

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 April 28. [Lake levels](#) and [stream flows](#).

Catches of the week:

- **Bluewater Lake:** Ted Larson of Albuquerque caught and released four tiger muskie between 30 and 34 inches April 26. He was using a fire tiger Red Eye Wiggler.
- **Eagle Nest Lake:** Kevin Farinelli of Eagle Nest caught and released a 24.5-inch rainbow trout April 30. He was using a shack special fly.
- **Eunice Lake:** Weston Wolf, 12, of Oil Center, caught a 20-inch, 6.5-pound largemouth bass May 1. He was using a watermelon Brush Hog.
- **Laguna Del Campo:** Aaliyah Gallegos, 8, of Santa Fe, caught a 22-inch and two 21-inch rainbow trout May 1. She was using green PowerBait.
- **Pecos River:** Lucas Duran, 3, of Pecos, caught a 14-inch rainbow trout April 26. He was fishing with his dad near Terrero and using salmon eggs.
- **Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Desirae Limon, 10, of Albuquerque, caught a limit of trout April 26. She was using worms and garlic PowerBait.



Weston Wolf, 12, of Oil Center, caught this 20-inch, 6.5-pound largemouth bass May 1 while fishing at Eunice Lake with a watermelon brush hog.

The following reports came in late but deserve a mention:

- **Elephant Butte Lake:** Larry Dolezal of Elephant Butte caught and released a 4.5-pound smallmouth bass April 22. He was fishing for crappie behind Castle Rock and using a minnow on a micro rod.

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.

May 2

Northeast

Charette Lakes: Fishing was sporadic using PowerBait for trout up to 19 inches. Fishing was fair using worms for perch. We had no other reports.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair using worms and PowerBait for rainbow trout. Fishing pressure was light. Due to low water conditions, the boat ramp remains closed.

Cimarron River: Stream flow below Eagle Nest Lake on Monday was 3.6 cfs. Trout fishing was good using worms, PowerBait, Panther Martin spinners, San Juan worms and copper John Barrs. A section of the river has been closed due to a fuel spill. The closed area starts at mile marker 291 and goes to the Perryville Day use area. Anglers are asked to steer clear of the area. Trout fishing at the Gravel Pit Lakes was good using garlic PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs. The 25th Annual Children's Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, May 13. For more information, contact the Cimarron Canyon State Park office at [575\) 377-6271](tel:575-377-6271).

Conchas Lake: Fishing was good using crank baits, sweet beavers, senkos, jigs and curly tail grubs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jig and minnow combinations and spinner minnow combinations for walleye. Fishing was fair using night crawlers, stink bait and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was good using minnows for crappie.

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

Coyote Creek: Trout fishing was very good using small bead-head nymphs, worms and salmon eggs.

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait and Fire Balls from the bank for rainbow trout. Fishing from boats was fair to good for anglers trolling spinners. A few northern pike were caught by anglers using jointed Rapalas and big streamers. We had no other reports.

Gallinas River: Fishing was fair using worms for trout.

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

Lake Alice: Trout fishing was very good using PowerBait, Kastmasters, Pistol Petes and Panther Martin spinners.



Aaliyah Gallegos, 8, of Santa Fe, caught this 22-inch rainbow trout May 1 while fishing at Laguna De Campo by the Los Ojos Fish Hatchery. She was using garlic green power bait.

Lake Maloya: Trout fishing was very good using salmon peach and garlic PowerBait, salmon eggs, Pistol Petes, spinners and spoons.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait and Fire Balls for trout.

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

Morphy Lake: Fishing was good using wooly buggers, Pistol Petes, spinners, PowerBait, worms and Gulp eggs for trout.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos on Monday was 175 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using San Juan worms, small streamers, salmon eggs, PowerBait and worms for trout

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 137 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using poundmeisters, copper John Barrs, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Red River City Ponds: Fishing was good using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 1,370 cfs. Trout fishing in the Taos area was fair in spite of the high flows. Anglers did best using caddis nymphs. Fishing in Albuquerque area was fair using cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

Rio Hondo: Stream flow near Valdez on Monday was 55 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Mora: As of Monday, stream flow near Terrero was 61 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using worms and salmon eggs for trout.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco on Monday was 73 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 Fisher Chick spinners, Panther Martin spinners, Kastmasters, PowerBait and Fire Balls for trout. We had no other reports.

Shuree Ponds: Open for the season July 1.

Springer Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using cut bait and large Mepps spinners for northern pike to 36 inches. We had no reports on other species.

Storrie Lake: Fishing was sporadic at best with just a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait and salmon eggs. We had no other reports.

Ute Lake: Fishing was good trolling crank baits for walleye. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and grubs for white bass. Fishing was fair using minnows for crappie. We had no other reports.

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

Northwest

Abiquiu Lake: Fishing was good using grubs, swim baits, crank baits and tubes for smallmouth bass. Fishing for walleye was slow to fair using minnows, swim baits and grubs. We had no other reports.

Animas River: Water flow near Aztec on Monday morning was 1,010 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 using spoons, large crank baits and large flies for tiger muskies. Fishing for trout was slow. A few were caught by anglers using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

Brazos River: Fishing was fair using worms for trout.

Canjilon Lakes: Closed by the U.S. Forest Service until further notice due to danger from falling trees. They are not expected to open in 2017.

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 2,030 cfs and 1,820 cfs respectively. Fishing has been slow with the high-water release. Fishing was slow. The river from the USGS gauging station to the confluence of the Rio Nutrias is now catch and release only using single barbless hook artificial flies and lures.

Cochiti Lake: Fishing was fair to good using jerk baits, crank baits, swim baits and spinner baits for smallmouth bass.

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

Fenton Lake: Fishing was very good using garlic PowerBait, Fire Balls, Kastmasters, Panther Martins and Pistol Petes for trout.

Heron Lake: Bank fishing was fair using PowerBait for rainbow trout. We had no other reports. Both boat ramps are now open.

Jackson Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Jemez Waters: Stream flow on the Jemez River near Jemez Springs on Monday morning was 189 cfs and fishing was good using worms, copper John Barrs and salmon eggs for trout. Fishing on the East Fork was good using bead-head hare's ears, San Juan worms and worms for brown trout. We had no other reports.

Laguna del Campo: Opened for the season May 1. Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Farmington: Nonmotorized watercraft are now allowed on Lake Farmington. Fees are \$50 for the season or \$5 daily. We had no reports from anglers.

Manzano Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and spoons for trout.

Navajo Lake: Fishing was fair using senkos, grubs, swim baits and crank baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing for crappie was fair for anglers using small tubes and grubs. We had no other reports.

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, worms, Panther Martin spinners and salmon eggs for trout.

San Juan River: Stream flow from Navajo Reservoir on Monday was 1,010 cfs. The spring release begins May 3 and flows will ramp up to 5,000 cfs over approximately 16 days. This flow is scheduled to last about 35 days and then ramp back down to 500 cfs. Trout fishing through the quality waters was fair using red larva, wooly buggers, root beers, red annelids and RS2s. Fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using night crawlers, PowerBait, salmon eggs and jerk baits.

Seven Springs Brood Pond: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Tingley Beach: Trout fishing at the Central and Youth ponds was good using PowerBait, homemade dough bait, worms under a bobber, small spoons and Pistol Petes. We had no other reports.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, marshmallows, salmon eggs and worms for rainbow trout. Fishing was fair using tubes, crank baits, spinner baits and swim baits for largemouth bass. We had no other reports.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was fair using crank baits, grubs and minnows for a mixed bag of walleye, white bass and crappie.

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Kastmasters, crank baits, jerk baits and grubs for white bass. Anything orange in color worked best. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and orange tubes and grubs for walleye. Fishing was fair to good using tubes, crank baits, jerk baits, senkos, jigs and sweet beavers for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using cut bait and chicken liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Gila River: Stream flow on Monday morning was 144 cfs. Fishing was good using bead-head hares ear nymphs, copper John Barrs and small streamers for trout. We had no other reports.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout.

Lake Roberts: Fishing was good using worms, tubes, swim baits and crank baits for largemouth bass. Fishing was good using worms and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Percha Dam: Fishing was fair to good using night crawlers, cut bait and liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte Monday morning was 1,360 cfs. Fishing was good using night crawlers, liver, homemade dough bait and cut bait for catfish. Fishing was fair using tubes and grubs for walleye. We had no other reports.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was slow for all species.

Southeast

Alto Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. We had no other reports.

Bataan Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 72 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair using garlic and salmon peach PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs for trout.

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: We had no reports from anglers this week.

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 crank baits, swim baits, Big Ned rigs, senkos, spoons, tubes, grubs and jerk baits for a mixed bag 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 salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and Pistol Petes for trout. We had no other reports.

Eunice Lake: We had one largemouth bass catch listed in Catches of the Week. Check it out.

Green Meadow Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Greene Acres Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was good using PowerBait, Pistol Petes and spinners for trout. We had no other reports.

Jal Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Lake Van: Fishing was slow for all species.

Oasis Park Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake on Monday was 21 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Perch Lake: Fishing was good using Pistol Petes, worms, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood on Monday was 15 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was fair using swim baits, sweet beavers, tubes, jerk baits and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. We had no other reports.

Sumner Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using curly tail grubs, crank baits and minnows for walleye. Fishing was fair using crank baits, jerk baits, tubes and senkos for white bass, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no other reports.