

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:

Alumni Pond: Carter Smith, 7, of Las Cruces caught his first fish ever May 30. It was a bluegill and he was using a night crawler. Tony Castiglione of Las Cruces caught a 25-inch catfish that weight about 9 pounds June 5. He was using a hot dog stink bait combination.

Bluewater Lake: Cody Farra of Albuquerque caught a 47-inch 27.4-pound tiger musky June 5. He was using a crank bait.

Cochiti Lake: Jacob Dapolito, 15, of Placitas caught a 22.5-inch walleye June 4. He was using a jig and worm combination near some underwater brush.

Conchas Lake: Faith Garcia, 5, of Santa Fe caught her first bass June 4. It was a 16-inch, 2.5-pound smallmouth bass. She was trolling a green Zebco tube.

Escondida Lake: LaBrandon Spillmon, 12, of Albuquerque caught his largest fish ever May 30. It was a 23.5-inch, 6.3-pound flathead catfish. He was using night crawlers.

Fenton Lake: Kamron Loera, 12, of Albuquerque caught an 18-5-inch, 3.5-pound rainbow trout May 31. He was using salmon eggs.

Hopewell Lake: Alex Rodriguez, 8, of Santa Fe caught an 18-inch rainbow trout June 5. He was using a piece of orange.

Lake Maloya: Richie Meier of Raton caught a 6-pound rainbow trout June 4. He was using PowerBait.

Lake Van: Heather Coats of Dexter caught a 6-pound channel catfish June 2. She was using dough bait.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Jeremiah Archuleta, 10, of Santa Fe caught a 26-inch rainbow trout and his sister Jayme, 9, caught a 24-inch rainbow trout May 30. They were using a combination of PowerBait and worms. Diego Mendoza, 6, of Rio Rancho caught a 17.5-inch rainbow trout June 4. It was his largest trout ever and he was using orange PowerBait. His sister, Madison Mendoza, 10,

caught her largest fish, also a 17.5-inch rainbow June 5. She was using orange PowerBait.

Ute Lake: Paul Ponce of Las Cruces caught a 23.75-inch, 5-pound walleye May 30. He was using a crank bait. Kenny Smith of Portales caught a 5.12-pound smallmouth bass June 2. He was using a senko. Dan Turner of Amarillo caught a 4.89-pound walleye June 4. He was using a worm.

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

Cochiti Lake: Lauren Lopez, 6, of Albuquerque caught eight white bass May 28. It was her first white bass ever and she was using a Rooster Tail.

Navajo Lake: Priscilla Peck of Albuquerque caught a 24-inch brown trout and a 25-inch rainbow trout while trolling for kokanee May 29 and 30.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was very good using PowerBait and spoons for trout. We had no reports on other species. The annual fishing derby will be held this coming weekend starting Saturday morning and running through 1PM Sunday. For more information, contact the State Park office at (575) 374-8808.

Cimarron River: Stream flow near Cimarron on Monday was 27 cfs. Trout fishing was very good using small spinners, brassies, warden's worries, yellow sallies, copper John Barrs and San Juan worms. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was very good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using top water lures, jerk baits, worms, salt craws, tubes, creature baits and grubs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, curly tail grubs, spinners and sassy shad for white bass. Fishing was good using shrimp, night crawlers, hot dogs, liver and stink bait for catfish. Fishing was 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, small spinners, poppers 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 fair to good using small bead-head nymphs, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and copper John Barrs for trout. Denice Dimas of Albuquerque caught a 19-inch rainbow June 3. She was using corn flavored PowerBait.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling Double Whammies and Arnie's behind Christmas trees for kokanee. Fishing was good using PowerBait 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 egg patterns, 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, salmon eggs and worms under a bobber.

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was very good using spoons, PowerBait, worms, wooly buggers, parachute Adams, bead-head hare's ears, egg patterns and Pistol Petes for rainbow trout up to 32 inches.

Los Pinos River: Fishing was good using worms, wooly buggers and prince nymphs for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was good using worms and PowerBait for trout.

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

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 285 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan worms, streamers, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 200 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 127 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 2,170 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species with the high water flows.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 106 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 86 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, wooly buggers, Fisher Chick spinners, Panther Martins, worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. Austin Wetsch caught a beautiful 19-inch rainbow June 5. He was trolling a wooly bugger. 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 and salmon peach PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was very good using tubes, senkos, craws, grubs, worms and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was very good using jigs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was good trolling and casting crank baits for white bass. Anglers trolling for white bass and walleye also picked up a few crappie. Fishing was excellent using poppers, worms and small grubs for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair to good using crank baits and jigs at the north end of the lake for walleye. The best action reported has been at depths of 15 to 20 feet. Fishing was good working the shallows with tubes, craws, wooly buggers and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using worms and PowerBait for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 4,370 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for all species was slow with just an occasional tiger musky caught by anglers using crank baits.

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 995 cfs and 1,800 cfs respectively. Anglers familiar with fishing the higher flows did well below El Vado. They were using night crawlers, wooly buggers and Blue Fox spinners. Fishing below Abiquiu was slow.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver, shrimp and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair to good using top water lures, jerk baits, tubes and creature baits. Fishing for white bass was fair to good using crank baits and Rooster Tails. A few walleye were caught by anglers using crank baits, tubes and jig and worm combinations. We had no reports on other species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was fair to good trolling kokanee killers and Panther Martin spinners for rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

Fenton Lake: Fishing was great early last week but slowed considerably over the weekend. Anglers managed to catch a few trout while using wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, worms and PowerBait.

Heron Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using Crippures, Panther Martin spinners, PowerBait and salmon 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 31 cfs. Fishing was good using copper John Barrs, San Juan worms, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Fishing on the East Fork was very good using parachute Adams, elk hair caddis and bead-head pheasant tail nymphs for brown trout. Fishing on the Cebolla River was very good using salmon eggs, 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 fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, small spoons 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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good using jerk baits, top water lures, tubes, creature baits, baby brush hogs 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 good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was fair using Rapalas, worms and PowerBait for trout. Fishing was fair to 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 3,960 cfs. Flows are expected to be at or near 4,000 cfs for a time and then may be slowly increased back to 5,000 cfs. Fishing by boat through the quality waters section was good using jigs, egg patterns, San Juan worms, dead chickens, red larvae and flashback pheasant tail nymph. Bank fishing through the bait section was good using Blue Fox spinners, small spoons, 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. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using small streamers.

Trout Lakes: Fishing was fair to good using worms, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was good using beef liver, hot dogs, night crawlers and cheese 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 using crank baits and spinners for white bass. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good using curly tail grubs, top water lures, minnows and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using buzz baits, crank baits, tubes, salt craws, worms and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Night fishing was good using shad, beef liver, chicken liver, minnows 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 32 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 good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and Panther Martins for trout. 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 1,590 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, tubes and spinners for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using beef liver, night crawlers and shrimp for catfish. Fishing was 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 hot dogs, cheese, worms 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 11 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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. The best reports came from anglers fishing early in the day. We had no reports on other species.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was fair using liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, shrimp, hot dogs and stink bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was fair using liver, hot dogs and blood baits for catfish.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was good using PowerBait and worms 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 shrimp, chicken liver, homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 120 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair using hot dogs, night crawlers and stink 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 buzz baits, salt craws, chigger craws, sweet beavers and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using grubs and minnows for crappie. We had no reports on other species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, minnows, jigs and sassy shad for walleye. Fishing was good using crank baits, top water lures, tubes, senkos, worms and creature baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using minnows and crank baits for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

Crews stocked 37,661 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: COSTILLA RIVER, EAGLE NEST LAKE, EAGLE ROCK LAKE, GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, MONASTERY LAKE, MORA (Pecos River Drainage), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RIO PUEBLO, SANTA FE RIVER and SIPAPU POND.

Crews also stocked 4,308 channel catfish in the following waters: ALUMNI POND, BLUE HOLE PARK POND, BOSQUE REDONDO, CARRIZOZO

RECREATION LAKE, CHAPARRAL PARK LAKE, CONOCO POND, CONSERVANCY PARK LAKE (aka Tingley Beach), CORONA POND, DENNIS 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. Crews also stocked 32,655 walleye fry in CLAYTON LAKE AND SANTA ROSA LAKE.