

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:

- **Blewater Lake:** Khalil Rodriguez, 15, of Albuquerque caught and released a 30-inch tiger muskie Sept. 18. He was using a live action lure. Duane Fuller of Dateland, Ariz. caught a 38-inch, 38-pound channel catfish Sept. 20. He was using spiced sausage. It was a state record breaking catch.
- **Escondida Lake:** Jayce Griego, 3, of Peralta was fishing with his dad Michael Griego Sept. 24 when they caught three white crappies. They were using pink and white curly tail grubs. This was Jayce's first time catching white crappie.
- **Lake Van:** Steven Walker of Artesia caught a 27-inch, 8.5-pound, channel catfish Sept. 19. He was using hotdogs.
- **Navajo Lake:** Josh Austin of Las Cruces caught and released a 3.5-pound smallmouth bass Sept. 24. He was fishing a high school bass tournament and using a drop shot rig.



Jayce Griego, 3, of Peralta, caught this crappie on a pink and white curly tail grub at Escondida Lake on Sept. 24.

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

- **Elephant Butte Lake:** Dolores Huerta of El Paso, Texas, caught a smallmouth bass

that measured about 20 inches in length and weighed 4 pounds Sept. 17. It was her biggest bass ever and she was using a senko.

- **Green Meadow Lake:** Elijah Doane, 13, of Hobbs caught and released a nice largemouth bass Sept. 16. He was using live worms.
- **Mora River:** Nick Lucero of Albuquerque caught a 21-inch rainbow trout Sept. 17. He was using salmon eggs.
- **Rio Grande:** Samantha Welch, 10, of Lindrith caught her first rainbow trout Sept. 16. She was fishing in the Pilar area and using earth worms. She wound up catching a limit of trout.

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. 27

Northeast

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

Clayton Lake: Fishing was good using beef liver for catfish up to 17 inches. Fishing was fair to good using spoons for walleye. Fishing was good using royal coachmen, hopper patterns and spoons for rainbow trout.

Cimarron River: Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 20 cfs. Fishing was very good using San Juan worms, bead-head, pheasant tail nymphs, wooly worms, copper John Barrs, elk hair caddis flies, worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was fair using PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair trolling crank baits for a mixed bag of smallmouth bass, white bass and walleye. Anglers also did well using swim baits, jigs and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no other reports.

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

Coyote Creek: Fishing was good using small spinners, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, worms and PowerBait for trout.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for rainbow trout was good using PowerBait from the bank and trolling Platte River specials tipped with PowerBait this past week. Fishing was good using worms for perch. Fishing for kokanee was slow. Kokanee snagging season opens October 1.

Gallinas River: Fishing was good using copper John Barrs, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

Lake Maloya: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for rainbow trout and Pistol Petes



Duane Fuller of Dateland, Ariz., caught a state record-breaking 38-inch, 38-pound channel catfish Sept. 20 at Bluewater Lake. He was using spiced sausage.

for brown trout.

Los Pinos River: Fishing was fair using San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

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 51 cfs. Trout fishing was good using wooly worms, San Juan worms, Panther Martins, salmon eggs and worms. A few catfish were caught by anglers using night crawlers and liver.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 50 cfs. Fishing was good using worms, salmon eggs, prince nymphs and egg patterns for trout.

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

Rio Costilla: Stream flow near Costilla on Monday morning was 59 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 225 cfs. Fishing was very good using spinners, Kastmasters, small streamers, PowerBait and night crawlers for trout. We had no other reports.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 15 cfs. Fishing was good using worms and small, bead-head nymphs for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 7.6 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 fair using spinners, night crawlers and PowerBait for trout.

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

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

Storrie Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait.

Stubblefield Lake: Hue and Wesley Gonzales of Angel Fire reported catching two, 13-inch largemouth bass Sept. 24. One was caught on a spinner bait while the other was caught on a jig. We had no other reports.

Ute Lake: Fishing slow to fair using bottom bouncer night crawler rigs and crank baits for walleye. Fishing for white bass was slow. A few largemouth bass and smallmouth bass were caught by anglers using spinner baits, jigs and top water lures. We had no other reports. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing pressure was extremely light and we had no reports.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 569 cfs. Fishing was fair using worms for trout.

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

Bluewater Lake: Fishing for all species was slow.

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 501 cfs and 491 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using Rapalas, wooly buggers, night crawlers, Panther Martin spinners, Kastmasters and salmon eggs for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. Fishing above El Vado was fair to good using Panther Martin spinners and Pistol Petes for brown trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

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

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

Fenton Lake: Fishing was fair using Pistol Petes, wooly buggers, Kastmasters and PowerBait for trout.

Heron Lake: Fishing from the bank was slow to fair using PowerBait for rainbow trout. We had no other reports.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait for trout.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 20 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was slow to fair using San Juan worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the upper Cebolla was good using stimulators, copper John Barrs and worms for rainbow trout. Chris Garcia, Joshua Garcia and Leslie Benefield of Albuquerque caught and released several rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout Sept. 21. They fished both the Rio San Antonio and the East Fork and were using salmon eggs, marabou jigs and Pistol Petes. Other anglers reported doing well using San Juan worms and earth worms. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was slow to fair using Pistol Petes, worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait 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: Fishing was slow for all species.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was good using swim baits, top water lures, senkos, tubes, jigs, crank baits and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using swim baits, top water lures, crank baits and spinner baits for northern pike. Kokanee snagging season opens October 1. We had no other reports.

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 469 cfs. Fishing through the quality waters section was good using RS2s, WD40s, foam wing emergers, parachute Adams, scintillas, San Juan worms and crystal flash midges. Fishing through the bait section was good using night crawlers, wooly buggers, copper John Barrs, San Juan worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Tingley Beach: Fishing at the Central and Youth Ponds was slow to fair using hot dogs, homemade dough baits 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 slow for all species.

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

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few white bass caught by anglers using grubs and crank baits. The water level is extremely low and boat launching is limited to small boats and canoes.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, swim baits and curly tail grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using swim baits, senkos, jigs, creature baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using liver and shad for catfish. We had no other reports. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 70s.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was slow but there were a few crappie caught by anglers using small grubs.

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 67 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Roberts: Fishing was fair to good using night crawlers and homemade dough baits for catfish. Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

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 Monday morning was 0.00 cfs. Fishing was good using worms and liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

Snow Lake: Fishing was good using worms, hoppers and PowerBait for trout.

Young Pond: We had no reports from anglers.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

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

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no other reports.

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 fair using crank baits, senkos, tubes and creature baits for largemouth bass. Fishing was good using crank baits, Kastmasters 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 to good using PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no other reports.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using liver and hotdogs for catfish. We had no other reports.

Green Meadow Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Greene Acres Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 99 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using worms and liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 7.9 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using grubs and minnows for crappie. We had no other reports. Fishing pressure continued to be very light.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.