

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.

Check out the [stocking report](#) through Oct. 7. [Lake levels](#) and [stream flows](#).

Catches of the week:

- **Chama River:** Van Rocco of Albuquerque caught a 24-inch, 3.75-pound brown trout Oct. 9. He was using a Blue Fox spinner.
- **Elephant Butte Lake:** Justin Armenta of Dona Ana caught and released a 6.58-pound largemouth bass Oct. 5. He was fishing near a main lake point and using a Texas rigged reaper.
- **Monastery Lake:** Luther Harris and Corey Rogers of Albuquerque caught and released a good number of trout including a 26-inch rainbow and a 22-inch rainbow Oct. 10. They were using Berkley power worms.
- **Pecos River:** Luther Harris of Albuquerque caught and released a 27-inch rainbow trout Oct. 4. He was using a gummy bear.
- **Ute Lake:** Tom Wasson of Albuquerque caught and released a 5.5-pound smallmouth bass Oct. 7 and a 5.5-pound largemouth bass Oct. 8. He was using a 3-inch Ned rig.



Kristen Garcia of Los Lunas snagged plenty of kokanee salmon while fishing with her brothers Oct. 8 at Navajo Lake. For information about snagging visit the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish website, www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

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

- **Fenton Lake:** Harold Jimenez of Santa Fe caught and released a 34-inch rainbow trout Oct. 1. He was using green glitter PowerBait.
- **Navajo Lake:** Rich Myers of Delta, Colo., caught and released an 18-inch, 4-pound smallmouth bass Sept. 30. He was fishing the Pine River arm of the lake and using a paddle tail worm.

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.

Oct. 11

Northeast

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

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and spoons for rainbow trout. We had no other reports.

Cimarron River: Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 10 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using small midge patterns, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. We had no reports from the Gravel Pit Lakes.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using jigs, tubes, grubs and swim baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using liver and prepared baits for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

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

Eagle Rock Lake: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and worms for trout.

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing for rainbow trout was fair using PowerBait from the bank and trolling spinners tipped with PowerBait. Fishing was fair to good using worms for perch. Fishing for kokanee was slow. Kokanee snagging was slow.

Gallinas River: Fishing was fair using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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

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

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

Los Pinos River: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, San Juan worms and small spinners for trout.

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

Monastery Lake: Fishing was good using Berkley power worms, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Morphy Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, elk hair caddis and small bead-head nymphs for trout.

Pecos River: Stream flow on Monday was 42 cfs. Trout fishing was good using micro may's, bead-head hare's ear nymphs, San Juan worms, prince nymphs, salmon eggs and worms. We had no other reports.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 50 cfs. Fishing was very good using worms, salmon eggs, copper John Barrs and PowerBait for trout.



Justin Armenta of Dona Ana caught and released this 6.5-pound largemouth bass while fishing at Elephant Butte Lake on Oct. 5. He was fishing near a main lake point and using a Texas rigged reaper.

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 10 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 235 cfs. Fishing was very good using spinners, San Juan worms, copper John Barrs, streamers, PowerBait, salmon eggs and night crawlers for trout. We had no other reports.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 14 cfs. Fishing was fair using prince nymphs, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 12 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 to good using salmon eggs, Gulp eggs, PowerBait and Kastmasters for trout.

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

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for white bass was slow. Fishing was slow to fair using drop shot rigs, jigs and senkos for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. We had no other reports. Fishing pressure was very light. The surface water temp was in the low 70s.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was fair using swim baits, tubes and senkos for smallmouth bass. We had no other reports. Fishing pressure was light.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 463 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 194 cfs and 249 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was fair to good using Blue Fox spinners, Panther Martin spinners, copper John Barrs, wooly buggers, PowerBait and salmon eggs 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 using PowerBait for rainbow trout. Fishing was slow to fair using curly tail grubs and jigs for smallmouth bass. We had no reports on kokanee snagging.

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

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

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 22 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was fair using worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the Cebolla was good using worms and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the San Antonio was good using small spoons, San Juan worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other streams in the area.

Laguna Del Campo: Fishing was fair using spinners, 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 fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair using grubs, senkos, tubes, jigs and jerk baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was fair using swim baits and spinner baits for northern pike. Kokanee snagging was good near the dam and near the Pine Arm marina. Matthew Medina of Albuquerque and his sister, Kristen Garcia of Los Lunas, snagged several kokanee near the dam on Saturday and Matthew got his limit by the marina on Sunday. We had no other reports.

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers.

San Juan River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 413 cfs. Fishing through the quality waters section was good using WD40s, parachute Adams, RS2s, comparaduns, BWOs, San Juan worms and red and cream larva. Fishing through the bait section was fair to good using wooly buggers, worms, San Juan worms, jerk baits, 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 fair to good using salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout. Fishing for all other species was slow. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was fair using small streamers and small midge patterns for trout.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing was fair using worms for small catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Caballo Lake: Fishing was slow for all species. The main boat ramp has been closed due to extremely low water levels and required maintenance around the dam and spillway by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

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

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

Gila River: Stream flow as of Monday morning was 106 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 fair using night crawlers, liver and homemade dough baits for catfish. Fishing was fair 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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Snow Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, worms and PowerBait for trout.

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 76 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers, prepared baits and liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs 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: 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 grubs, Ned rigs, plastic worms, tubes, senkos and crank bait for a mix of white bass and largemouth bass.

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

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers and homemade dip baits for catfish.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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 fair to good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. A few small catfish were caught by anglers using worms. We had no other reports.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was slow to fair using liver and homemade dough bait for catfish and an occasional carp. We had no other reports.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake as of Monday morning was 105 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 9.3 cfs. Trout fishing was slow.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair to good using senkos, tubes, creature baits, worms and jigs for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using worms, tubes and grubs for walleye. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and prepared baits for catfish. We had no other reports.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was fair using jerk baits, crank baits, tubes, craws, worms and jerk baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing for catfish was fair to good using liver and worms. Fishing for walleye was slow to fair for anglers using bottom bouncer night crawler rigs, curly tail grubs and crank baits. We had no other reports.