

## 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.

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### Catches of the week:

- **Abiquiu Reservoir:** Justin Romero of Nambe Pueblo caught a 19-inch smallmouth bass June 30. He was fishing from the bank and using a jig.
- **Bluewater Lake:** Tyler Groff of Albuquerque caught a 41-inch tiger muskie July 1. He was using a crank bait.
- **Chama River:** Brandon Sanchez, 8, of Albuquerque caught a 19-inch brown trout June 28. He was fishing below El Vado and using night crawlers.
- **Escondida Lake:** Joshua Ham of Los Lunas caught a 28-inch catfish July 1. He was using a hot dog.
- **Fenton Lake:** Angela Vojtech, 8, of Rio Rancho caught a 15-inch rainbow trout July 1. She was using worms.
- **Lake Maloya:** Jennifer Griego, 5, of Midland, Texas, caught a 17.5-inch rainbow trout July 1. She was using rainbow PowerBait.
- **Trout Lakes:** Albert Barela of Santa Fe caught a 20-inch rainbow trout July 1. He was using a gold Panther Martin.

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.

## Northeast

**Charette Lakes:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, worms and Pistol Petes for trout.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait and spinners for trout. Fishing was fair to good using worms and liver for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using crank baits for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 27 cfs. Fishing was good using stimulators, parachute Adams, bead-head hare's ears, copper John Barrs, PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was very good using PowerBait, worms, salmon eggs and brown with red tail and yellow with red tail Pistol Petes for trout.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using sweet beavers, worms, salt craws, tubes, creature baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good

using crank baits, curly tail grubs and minnows for white bass. Fishing was good using shrimp, liver, hot dogs and stink bait at night for catfish. Fishing was fair using minnows, deep diving crank baits and bottom bouncer night crawler rigs for walleye. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

**Cowles Ponds:** Fishing was good using night crawlers, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

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

**Eagle Rock Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, spoons and spinners for trout.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing from anchored boats was fair to good using PowerBait for rainbow trout. Fishing was good using worms for perch. Trolling for kokanee was sporadic at best as a few angler did well using Arnies tipped with corn. Fishing was fair using small spoons, PowerBait and salmon eggs from the bank and from anchored boats for rainbow trout. Fishing was fair using worms for perch. We had no reports on other species.

**Gallinas River:** Trout fishing was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs.

**Hopewell Lake:** Trout fishing was good using Kastmasters, Super Dupers, PowerBait, marshmallow salmon egg combinations and worms under a bobber.

**Lake Alice:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait for trout.

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing continued to be very good this past week as anglers did well using pink, rainbow and garlic PowerBait, worms, marshmallows and Pistol Petes for trout up to 20 inches.

**Los Pinos River:** Fishing was very good using elk hair caddis flies, mosquito imitations, small gold spinners, worms, PowerBait, and salmon eggs for trout.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon egg corn combinations and worms for trout.

**Morphy Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, marshmallows, salmon eggs, wooly buggers and Pistol Petes for trout.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow on Monday was 67 cfs. Trout fishing was very good using prince nymphs, wooly buggers, stimulators, salmon eggs and worms. Trout fishing on the Mora was good using worms.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 108 cfs. Fishing on the Red was good using worms, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms and stimulators for trout.

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

**Rio Costilla:** Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 91 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 945 cfs. Fishing was fair using wooly buggers, Kastmasters, PowerBait and night crawlers for trout. A few smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using streamers. We had no reports on other species.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 62 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan

worms, poundmeisters and worms for trout.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 13 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using worms and copper John Barrs for trout.

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

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, small crank baits, wooly buggers Fisher Chick spinners, Panther Martin spinners and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Shuree Ponds:** Opened for the season July 1. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing for walleye was fair to good for anglers using minnows in about 16 to 20 feet of water. Fishing was good using top water lures, jerk baits and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was good using stink baits and liver for catfish. Fishing was very good using worms under a bobber for bluegill. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, grubs, sweet beavers, jerk baits and top water for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species. The surface water temp was in the mid 70s.

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

## **Northwest**

**Abiquiu Lake:** Fishing was fair using crank baits and minnows for walleye. The bigger fish were caught at the upper end of the lake. Fishing was fair to good using jigs, tubes, craws, grubs, jerk baits, crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using spinners, worms and PowerBait for rainbow trout. Fishing was fair using liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,520 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 for all species with just one tiger muskie and one trout catch reported. The muskie was caught on a crank bait and the trout on PowerBait.

**Brazos River:** Fishing was fair to good using worms, salmon eggs, elk hair caddis and small bead-head nymphs 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 481 cfs and 391 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using night crawlers, salmon eggs, wooly buggers, bead-head prince nymphs and copper John Barrs for brown and rainbow trout.

We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

**Cochiti Lake:** Fishing was fair using chicken liver, shrimp and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was fair using crank baits, top water lures, sweet beavers, tubes, worms and creature baits. Fishing was good using worms under a bobber for bluegill. Fishing was fair using crank baits, grubs and spinners for white bass. We had no reports on other species.

**El Vado Lake:** Fishing at the upper end of the lake was good using spinners for brown trout. Anglers fishing near the dam were catching rainbow trout. They were using PowerBait and worms. Fishing was very good using worms, crank baits and spinners for bass ranging in size for 6 to 14 inches. We had no reports on other species.

**Fenton Lake:** Trout fishing was fair trolling Pistol Petes and gold spoons and bank fishing with PowerBait and worms.

**Heron Lake:** Fishing was good trolling Panther Martins, Double Whammies and Crippures tipped with corn for a mixed bag of kokanee and rainbow trout. Bank fishing was good using PowerBait and salmon eggs in the Ridge Rock for rainbow 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 23 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was slow to fair using salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the East Fork was fair using elk hair caddis and bead-head pheasant tail nymphs for brown trout. Fishing on the Cebolla River was good using hoppers, salmon eggs, worms and stimulators for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

**Laguna Del Campo:** Fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms, PowerBait and small spoons for trout.

**Lake Farmington:** We had no reports from anglers this week. 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 trolling Panther Martins, Crippures and Arnies at 20 to 30 feet for kokanee. Anglers trolling for kokanee also caught a few rainbow trout. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, senkos, chigger craws, flukes, worms, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using top water lures, crank baits, top water lures and jerk baits for northern pike. Fishing was fair to good using jigs for crappie. We had no reports on other species.

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

**San Juan River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was decreased to 2,740 cfs. A ramp down began July 1 and will last for 12 days. Fishing through the quality waters section was good using dead chickens, San Juan worms, red larvae, streamers and flashback, pheasant tail nymphs. Bank fishing through the bait section was good using Blue Fox spinners, Kastmasters, night crawlers, PowerBait and salmon eggs.

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

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing at the Central and Youth Ponds was fair to good using hot dogs, shrimp, liver and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species or from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

**Trout Lakes:** Fishing was very good using worms, PowerBait, salmon eggs, gold spinners and Pistol Petes for trout.

## **Southwest**

**Alumni Pond:** Fishing was good using red wigglers for bluegill. Fishing was very good using liver, shrimp, worms and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Bear Canyon Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was good using minnows, top water lures and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using top water lures, jerk baits, crank baits, sweet beavers, salt craws, tubes, worms and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Night fishing was very good using shad, liver, cut bait and shrimp for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Gila River:** Stream flow as of Monday morning was 24 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Glenwood Pond:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing was slow to fair using worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Quemado Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 2,160 cfs. Fishing downstream from Caballo was very good using liver, shrimp, night crawlers and prepared baits for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Young Pond:** Fishing was fair to good using liver, crawdads, hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

## **Southeast**

**Alto Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers and liver for catfish. 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 29 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

**Bottomless Lakes:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Brantley Lake:** Anglers are required to catch and release all fish here as high levels of pesticides have been found in some fish. Fishing early and late in the day was good using tubes, top water lures, jerk baits and senkos 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Eunice Lake:** Fishing was good using hot dogs and worms for catfish.

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

**Greene Acres Lake:** Fishing was good using liver, night crawlers, homemade dough bait and hot dogs for catfish.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was excellent using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Fishing was good using liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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

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

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing was very good using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 1,500 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week. The stilling basin below the dam at Sumner Lake is closed during the high release.

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

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 7.5 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing was fair using senkos, tubes, grubs and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, cut bait and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing was good using minnows and small jigs for crappie. Most of the crappie caught were small. Fishing was fair using minnows, jigs and crank baits for walleye. We had no reports on other species. The water release which began last week will end today.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing was good using crank baits, tubes, senkos, worms and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using shrimp, beef liver and frozen crawdads for catfish. Fishing was good using minnows, grubs and crank baits for walleye up to 23 inches. Fishing was fair using crank baits and top water lures for white bass. We had no reports on other species.