

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:

Clayton Lake: Aphris Locker of Clayton caught a 23.5-inch, 3.8-pound rainbow trout May 28. She was using fluorescent red PowerBait under a bobber.

Conchas Lake: Myklejon Vasquez, 7, of Las Vegas and his sister Aryanna, 5, caught a 33-inch carp May 30. He also caught a 23-inch catfish and she a 16-inch catfish. They were using hot dogs.

Elephant Butte Lake: Antonio "Tonito" Otero, 7, caught his limit of white bass in three hours May 27. He was fishing at night with his dad in the Rock Canyon area and using minnows.

Fenton Lake: Elias, Thalia and Vida Gutierrez of Albuquerque all caught limits of trout within a few hours May 23. They were using salmon egg PowerBait combinations.

Lake Maloya: Karen Baca of Las Cruces caught a 27-inch rainbow trout May 27. She was using yellow PowerBait.

Los Lunas Drain: Leslie Benefield of Albuquerque caught and released a 26-inch, 8-pound carp May 30. She was using a night crawler.

Monastery Lake: Tiffany Cordova of Las Vegas caught a 25.5-inch rainbow trout May 25. She was using a silver Kastmaster.

Rio Grande: Teis Akhtari, 11, of Albuquerque caught a 3.8-pound largemouth bass May 24. He was fishing the river in T or C and using a jig.

Santa Cruz Reservoir: Annabelle Martinez of Chimayo, caught a limit of trout including an 18-inch rainbow May 23. She was using PowerBait.

San Juan River: Tyler Groff of Albuquerque caught and released a 22-inch rainbow trout and a 23-inch brown trout May 30. He was using a jig.

Ute Lake: Andres Alvarado of Santa Fe and Luke Blum of Logan caught nice limits of walleye in three hours May 29. They were trolling crank baits.

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

Morphy Lake: Daniel Cordova of Las Vegas caught a 23.5-inch rainbow trout and a 20-inch cutthroat trout May 21. He was using a gold Kastmaster.

Pecos River: Jeremy Romero of Hagerman caught a 36-inch flathead catfish that weighed about 25 pounds May 20. He was fishing the river at Ft. Sumner and using cut 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. 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.

May 31, 2016

Northeast

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

Clayton Lake: Bank fishing was very good using PowerBait for trout. We had no reports from boaters or on other species.

Cimarron River: Stream flow near Cimarron on Monday was 26 cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, small spinners, warden's worries, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using Kastmasters, Pistol Petes, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, worms, salt craws, tubes, creature baits and grubs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, curly tail grubs and sassy shad for white bass. Fishing was good using shrimp, night crawlers, hot dogs, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits, curly tail grubs and bottom bouncer night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. Fishing was excellent using worms and grubs for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was good using small bead-head nymphs, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout.

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, Gulp eggs, Panther Martin spinners and Arnie's 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 and salmon eggs for trout.

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing was good using wooly buggers, gold and brass spinners, bead-head hare's ears, Pistol Petes and worms.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was very good using olive wooly buggers, parachute Adams, bead-head hare's ears, Pistol Petes and PowerBait for rainbow trout. The annual Sugarite Canyon State Park Fishing Derby is taking place and runs 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 to good using worms and prince nymphs for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was good using worms, PowerBait, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout.

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

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 295 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan worms, wooly buggers and worms for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 174 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 107 cfs. Fishing was very good using stone fly nymphs and San Juan worms for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,600 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using worms, weighted wooly buggers and spinners for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 87 cfs. The water was a bit off color and fishing was fair using copper John Barrs and worms for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 71 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 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 fair to good using salmon eggs, cheese, garlic PowerBait and spinners from the bank and from boats for trout. 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, lizards and worms for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, bottom bouncer leech rigs and bottom bouncer night crawler rigs 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 minnows for crappie. We had no reports on other species.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, minnows, and bottom bouncer night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was good using tubes, craws, worms, wooly buggers, jerk baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,850 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Our only reports this week were of a carp caught in the Los Lunas Drain and a snapping turtle from the Corrales Drain. The carp was caught with a night crawler and the turtle was hooked with a worm.

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for all species was slow but there were a few catfish caught by anglers using hot dogs and liver.

Brazos River: Fishing was good using worms, prince nymphs and copper John Barrs for trout.

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 2,400 cfs and 1,800 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was slow but there were some browns and rainbows caught by anglers working the edges and using worms and wooly buggers. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver, shrimp and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing for bass was slow but a few smallmouth and largemouth were caught by anglers using crank baits, jigs and tubes. We had no reports on other species.

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

Fenton Lake: Fishing was good using worms, wooly buggers, olive Pistol Petes, Kastmasters, small Tennessee shad crank baits and garlic PowerBait for trout. The action slowed a bit over the weekend but most anglers reported good success.

Heron Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spinners, PowerBait, worms, salmon eggs and Gulp eggs for rainbow trout and an occasional kokanee. 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 45 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 and bead-head pheasant tail nymphs for brown trout. Fishing on the Cebolla River was very good using salmon eggs, egg patterns, 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. Fishing on the Rio Las Vacas was good using small spinners, San Juan 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, worms, salmon eggs 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 good using jerk baits, crank baits, tubes, creature baits, plastic worms, grubs and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using spinner baits, crank baits and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using Rapalas, worms, small jigs and PowerBait for trout. Fishing was good using small jigs for crappie. 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 2,960 cfs. Flows were decreased on May 25 to accommodate a downstream emergency and may be slowly increased back to 5,000 cfs. Fishing by boat through the quality waters section was good using jigs, egg patterns, red larvae and flashback pheasant tail nymph. Bank fishing through the bait section was very good using Blue Fox spinners, salmon eggs and worms. Leave your waders at home during the high flow days and either fish from the bank or from a boat and stay safe.

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 very good using shrimp, liver and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms 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 good using beef liver, shrimp and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few catfish caught by anglers using liver and worms.

Bill Evans Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good using sassy shad, curly tail grubs, jerk baits and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, swim baits, tubes, salt craws, lizards, worms and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using shad, beef liver, chicken liver and

shrimp for catfish. Fishing was fair using crank baits, minnows, curly tail grubs and crappie jigs for crappie and walleye. We had no reports on other species.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 38 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Lake Roberts: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms, Zeke's trout bait and Panther Martins for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 648 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs and spinners for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using beef liver, night crawlers and shrimp for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using curly tail grubs, minnows and sassy shad for walleye and white bass. We had no reports on other species.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was good using shrimp, hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other 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 4.6 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species. Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing was fair to good using shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow with just one largemouth bass reported by an angler using 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, top water lures 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 good using liver, worms and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was very good using chicken liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was good using worms, liver, shrimp and blood baits for catfish.

Grindstone Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Jal Lake: Fishing was good using worms and liver for catfish.

Lake Van: Fishing was fair using shrimp, chicken liver, homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was very good using chicken liver and worms for catfish up to 24 inches. We had no reports on other species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 111 cfs. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, Pistol Petes and San Juan worms for trout. Fishing was fair to good 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 16 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was good using crank 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, bottom bouncer night crawler rigs, sassy shad and jig and minnow combinations. Fishing was fair 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.

Crews stocked 137,938 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BRAZOS LODGE POND, CHAMA RIVER (Above El Vado) COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK (NE Cuba), COYOTE CREEK POND, EAGLE NEST LAKE, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), FENTON LAKE, GALLINAS ICE POND, GALLINAS RIVER (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), HOPEWELL LAKE, LAGUNA DEL CAMPO (Burns Lake), LAKE MALOYA, MANZANO LAKE, MONASTERY LAKE, NAVAJO LAKE, NUTRIAS LAKES (aka Trout Lakes), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER WEST FORK, RIO BONITO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and SEVEN SPRINGS BROOD POND.

In addition, crews stocked 4,284 channel catfish in the following waters: ALUMNI POND, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK POND, CONOCO POND, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, DENIS

CHAVES POND, ESCONDIDA LAKE, ESTANCIA PARK LAKE, EUNICE LAKE, GRANTS MUNICIPAL POND (River Walk Pond), GREEN MEADOW LAKE, GREENE ACRES LAKE, JAL LAKE, LAKE VAN, NED HOUK PONDS, OASIS PARK LAKE, PECOS RIVER (Village of Pecos to Villanueva), PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), ROSWELL KIDS POND and YOUNG POND.

FREE FISHING DAY: June 4 is a free fishing day. No license is required to fish on public waters. All other rules and regulations apply.