

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.

Brantley Lake: J.C. Kartchner caught and released a 6.3-pound largemouth bass. He was fishing the Rippin' Lips for Veterans Tournament.

Hopewell Lake: Michael Welly caught a 21-inch, 4.5-pound rainbow trout July 28. He was using a marshmallow salmon egg combination.

Navajo Lake: Caleb Blair caught and released a 7 to 8-pound largemouth bass August 1. He was drop shotting a 4-inch white sparkle curly tail grub.

Pecos River: Joe Maclean of Lubbock, Texas caught a 20-inch rainbow trout July 28. He was using a salmon egg.

Roswell Kids Pond: Hector Arrieta, 10, Fidel Mata, 10, and Bryan Mata, 10, all of Roswell caught their limits of catfish with the big one weighing 5-pounds, 6-ounces July 30. They were using shrimp and chicken liver.

Tiger Park Reservoir: Isaiah Sonnenberg, 15, of Flora Vista caught a 16-inch brown trout July 29. He was using garlic PowerBait and a spinner.

Young Pond: Camille Xochitl, 8, of Las Cruces caught a 19-inch channel catfish July 29. She was using liver. Phillip Cisneros, 8, of Las Cruces caught a 19-inch channel catfish July 29. He was using Velveeta cheese.

The following came in too late for last week's report but we felt they were definitely worth mentioning:

Hopewell Lake: Victoria Romero of Albuquerque caught and released a 25.5-inch rainbow trout July 16. She was using a custom fly.

Navajo Lake: Wayne Prentice of Albuquerque caught a 19.5-inch, 4.5-pound smallmouth bass July 23. He was using minnows.

Oasis Park Lake: Morgan Arguello of Portales, caught a 30-inch, 11-pound, 10-ounce catfish July 16. He was using cut bait.

Pecos River: DeVante Guardian, 10, of Albuquerque caught a 19-inch rainbow trout July 23. He was using a rainbow Phoebe.

Stubblefield Lake: Kaden Martinez, 11, of Springer caught his first walleye July 25. The fish measured 18 inches in length and he was using a Booyah pond magic spinner bait. Ian Brasher, 3, of Springer caught his first largemouth bass July 25. He was also using a Booyah pond magic spinner 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.

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Northeast

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

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, worms and spinners for trout. Fishing was fair using worms and liver for small catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Cimarron River: Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 20 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using micro may's, brassies, San Juan worms, bead-head hares ears, worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes and spinners for trout.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair to good using top water lures, jerk baits, worms, senkos, tubes, lizards and curly tail grubs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, jigs, minnows and curly tail grubs for white bass. Night fishing was good using shrimp, liver and prepared baits for catfish. Fishing was fair using curly tail grubs for walleye. The surface water temp was in the mid 80s.

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

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

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and small spoons for trout.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing from anchored boats and from shore was fair using PowerBait for rainbow trout. Fishing was excellent using worms for perch. Trolling for kokanee was slow with just a few caught by anglers using Panther Martins, Kokanee Killers and Double Whammies tipped with corn or PowerBait. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, spinners and streamers for northern pike up to 38 inches.

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

Hopewell Lake: Trout fishing from the bank was fair to good using Pistol Petes, salmon eggs, PowerBait and small nymphs.

Lake Alice: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and homemade dough bait for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was good using PowerBait, garlic cheese, marshmallow salmon egg combinations, Gulp eggs, Pistol Petes and Kastmasters for trout. The best reports are coming from anglers fishing early in the morning and late in the day.

Los Pinos River: Fishing was good using San Juan worms, prince nymphs, parachute Adams, Panther Martins, Fisher Chick spinners, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 40 cfs. Trout fishing was good using yellow humpys, PMDs, prince nymphs, San Juan worms, bead-head hares ears, Panther Martin spinners, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 64 cfs. Fishing on the main river and on the Forks was good using stimulators, small bead-head nymphs worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 77 cfs. Fishing was good using spinners, elk hair caddis, bead-head hares ears and copper John Barrs for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 277 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers, poundmeisters, Kastmasters, spinners, PowerBait and night crawlers for trout. Fishing was fair using streamers and small jerk baits for smallmouth bass. We had no other reports.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 26 cfs. Fishing was good using elk hair caddis, parachute Adams and poundmeisters for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 5.4 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Santa Cruz Reservoir: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Shuree Ponds: Fishing was slow to fair using emergers and small streamers for trout.

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was slow but a few trout were caught by anglers using PowerBait and a few trolling spinners. Fishing in the evening hours was fair to good using night crawlers for catfish.

Stubblefield Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using spinner baits and grubs for walleye and largemouth bass.

Ute Lake: Fishing was fair using senkos, tubes, drop shot rigs and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The best top water bite was in the early morning hours. Night fishing was good using cut bait, shrimp and liver on trout lines and with rod and reel for catfish. Fishing was fair using jigs and curly tail grubs for white bass. The white bass were schooling in the mouths of

coves. Fishing was fair using worms and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing for all other species was slow. The surface water temp was in the mid 80s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, tubes, curly tail grubs and worms for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using bottom bouncer rigs, curly tail grubs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and worms for trout. A few were also caught by anglers trolling crank baits. We had no other reports.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 182 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing was fair to good using gold spoons for tiger muskie up to 38 inches. We had no other reports.

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. The lakes will not reopen in 2016.

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 927 cfs and 1,070 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair using a variety of nymphs, night crawlers and salmon eggs for cutthroat, brown and rainbow trout. Fishing above El Vado and below Abiquiu was slow.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing early in the morning was fair using top water lures, crank baits, tubes and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and jerk baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using cut bait and liver on trout lines for catfish.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was very light.

Fenton Lake: Trout fishing was slow with just a few caught by anglers using worms and PowerBait.

Heron Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. There were a few rainbow trout and kokanee caught by anglers using spinner PowerBait combinations from boats and PowerBait from the bank.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 12 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was slow. Fishing on the Cebolla was slow to fair using small dark emergers, copper John Barrs and worms for brown trout. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Trout fishing was slow.

Lake Farmington: Fishing was slow for all species. Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily.

Manzano Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair trolling Crippures, Arnies, Kokanee Killers and Double Whammies tipped with corn at 25 to 40 feet for kokanee. Fishing was fair to good using curly tail grubs, tubes, creature baits, sweet beavers, minnows, crank baits and spinners for smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for

perch. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits, jerk baits and spinners for northern pike. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

San Juan River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 811 cfs. Fishing through the quality waters section was very good using dead chickens, parachute Adams, BWOs, small bead-head pheasant tail nymphs, San Juan worms and tiny midge pupa patterns. Fishing through the bait section was good using spinners, night crawlers, copper John Barrs, wooly buggers, jerk baits, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms, assorted nymphs and small spoons for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central and Youth Ponds was good using shrimp, hot dogs, homemade dough bait and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow. We had no reports from the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was fair to good using worms, liver and hot dogs for catfish.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow for all species with just a few small panfish caught by anglers using worms.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. Fishing pressure was light.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using minnows, jigs and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, Yum Dingers, senkos and small plastics on drop shot rigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Night fishing was good using shad, liver, crawdads and shrimp for catfish. The catfish action was good with rod and reel and on trout lines. We had no other reports. The surface water temp was in the mid 80s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was good using chicken liver, shrimp and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 56 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing pressure has been light. There is some good open fishing area near the inlet. We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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 2,230 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using beef liver, hot dogs, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. A few white bass were caught by anglers using minnows and grubs. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was very good using worms, liver, Velveeta cheese, shrimp and pepperoni for catfish.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was fair using worms, hot dogs and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Bataan Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 7.4 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was good using night crawlers and liver for catfish.

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

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing was fair to good using liver, shrimp and prepared baits.

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 was very good using tubes, jigs, worms, senkos, creature baits, crank baits and jerk baits for largemouth bass. Fishing was excellent using crank baits, jerk baits, top water lures, spinner baits and grubs for white bass.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was good using worms, liver and hot dogs for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was good using salmon eggs, worms and PowerBait for trout. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was good using shrimp, worms and liver for catfish.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was fair to good using worms, stink bait and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

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

Jal Lake: Fishing was good using garlic cheese, liver and worms for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Lake Van: Fishing was fair to good using blood bait, shrimp, night crawlers, hot dogs and chicken liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was good in the late evening hours using cut bait and liver for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 91 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair to good using liver, shrimp and night crawlers for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 9.7 cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, jigs, chigger craws, worms, curly tail grubs and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using chicken liver, cut bait and shrimp for catfish.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using tubes, senkos, sweet beavers, salt craws and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing for walleye was slow with just a few caught by anglers using grubs, minnows, jigs and night crawlers. Fishing was fair using shrimp, night crawlers, chicken liver and beef liver for catfish.

Crews stocked 91,359 triploid rainbow trout in the following waters: CHAMA RIVER (Above El Vado), CIMARRON RIVER (West of Cimarron), CIMARRON RIVER GRAVEL PIT LAKES, COW CREEK, COYOTE CREEK (Near Guadalupita), COYOTE CREEK POND, EL RITO CREEK (Near Santa Rosa), FAWN LAKES, GALLINA CREEK (Near Las Vegas), GLENWOOD POND, GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR, HONDO RIVER (Lower), MORA (Pecos River Drainage), PECOS RIVER (Cowles to Village of Pecos), RED RIVER (Above Questa), RED RIVER EAST FORK, RED RIVER WEST FORK, RIO BONITO, RIO PUEBLO, RUIDOSO RIVER, SAN JUAN RIVER (Below Quality Waters) and SHUREE PONDS.

In Addition, crews stocked 4,285 channel catfish in the following waters: ALTO LAKE, 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 (Villanueva to I-40), PERCH LAKE (Guadalupe County), ROSWELL KIDS POND and YOUNG POND.