

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:

- **Bluewater Lake:** Anthony C. Osmond, of Albuquerque, caught and released a 28-inch tiger muskie Sept. 11. He was using a hot dog under a bobber.
- **Chama River:** Julian Pecos, 8, of Rio Rancho, caught a 21.5-inch, 2.5-pound brown trout Sept. 10. He was fishing below El Vado Dam and using a grasshopper.
- **Monastery Lake:** Julia Vigil, of Rio Rancho, caught a 23-inch rainbow trout Sept. 5. She was using purple PowerBait.



Julian Pecos, 8, of Rio Rancho, caught this 21-inch, 2.5-pound brown trout Sept. 10 at Cooper's Ranch below El Vado Dam. He caught it with a grasshopper.

- **Ute Lake:** The Leinbergers, of Clovis, caught and released a 5.89-pound largemouth bass Sept. 10. They were fishing a team tournament and using a topwater lure.

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

- **Navajo Lake:** Reggie Page, of Los Alamos, caught a 37-inch, 20.5-pound northern pike Sept. 2. He was using a 3/8 ounce, Booyah chartreuse spinner bait.
- **Pecos River:** Bill Stites caught an 18-pound flathead catfish Aug. 25. He was using shrimp.
- **Santa Cruz Reservoir:** Reggie Quintana caught and released a 20-inch rainbow trout Sept. 3. He was using a Banjo Minnow.
- **Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Ariana Porter, 8, of Los Alamos caught a 19.5-inch rainbow trout Sept. 4. She was using salmon eggs.

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.

Sept. 13

Northeast

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

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair to good using spinners, night crawlers and PowerBait for trout. A few, small, catfish were caught by anglers using worms.

Ambyre Medina of Albuquerque caught a limit of trout Sept. 10. She also caught and released a small largemouth bass. She was using night crawlers. We had no other reports.

Cimarron River: Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 7.8 cfs. Fishing was fair using elk hair caddis, small midge patterns, bead-head, pheasant tail nymphs, worms and salmon

eggs for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using Pistol Petes, PowerBait, worms and spinners for trout.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair to good using soft swim baits, top water lures, creature baits, senkos and tubes for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using jigs and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using liver, night crawlers and cut bait for catfish. We had no other reports.

Cowles Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for rainbow trout was good trolling spinners and Platte River specials tipped with PowerBait this past week. Fishing from the bank and from anchored boats was good using worms for perch. A few small northern pike were caught by anglers fishing the grass lines and using streamers and swim baits. Fishing for kokanee was slow. The 24th Annual Fish Fest will be held September 17-25. For more information, call [575-377-6941](tel:575-377-6941).

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



Ariana Porter, 8, of Los Alamos, caught this 19.5-inch rainbow trout Sept. 4 at the Seven Springs Brood Pond. She was using salmon eggs.

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

Lake Alice: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, worms and Pistol Petes for trout. Fishing was fair using worms for perch.

Los Pinos River: Fishing was good using bead-head, prince nymphs, BWOs, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

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

Monastery Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and prince nymphs for trout.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 59 cfs. Trout fishing was good using golden stoneflies, bead-head, pheasant tail nymphs, yellow sallies, San Juan worms, Panther Martins, salmon eggs and worms.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 61 cfs. Fishing was good using San Juan worms, PowerBait, worms, small spinners and salmon eggs for trout.

Red River City Ponds: Fishing was good using PowerBait, garlic eggs, worms and small Kastmasters for trout.

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 55 cfs. Fishing was good using small bead-head, pheasant tail nymphs for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 216 cfs. Fishing was good using spinners, streamers, Kastmasters, PowerBait and night crawlers for trout. Andres Alvarado, 13, of Santa Fe had a great time fishing the Pilar area Sunday. He caught a nice limit of trout using spinners. We had no other reports.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 20 cfs. Fishing was good using worms for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 6.5 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 night crawlers and PowerBait for trout. Max Chavez reported limits being caught on night crawlers.

Shuree Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Springer Lake: Fishing slow for all species.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing was very good vertical jigging for white bass at 30 to 35 feet. Fishing was fair using crank baits and swimming grubs at 12 to 14 feet for walleye. Fishing was good vertical jigging plastics in 15 to 20 feet of water and using crank baits and top water lures for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. The surface water temp was in the low 70s. Fishing for catfish was slow. We had no other reports.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Early in the week fishing was good jigging deep with tubes for smallmouth bass but action slowed over the weekend as a front moved through the area. We had no other reports.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 258 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.

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 514 cfs and 553 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using wooly buggers, night crawlers, PowerBait, Panther Martin spinners and Kastmasters for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

El Vado Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Rooster Tails and curly tail grubs for smallmouth bass. We had no other reports.

Fenton Lake: Trout fishing from boats was good using spinners and Pistol Petes. Fishing from the bank was fair to good using yellow PowerBait. The larger trout were caught by anglers fishing from boats and using spinners.

Heron Lake: Fishing from the bank was slow to fair using corn in the Ridge Rock area for rainbow trout. We had no other reports.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 17 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the upper Cebolla was good using orange stimulators, hoppers, copper John Barrs and worms for rainbow trout. Trout fishing on the Rio Las Vacas was good using ants, hoppers and worms. Fishing on the East Fork was very good using ants, elk hair caddis flies and small spinners for brown trout. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good using swim baits, spinner baits, tubes, jigs, top water lures, crank baits, jerk baits and Kastmasters for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using swim baits, top water lures and spinner baits for northern pike. We had no other reports.

San Gregorio Lake: Fishing was slow.

San Juan River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 506 cfs with an increase to 700 cfs scheduled later in the day. Fishing through the quality waters section was good using RS2s, black foam wing emergers, fore and afts, small bead-head, pheasant tail nymphs, San Juan worms and crystal flash midges. Decent midge hatches were coming off in the mid afternoon and through the evening hours. Fishing through the bait section was good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms, jerk baits, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms and Pistol Petes for trout.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central and Youth Ponds was good using hot dogs, homemade dough baits, shrimp and worms for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no other reports.

Trout Lakes: Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, salmon eggs and spinners for

trout.

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was fair using hot dogs, worms and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no other reports.

Bear Canyon Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using worms, hot dogs and liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using tubes, top water lures and plastic worms for small largemouth bass. The best action was in the late evening hours. We had no other reports.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was fair using homemade dough bait and liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, top water lures and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using top water lures, swim baits, senkos, jigs, spinner baits, creature baits, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair to good using liver, crawdads, hot dogs and homemade dough baits for catfish. We had no other reports. The surface water temp was in the mid 70s.

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 364 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Roberts: Fishing was fair using night crawlers, hot dogs and shrimp for catfish. We had no other reports.

Percha Dam: Fishing was slow for all species. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Quemado Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. The water level remains extremely low.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday morning was 0.00 cfs. We had no reports from anglers.

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

Young Pond: Fishing for catfish was good last week but slowed over the weekend. Best baits were hot dogs and worms. We had no other reports.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was fair using hot dogs, liver and night crawlers for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Black River: Stream flow above Malaga on Monday was 13 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using night crawlers and hot dogs for catfish. We had no other reports.

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 was good using buzz baits, crank baits, jerk baits, senkos, tubes and creature baits for largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, Kastmasters, top water lures and grubs for white bass.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was fair using night crawlers and homemade dip baits for

catfish.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, worms and PowerBait for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using worms for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was good using worms and hot dogs for catfish.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was fair using homemade dough bait, worms and hot dogs for catfish. We had no other reports.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair to good using worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing was slow to fair using worms for small catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was fair using homemade dough baits, liver and worms for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 97 cfs. Fishing was fair using night crawlers, liver and shrimp for catfish. We had no other reports.

Perch Lake: Fishing was fair using hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no other reports.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 25 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair to good using liver, hot dogs and worms for catfish. Fishing was good using swim baits, crank baits, tubes, creature baits, jigs and spinner baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no other reports.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.