was using salmon eggs.

Manzano Lake: Sebastian Zamora, 6 of Albuquerque caught his first fish, a 12-inch rainbow trout May 14. He was fishing with his twin brother Fernando and his Grandpa Joe and using corn.

Santa Rosa Lake: Candice Garnand 17 of Albuquerque caught a 23-inch, 9-pound largemouth bass May 14. She was using a white curly tail grub.

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.

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Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was good using PowerBait, spinners, Pistol Petes and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, Colorado spinners and red and white spoons for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

Cimarron River: Stream flow near Cimarron on Monday was 29 cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, small spinners, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was very good using Kastmasters, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. Kristine Olsen of Dalhart, TX reported stopping here on their way home last week. They caught several trout while using Kastmasters and Pistol Petes.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, buzz baits, tubes, creature baits and flukes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits and sassy shad for white bass. Fishing was good using shrimp, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using minnows, curly tail grubs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing was very good using worms and grubs for bluegill. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

Cowles Ponds: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Coyote Creek: Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout.

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, Panther Martin spinners, Arnie's and Platte River specials for rainbow trout and kokanee. Fishing was fair using worms for perch. We had no reports on other species.

Gallinas River: Fishing was good using worms for trout.

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

Lake Alice: Fishing was good using PowerBait, Pistol Petes and wooly buggers for rainbow trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using olive wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, parachute Adams, gold spoons and PowerBait for rainbow trout. The annual Sugarite Canyon State Park Fishing Derby will be held May 28 through noon on June 5, 2016. For more information, contact the Sugarite Canyon State Park office at (575) 445-5607.

Los Pinos River: Fishing was fair using worms for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was good using worms under a bobber, PowerBait, spinners and spoons for trout.

Monastery Lake: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, Pistol Petes, prince nymphs, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was very good using Zeke's trout bait, PowerBait, worms, olive wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, Fisher Chick spinners and Panther Martin spinners for trout.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 438 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using worms for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 205 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Red River City Ponds: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and Pistol Petes for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 134 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,270 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using worms, wooly buggers and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 90 cfs. Fishing was slow.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 110 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Barbara River: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, Fisher Chick spinners, small crank baits, worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Shuree Ponds: Opens for the season July 1.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, cheese, garlic PowerBait and spinners from the bank and from boats for trout. Anglers using cheese also caught a few carp. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was good using tubes, craws, grubs, jerk baits and swim baits for smallmouth bass and an occasional largemouth bass. Fishing was good using spinner worm rigs, bottom bouncer rigs, leeches and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was good trolling crank baits for white bass. Fishing was very good using worms and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing was fair to good using stink baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the low 60s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, tubes, minnows, and bottom bouncer night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, craws, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing for brown trout was slow but there were a few caught by anglers trolling crank baits. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 2,720 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, worms under a bobber and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was fair trolling jointed Rapalas for tiger musky. Fishing for catfish was slow. The surface water temp was in the high 50s.

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 falling trees.

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 1,520 cfs and 1,170 cfs respectively. Trout fishing was slow.

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

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species but we did have our first time ever perch report. Jane Brousseau of Regina caught a 13-inch perch while fishing here this past Monday. She was fishing a rocky point just south of McDonald Cove

Fenton Lake: Fishing through this past Saturday was rated as excellent but tapered off some on Sunday. Anglers did very well using black wooly buggers, olive Pistol Petes, Kastmasters, small Tennessee shad crank baits, PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. Laura Sisneros reported catching a nice 18-inch rainbow last week. She was using a Kastmaster. Troy and Rebecca Waters of Rio Rancho spent Troy's birthday here this past Saturday. They were using buoyant spoons and caught over 25 trout including one that measured 19.5 inches.

Heron Lake: The Sierra Vista boat ramp and the La Laja boat ramp have opened and the docks are in the water. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for rainbow trout and an occasional small lake trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Panther Martin spinners, Pistol Petes and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 85 cfs. Fishing was good using copper John Barrs, San Juan worms, red annelids, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Fishing on the East Fork was very good using parachute Adams, elk hair caddis, copper John Barrs, prince nymphs and bead-head pheasant tail nymphs for brown trout. Fishing on the Cebolla River was very good using worms, copper John Barrs and hoppers for brown and rainbow trout. Trout fishing on the San Antonio was good using copper John Barrs, worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was good using worms, PowerBait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was fair using Panther Martin spinners and PowerBait 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: Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs, PowerBait and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair using jerk baits, crank baits, tubes, grubs and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using

spinner baits, crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair using Rapalas, worms, small jigs and PowerBait for trout. The surface water temp was in the high 50s. We had no reports on other species.

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 5,100 cfs and is expected to stay at or near that level for the next 30 days. Leave your waders at home during the high flow days and either fish from the bank or from a boat and stay safe. Fishing through the bait waters from the bank was fair using night crawlers, jerk baits and Gulp eggs.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, small spinners and small spoons for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Youth and Central ponds was slow to fair using shrimp, liver and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms under a bobber for bluegill. We had no reports on other species. We had no reports from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was fair using chicken liver, Velveeta cheese, hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon Lake: Skeeter Miller reported fair fishing here last week. He caught three crappie on flies and one catfish on a worm. That was the only report we received.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using tubes, craws, jigs and crank baits for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, curly tail grubs, minnows and sassy shad for walleye and white bass. Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, beef liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good using minnows, sassy shad, curly tail grubs, jerk baits and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, swim baits, tubes, jigs, senkos, salt craws, lizards and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using shad, shrimp, chicken liver and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, minnows, curly tail grubs and crappie jigs for crappie and walleye. 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 51 cfs. Fishing on the East Fork was good using small streamers and small bead-head nymphs for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was very good using spinners, salmon eggs, worms, Zeke's trout bait and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species. Albert Dominguez and his cousin Belden Cohn had a great first time fishing

together experience over the past weekend. They were using garlic PowerBait and both caught limits of trout.

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

Quemado Lake: Fishing was fair using worms, PowerBait, wooly buggers, spoons and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no reports on tiger musky.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 1,590 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Snow Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Power Bait and worms for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

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

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 6.1 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using shrimp and night crawlers.

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, jerk baits, senkos, tubes, small spinners and plastic worms for largemouth bass and white bass. We had no reports on other species.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using beef liver, night crawlers and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, worms, PowerBait and Zeke's trout bait for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using worms for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using chicken liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

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 about the same as last week with a few trout caught with PowerBait and a few catfish on blood baits. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 57 cfs. Fishing was fair using liver and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, Pistol Petes and San Juan worms for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using liver, hot dogs and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 18 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, curly tail grubs, creature baits, salt craws, jigs, spinner baits, sweet beavers and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for walleye was fair using crank baits, curly tail grubs, sassy shad and jig and minnow combinations. Fishing was good using grubs and minnows for crappie. Fishing was fair using liver, night crawlers and cut bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, minnows, curly tail grubs and sassy shad for walleye. Fishing was very good using crank baits, top water lures, grubs, tubes, sassy shad, senkos, worms and creature baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows, curly tail grubs and crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species. Reece Watson of Albuquerque reported great fishing here over the weekend. They caught over 50 smallmouth and largemouth bass on buzz baits and 3-inch white grubs.

Crews stocked 84,216 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BRAZOS RIVER, CEBOLLA RIVER, CHAMA RIVER (Above and Below El Vado and Below Abiquiu), COYOTE CREEK (NE Cuba), EAGLE NEST LAKE, FENTON LAKE, GALLINA CREEK, HOLY GHOST CREEK, HOPEWELL LAKE, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), LAKE ROBERTS, LOS PINOS RIVER, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), MORPHY RESERVOIR, MT VIEW PONDS (aka Cowles Ponds), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), QUEMADO LAKE, RED RIVER (Below Questa), RED RIVER HATCHERY POND, SAN ANTONIO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.