



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

- **San Juan River:** Kenny Arnett of Albuquerque caught and released a 23.75-inch 4.8-pound cutbow Feb. 7. He was fishing the Braids and using a home-tied olive bunny leech with a red annelid dropper.

The following report came in late but deserves a mention:

- **Perch Lake:** Andre Martinez of Santa Rosa caught a 7-pound channel catfish Feb. 3. He was using chicken liver.

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.



John "Big Fish" Robinson caught a 2- to 3-pound crappie on a Panther Martin Feb. 9 at Escondida Lake.

Feb. 13

Northeast

Cabresto Lake: Trout fishing was good using ice jigs tipped with wax worms, PowerBait and meal worms. Matthew Medina reported good fishing with friends Kevin Callahan and Travis Barnes of Albuquerque on Feb. 10. They were using ice jigs tipped with meal worms and wax worms. It was Travis's first ice fishing experience and he caught his limit. The ice thickness was about 19 to 20 inches.

Charette Lakes: Closed for the season.

Clayton Lake: Closed for the season.

Cimarron River: Stream flow below Eagle Nest on Monday was 1.01 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using slab spoons, blade baits and jig and grub combinations fished deep for walleye and white bass. We had no other reports.

Costilla Creek: Check this one out next spring.

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

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

Eagle Nest Lake: Most of the ice has come off the lake and it is open to bank fishing but as of Monday, it was still closed to boating. We had no reports from anglers. For updated ice conditions, contact the state park office at (575) 377-1594.

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

Hopewell Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week. Put this one on your list for spring fishing.

Lake Alice: Closed to ice fishing due to unsafe conditions. For updated ice conditions, call the state park office at (575) 445-5607.

Lake Maloya: Bank fishing in the boat ramp area was good using wooly buggers, corn and PowerBait for trout. Most of the trout caught were stocker size fish. For updates on ice conditions, call the state park office at (575) 445-5607.

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

Maxwell Lake 13: Closed for the season.



Travis Barnes, Matthew Medina and Kevin Callahan of Albuquerque had good luck fishing through the ice Feb. 10 at Cabresto Lake.

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

Morphy Lake: Closed for the season.

Pecos River: Streamflow near Pecos on Monday was 14.6 cfs. Fishing downstream from the town of Pecos was slow to fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River: Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday was 39.8 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

Red River City Ponds: Closed for the season.

Rio Grande: Stream flow on Monday at the Taos Junction Bridge was 521 cfs. Fishing in the Taos area was fair using San Juan worms, bead-head pheasant tail nymphs, olive streamers and night crawlers for trout. We had no other reports.

Rio Hondo: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Mora: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Pueblo: Stream flow near Penasco was 8.83 cfs. 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: Fishing was slow to fair using Fire Balls and salmon peach PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports. For updated ice conditions, call the state park office at (505) 425-7278.

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

Ute Lake: Fishing for walleye was slow with just a few caught by anglers using jigs, blade baits and slab spoons at 45 to 60 feet. Anglers fishing for walleye also caught a few white bass. We had no other reports. The surface water temp was in the low to mid 40s.

Northwest

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

Animas River: Water flow below Aztec on Monday morning was 182 cfs. Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout.

Albuquerque Area Drains: Fishing in the Albuquerque, Corrales and Peralta drains was good using wooly buggers, worms, corn and salmon eggs for trout. A few carp were caught by anglers using corn and PowerBait. A few largemouth bass were caught by anglers fishing the Corrales and Peralta drains and using small plastics and black and olive wooly buggers.

Bluewater Lake: As of this past Sunday morning, the lake was clear of ice. The main boat ramp was closed but the secondary ramp was open. Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait, salmon

eggs and wax worms for trout. We had no reports on other species. For updated ice conditions, call the state park office at (505) 876-2391.

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

Canjilon Lakes: Closed by the U.S. Forest Service until further notice.

Chama River: Monday morning water flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 99.8 cfs and 32.9 cfs respectively. Fishing below Abiquiu was very good using earth worms, wax worms, salmon eggs, wooly worms, small bead-head pheasant tails, zebra midges and red larva. We had no reports from below El Vado.

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 very good using PowerBait, wax worms and salmon eggs for trout. There was some ice forming on the lake on Monday, but plenty of open water for bank fishing. For updated conditions, contact the state park office at (575) 829-3630.

Heron Lake: Fishing from the bank was fair to good using PowerBait and corn for rainbow trout up to 20 inches. 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 23.3 cfs. Trout fishing on the Jemez was slow to fair for anglers using worms and salmon eggs. We had no reports on other streams.

Laguna del Campo: Closed for the season.

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

Lake Farmington: Fishing was slow to fair using Fire Balls and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

Manzano Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

San Gregorio Lake: We had no reports from anglers this week.

San Juan River: Stream flow on Monday morning was 364 cfs and visibility was about 1.5 feet. Fly fishing action through the Quality waters was good using bead-head pheasant tail nymphs, Krystal Flash emergers, olive, white and black streamers, small leech patterns, red larva, egg patterns and zebra midges. Trout fishing through the bait waters was fair to good using PowerBait, Fire Balls, copper John Barrs, wooly worms and small spoons. A river enhancement project has begun and the area between the Simon Point Day-Use Area downriver to the Crusher Hole Day-Use Area is closed to boat and foot traffic until March 1, 2018. Temporary closures of multiple day-use areas are expected until April 2018. For more information, visit nmparks.com or contact Navajo Lake State Park, (505) 632-2278.

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

Tingley Beach: Trout fishing at the Youth and Central ponds was fair using PowerBait, Zeke's trout bait, wax worms, earth worms, small Kastmasters and Super Dupers. Dave Menicucci caught two big catfish this past week. He was using worms and fishing deep. We had no other reports.

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

Southwest

Alumni Pond: Mid week fishing was very good using yellow and green PowerBait for trout. A few were also caught by anglers using salmon eggs. Fishing slowed over the weekend.

Bear Canyon Lake: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms for trout. Crappie fishing was fair using Super Dupers and small silver and silver and red Blue Fox spinners at night for crappie. We had no other reports.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair to good using Pistol Petes, PowerBait and Fire Balls for trout. We had no other reports.

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

Elephant Butte Lake: Fishing for walleye and white bass was fair using Kastmasters and jig and grub combinations. Fishing was fair using liver, stink bait and homemade dough bait for catfish. A few largemouth bass were caught by anglers using jigging spoons and small plastics. We had no reports on other species.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, Fire Balls, Zeke's trout bait, corn and worms for trout. Fishing was fair using stink bait, worms and PowerBait for catfish. John "Big Fish" Robinson of Socorro caught a big crappie he estimated to be in the 2 to 3-pound range Feb. 9. He was using a Panther Martin. We had no other reports.

Gila River: Stream flow on Monday morning was 55.8 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using wooly buggers and wooly worms for trout. We had no other reports.

Glenwood Pond: Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout.

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

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

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

Rancho Grande Ponds: We had no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Stream flow below Elephant Butte Monday morning was 0.35 cfs. Fishing was slow to fair using PowerBait for trout. Fishing was fair to good using liver and stink bait for catfish. Christopher Carver of Las Cruces reported catching 4 channel catfish in less than 30 minutes Feb. 11. He was puddle-jumping in the Las Cruces area and using stink bait. The catfish measured in the 15 to 18-inch range.

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

Young Pond: Fishing was good for anglers using salmon peach, yellow and green PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Southeast

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

Bataan Lake: Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs and worms. A few catfish were caught by anglers using worms and stink bait. We had no other reports.

Black River: Stream flow at Malaga on Monday was 12.1 cfs. Fishing was good using small bead-head nymphs, PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Trout fishing was very good for anglers using PowerBait and Fire Balls. We had no reports on other species.

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

Bosque Redondo Lake: Fishing was slow with just a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait and salmon eggs. We had no other reports.

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. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: Fishing was good using stink bait, homemade dough bait and liver for catfish. Fishing was good using PowerBait, salmon eggs, worms and Kastmasters for trout. We had no other reports.

Chaparral Park Lake: Fishing was fair using salmon eggs, corn and PowerBait for trout.

El Rito Creek: Fishing was very good using PowerBait, Zeke's trout bait, salmon eggs and corn for trout. We had no other reports.

Eunice Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

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

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

Grindstone Reservoir: Fishing was fair to good using copper John Barrs, wooly buggers, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

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

Lake Van: Fishing was good using PowerBait, worms, salmon egg corn combinations and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was fair to good using salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout.

Pecos River: Stream flow below Sumner Lake on Monday was 33.3 cfs. Fishing below Sumner Lake was fair using worms, salmon eggs and PowerBait for trout. We had no other reports.

Perch Lake: Fishing was very good using olive Pistol Petes, Fire Balls and PowerBait for trout. A few catfish were caught by anglers using liver and homemade dough bait.

Ruidoso River: Stream flow at Hollywood was 4.22 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow for all species.

Sumner Lake: Fishing for walleye and white bass was slow to fair using slab spoons, blade baits and worms. Fishing for catfish was slow, but there were a few caught by anglers using worms. We had no other reports.