

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:

- **Bottomless Lakes:** Shera Griffin, 8, of Roswell caught a nice rainbow trout Dec. 4. She was using PowerBait.
- **Rio Grande:** Wayne Garcia of Albuquerque caught and released a 9-pound, 3-ounce channel catfish Dec. 4. He was using cut bait.
- **San Juan River:** Amanda Hastings of Farmington caught and released a 25-inch German brown trout Nov. 27. She was fishing the upper end of the Texas Hole and using a size 24 black foam wing midge on 6x tippet.

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

- **Heron Lake:** Manny Solis of Las Cruces caught a 21-inch German brown trout Nov. 11. He 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](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.



Amanda Hastings, 28, of Farmington caught this 25 inch brown trout on a size 24 black foam wing midge Nov. 27 while fishing theThe San Juan River below Texas Hole.

**Dec. 6**

## **Northeast**

**Cimarron River:** Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was .42 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using blade baits and jig and grub combinations at 30 to 42 feet for walleye and white bass. We had no other reports.

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

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

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

**Eagle Nest Lake:** As of Sunday, the lake was closed to boating due to thin ice on the lake. There was still some bank fishing access but we had no reports from anglers.

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

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

**Lake Alice:** A thin layer of ice was forming on the lake with some open spots for bank fishing but we had no reports from anglers.

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait and homemade dough bait for trout. Fishing pressure was very light.

**Los Pinos River:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing was good using egg patterns, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow on Monday was 30 cfs. Trout fishing was fair to good using San Juan worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms. Fishing in the Villanueva area was slow to fair but anglers reported catching a few good size trout while using PowerBait.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 39 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 381 cfs. Fishing was slow for all species.



**Shera Griffin, 8, of Roswell caught this trout on PowerBait Dec. 4 while fishing at Bottomless Lakes State Park.**

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 6.9 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow at Penasco on Monday was 38 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:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

**Storrie Lake:** Angling pressure was extremely light. We had no reports.

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

**Ute Lake:** Fishing was good jigging in 40 to 48 feet of water for walleye. Fishing for white bass was fair to good using blade baits and spoons in 35 to 40 feet of water. The key was finding the schools of fish willing to bite. We had no other reports. The surface temp was about 50 degrees.

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

## **Northwest**

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

**Animas River:** Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 293 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Trout fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms under a bobber, salmon eggs, wax worms and small streamers. We had good reports from the Albuquerque Drain, Belen Drain, Corrales Drain and Peralta Drain. Leslie Benefield of Albuquerque caught and released a 1-pound, 10-ounce, largemouth bass. She was fishing the Albuquerque Drain and using night crawlers.

**Bluewater Lake:** As of Sunday, there was a thin layer of ice on the lake and it is closed to fishing until further notice.

**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 202 cfs and 244 cfs respectively. Fishing below El Vado was good using copper John Barrs, prince nymphs, wooly buggers, small jigs, worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. Fishing below Abiquiu was good using wooly buggers, copper John Barrs, small midge patterns, San Juan worms, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for rainbow and brown trout.

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

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

**Fenton Lake:** Closed to fishing due to thin ice conditions.

**Heron Lake:** Bank fishing was fair using PowerBait. The best reports came from anglers fishing near the dam. We had no other reports.

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

**Jemez Waters:** Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 32 cfs. Fishing on the Jemez was good using salmon eggs, San Juan worms and copper John Barrs for trout. Ravil Sitdikov of Albuquerque reported a great day of fishing with his wife, Liliana on the Jemez Dec. 3. He hooked and landed five rainbows that measured from 8 to 11 inches. He was using pink salmon eggs under a bobber. We had no reports from other streams in the area.

**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 to fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and wax worms for trout.

**Navajo Lake:** Bass fishing was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using senkos, jigs, swim baits and small plastic worms. We had no other reports.

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

**San Juan River:** Stream flow from Navajo Reservoir on Monday was 251 cfs but is scheduled to be increased back to 305 cfs starting at 8:00 am Wednesday, Dec. 7. Fishing through the Quality waters was fair to good using chocolate and black foam wings, ju jus, small bunny leeches and small bead-head pheasant tail nymphs. There have been a few good midge hatches coming off in the afternoon hours. Fishing through the bait waters was good using worms, PowerBait, jerk baits, San Juan worms, chamois leeches, egg patterns and small streamers.

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was good using meal worms, salmon eggs, PowerBait and Kastmasters for rainbow trout. Fishing at the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond was good using small midge patterns, San Juan worms and small leech patterns.

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

## **Southwest**

**Alumni Pond:** Trout fishing was good using Velveeta cheese, orange and red PowerBait and salmon eggs. Fishing for catfish was slow but a few were caught by anglers using worms.

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

**Bill Evans Lake:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

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

**Elephant Butte Lake:** Fishing was fair using grubs and blade baits for white bass. Fishing for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass was slow but there were a few caught by anglers using jigs, senkos and swim baits. We had no other reports.

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

**Gila River:** Stream flow on Monday morning was 74 cfs. We had no reports from the main river but fishing on the East Fork was fair to good using small bead-head nymphs for trout.

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

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing was good using small spoons, PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no other reports.

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

**Quemado Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and worms for trout.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte Monday morning was 0.46 cfs. Fishing was fair using worms and liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

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

**Young Pond:** Fishing was good using Zeke's trout bait, PowerBait, salmon eggs and small bead-head nymphs for trout. We had no other reports.

## **Southeast**

**Alto Lake:** Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

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

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 12 cfs. Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** Fishing was fair to good 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:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, homemade dough bait, salmon eggs, worms and gold spoons for trout.

**Bottomless Lakes:** Fishing at Ink Well and Pasture lakes was slow to fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

**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 senkos, grubs, tubes, swim baits and worms for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

**Chaparral Park Lake:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait and homemade dough bait for trout. We had no other reports.

**El Rito Creek:** Fishing was fair to good using copper John Barrs, PowerBait and worms for trout. We had no other reports.

**Eunice Lake:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and Gulp eggs for trout.

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait and spoons for trout.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing good using PowerBait, meal worms, homemade dough bait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing was fair using Kastmasters, PowerBait, salmon eggs and salmon egg marshmallow combinations for trout. We had no other reports.

**Oasis Park Lake:** Fishing was good using Kastmasters and homemade dough bait for trout up to 10 inches.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake on Monday was 15 cfs. Trout fishing below Sumner Lake was fair to good for anglers using copper John Barrs, PowerBait and salmon eggs. We had no other reports.

**Perch Lake:** Fishing was good using salmon eggs, homemade dough bait and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 6.3 cfs. Trout fishing was slow with just a few fish caught by anglers using salmon eggs.

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

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing was slow. Fishing pressure was very light.