



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**

**Abiquiu Lake:** Brooklynn Medina, age 6, of Espanola, caught a 22-inch walleye July 11. She was fishing with her dad and using a curly tail grub. It was a team effort.

**Albuquerque Drain:** Teddy Jacquez of Albuquerque, caught a 20-inch, 9-pound carp July 9. He was using sweet corn.

**Bill Evans Lake:** Shawn Steyskal of Silver City caught a large channel catfish July 13. He was using hot dogs.

**Bluewater Lake:** Tanner Smith of Durango, Colorado, caught and released a 39-inch tiger muskie July 10. He was using a top water bass popper. He also caught and released a 24-inch tiger muskie July 11 using a glow in the dark tube jig. Joshua Arzola, age 12, of Albuquerque, caught a 40-inch, 18-pound tiger muskie July 13. He was using a shad swim bait.



Lehi Muro, age 10, of Albuquerque, caught a 12-inch rainbow trout on the Pecos River, using fluorescent PowerBait.

**Caballo Lake:** Marco Rosas, age 13, of El Paso, caught a 1-pound white bass July 12. It was the biggest of three caught that day and he was using a Strike King Red Eye spinner bait.

**Conchas Reservoir:** Mathis Dominguez, age 5, of Santa Fe, caught a nice bluegill July 14. He was using worms. Sylvia Bauch of Roswell caught a 4.5-pound walleye July 12. She was trolling a Wally Diver.

**Cochiti Lake:** Terry Fields of Pena Blanca, caught a 39.25-inch, 14-pound, 8-ounce northern pike July 10. He was fishing by the tower and using a buzz bait. Grant Willis of Albuquerque caught a 40-inch northern pike July 15. He was using a silver Rat L Trap.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Parker Mahaney, age 16, of Farwell, Texas, caught a 17-inch, 2-pound rainbow trout July 11. He was using worms on a Platte River special.

**Estancia Park Lake:** Pat Moore of Estancia caught a 24-inch, 12-pound and a 22-inch 7-pound catfish July 15. He was using Magic Bait.

**Greene Acres Lake:** The De La Torre family, including mom, Casandra, Elial, age 4, and Stacy, age 7, of Clovis, caught several carp and catfish, including one cat that measured 27 inches on July 11. They were using masa and corn.

**Harris Pond:** Alexis Jojola, age 5, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, caught a bluegill July 15. She was using cheese PowerBait.

**Heron Lake:** Addie Belle Eudy, age 5, of Roswell, caught a 17-inch rainbow trout July 14. She was using a worm.

**Lake Van:** Graydon Adams, age 10, of Roswell caught two big catfish July 15. He was using night crawlers.

**Monastery Lake:** Jude Gibson, age 8, of Edgewood, caught his limit of trout within 2 hours July 9. He was using floating green PowerBait.

**Navajo Lake:** Chris Jarvis of Albuquerque caught and released a 4.5-pound largemouth bass July 13. He was using a jig.

**Pecos River:** Lehi Muro, age 10, of Albuquerque, caught a 12-inch rainbow trout July 14. He was using fluorescent PowerBait.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Benton Cain, age 12, of Portales, caught a 17-inch walleye July 10. He was using a Rapala shadow rap.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Angelo Davenport, age 12, and Anthony Johnson, age 9, of Albuquerque, caught a nice stringer of rainbow trout July 10. They were using PowerBait, Fire Balls, a blue dun and a royal coachman. Taylon Ortiz, age 11, of Rio Rancho, caught three nice rainbow trout July 14. The next day, she caught a 16-inch rainbow trout at San Gregorio Lake. All her fish were caught using a Pistol Pete.

**Shuree Ponds:** Daniel Barela, age 6, of Taos, caught a 21-inch rainbow trout July 10.

**Storrie Lake:** Adam Urioste of Las Vegas, caught a 6-pound carp July 11. He was using corn.

The following reports came in late but deserve a mention:

**Black River:** Juakin Granger, age 5, of Carlsbad, caught his first catfish July 7. He was fishing with his uncles and grandpa and using night crawlers.

**Chama River:** Christopher Ortega of Albuquerque caught and released a 24-inch carp July 7. He was fly fishing below El Vado Lake and using a size 26 black and gold midge. Alana Ortega, age 10, of Phoenix, Arizona, caught a 16-inch rainbow trout July 10. She was fishing below El Vado Lake and using a night crawler.

**Tiger Park Pond:** Faron Hengst of Bloomfield caught and released a 34-inch, 20-pound channel catfish June 26. He was fly fishing and using a green wooly bugger.

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.

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## Northeast Fishing Report

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

**Charette Lakes:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, night crawlers and Pistol Petes rainbow trout.

**Cimarron River:** The river through Cimarron Canyon and the Gravel Pit Lakes remain closed until further notice.

**Clayton Lake:** Fishing was fair using worms, hot dogs and liver for channel catfish. Fishing for trout was fair using worms, spinners and PowerBait for trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Conchas Lake:** Fishing was good using minnows, Wally Divers, Flicker Shad, bottom bouncer rigs and curly tail grubs for walleye. Fishing was fair using curly tail grubs, top water lures and crank baits for white bass and an occasional crappie. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was slow for some anglers but good for others. Those reporting good success were using top water lures, senkos, tubes and creature baits. Fishing was good using worms and small grubs for bluegill. Fishing was good using shrimp, minnows, hot dogs, cut bait and liver for catfish.

**Costilla Creek:** Stream flow below Costilla Dam on Monday morning was 72.7 cfs.

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

**Coyote Creek:** Fishing was fair using PowerBait, bead-head hares ears and Fire Balls for trout.

**Eagle Nest Lake:** Fishing was very good using worms and PowerBait for perch. Fishing was good using PowerBait, Platte River specials and Panther Martins for rainbow trout and an occasional kokanee. The Mahaneys of Farwell, Texas caught a good number of perch and trout this past week. They were using worms on Platte River specials. We had no reports on other species.

**Eagle Rock Lake:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait, worms, spinners and Pistol Petes for trout.

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



Mathis Dominguez, age 5, of Santa Fe, caught a nice bluegill at Conchas Reservoir, using worms.

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

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

**Lake Maloya:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait, Pistol Petes, Panther Martins, Kastmasters, bead-head hares ears, elk hair caddis and bead-head pheasant tail nymphs for trout. Noe Sube reported great trout fishing. He was using PowerBait, black wooly buggers and a Rat L Trap. The best action has been in the early morning and evening hours.

**Los Pinos River:** Fishing was good using worms for trout.

**Maxwell Lake 13:** Fishing was slow with a few trout caught by anglers using PowerBait.

**Monastery Lake:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait, Fire Balls and Pistol Petes for trout.

**Morphy Lake:** Work has begun on the dam and the lake will remain closed through the end of the year.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow near the town of Pecos on Monday morning was 19.5 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using small PMDs, green drakes, worms and PowerBait for trout.

**Red River:** Stream flow below the hatchery on Monday morning was 73.4 cfs. Trout fishing was fair using San Juan worms, mop flies, night crawlers, small spoons, worms, Fire Balls and PowerBait.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow on Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 178 cfs. Fishing was good using mop flies, wooly buggers, squirmy worms, San Juan worms, Panther Martins, PowerBait and night crawlers for brown and rainbow trout. We had no reports on other species.

**Rio Hondo:** Stream flow on Monday morning near Valdez was 11.7 cfs. Fishing was fair to good using worms and Fire Balls for trout.

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

**Rio Pueblo:** Stream flow near Penasco on Monday morning was 10.7 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Santa Cruz Reservoir:** We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Shuree Ponds:** Fishing was good using worms and Pistol Petes for trout.

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

**Storrie Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**Ute Lake:** HOT SPOT FOR BLUEGILL: Fishing was excellent using worms for bluegill. Fishing for walleye was slow. Fishing was slow to fair using top water lures, finesse worms, creature baits and senkos for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and sassy shad for white bass. Fishing was very good using chicken liver, punch bait and night crawlers for catfish. The surface water temp on the main lake was right at 80 degrees.

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## Northwest Fishing Report

**Abiquiu Lake:** The lake level continues to drop, and anglers should use caution when launching boat. Fishing was fair to good using chartreuse curly tail grubs or night crawlers on ¼ - ounce jig heads for walleye. Fishing was fair using top water lures, curly tail grubs and swim baits for smallmouth bass. Fishing for crappie was slow. We had no reports on other species.

**Animas River:** Water flow below Aztec on Monday morning was 104 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Albuquerque Area Drains:** Fishing on the Albuquerque South Drain and the Peralta Drain was good using night crawlers for bluegill and an occasional largemouth bass. We had no other reports.

**Bluewater Lake:** Fishing was good using crank baits, jerk baits, water dogs, large streamers and swim baits for tiger muskie. Fishing for catfish was slow to fair using water dogs, hot dogs and night crawlers. We had no other reports.

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

**Canjilon Lakes:** Closed by the U.S. Forest Service until further notice. The area may reopen later this year.

**Chama River:** Monday morning flows below El Vado and Abiquiu were 643 cfs and 735 cfs respectively. Trout fishing above and below El Vado was good using bead-head hares ears, black and olive leeches, brown stone fly nymphs, salmon eggs and night crawlers for brown, cutthroat and rainbow trout. We had no reports from below Abiquiu.

**Cochiti Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using hot dogs, homemade dough bait and chicken liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using minnows, worms, buzz baits, jerk baits, crank baits and spinners for a mixed bag of crappie, perch, white bass and northern pike. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, salt craws, senkos and crank baits for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. We had no other reports.

**El Vado Lake:** Due to dropping water levels, the state park has closed off access to the boat ramp and use of motor boats. The lake remains open to watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and paddle boards. We had no reports from anglers.

**Fenton Lake:** Fishing was good using worms and corn for trout.

**Heron Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait, marshmallows, worms and Panther Martins for rainbow trout up to 16 inches. Fishing for kokanee was a bit sporadic but a few were caught by anglers using Arnies, kokanee killers and Panther Martins tipped with corn. We had no reports on other species.

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



Grant Willis of Albuquerque caught a 40-inch northern pike, using a silver Rat L Trap at Cochiti Lake.

**Jemez Waters:** Stream flow on the Jemez near the town of Jemez on Monday morning was 6.77 cfs. We had no reports from anglers. The waters within the Valles Caldera reopened to fishing July 16.

**Laguna del Campo:** Fishing was fair to good using PowerBait and Pistol Petes for trout.

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

**Lake Farmington:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**Navajo Lake:** Fishing was good using curly tail grubs, senkos, baby brush hogs, crank baits, top water lures, ned rigs and jigs for smallmouth bass and largemouth bass. Fishing was good using swim baits and crank baits for northern pike. Fishing was good using worms, curly tail grubs and crank baits for perch. Fishing was fair using Arnies, kokanee killers and Panther Martins tipped with corn or PowerBait for kokanee. We had no reports on other species.

**San Gregorio Lake:** Adam Archuleta reported excellent fishing over the weekend. He and a buddy caught limits of trout within one hour. They were using garlic PowerBait.

**San Juan River:** The stream flow below Navajo Lake was 722 cfs on Monday morning. Fishing slowed for a few days during the major fluctuations but overall, anglers reported decent fishing. Through the Quality Waters, good producers were RS2s, foam wing emergers, root beers, dead chickens and red annelids. Through the bait waters, anglers did best using jerk baits, small spoons and night crawlers.

**Seven Springs Brood Pond:** Reopened to fishing July 9. Fishing was very good using Fire Bait, salmon eggs, PowerBait and Pistol Petes for trout. Anglers also reported success using royal coachman and blue dun flies.

**Tingley Beach:** Fishing in the Central and Youth ponds was slow to fair using shrimp, liver, hot dogs and worms for catfish. We had no other reports.

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

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**Southwest Fishing Report**

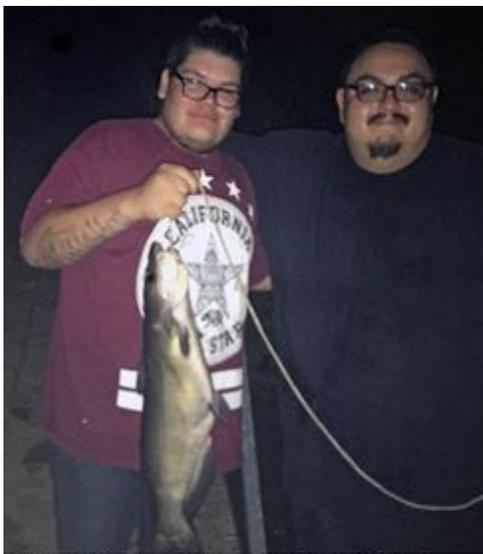
**Alumni Pond:** Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs, homemade dough bait and worms for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Bear Canyon Lake:** Fishing was very good using cut bait and worms at night for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using worms and curly tail grubs for crappie. We had no other reports.

**Bill Evans Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using hot dogs and night crawlers for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Caballo Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using sassy shad, curly tail grubs, tubes and crank baits for white bass and an occasional walleye. Fishing was good using night crawlers, liver and hot dogs for catfish. We had no other reports.

**Elephant Butte Lake:** HOT SPOT CATFISH: Night fishing was excellent using liver, homemade dough bait, hot dogs and shrimp for catfish. Fishing was good using curly tail grubs, Flicker Shad, Walley Divers, spinners, sassy shad and custom painted spoons for walleye and white bass. Fishing was good using top water lures, senkos, tubes, creature baits, swim baits, finesse worms and crank baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Fishing was good using worms for bluegill.



Shawn Steyskal of Silver City caught this large channel catfish at Bill Evans Lake, using hot dogs.

**Escondida Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Gila River:** Stream flow on Monday morning was 79.9 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week.

**Glenwood Pond:** Fishing was good using PowerBait for trout.

**Lake Roberts:** Fishing was good using worms for bluegill. Fishing was slow to fair using liver and night crawlers for catfish. 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:** Fishing was good using hot dogs, worms and liver for catfish.

**Rio Grande:** Stream flow below Elephant Butte Monday morning was 1,850 cfs. Fishing was very good using liver, shiners, cut bait, night crawlers and shrimp for catfish. A few white bass were caught by anglers using chartreuse and white grubs. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Young Pond:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**Bataan Lake:** Fishing was fair using hot dogs, worms and liver for catfish. Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. We had no other reports.

**Black River:** Stream flow at Malaga on Monday morning was 3.60 cfs. Fishing was good using hot dogs, night crawlers and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Blue Hole Park Pond:** Fishing was slow for all species.

**Bonito Lake:** Closed until further notice by the city of Alamogordo due to fire damage. The lake is scheduled to reopen in August 2018.

**Bosque Redondo Lake:** Fishing was slow for all species.

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

**Brantley Lake:** Fishing was good using crank baits, top water lures, spinner baits, senkos, creature baits and swim baits for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass.

**Carlsbad Municipal Lake:** Fishing was fair using hot dogs, worms and chicken liver for catfish. We had no other reports.

**Chaparral Park Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using shrimp and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**El Rito Creek:** Fishing was very good using PowerBait, worms and wooly buggers for trout. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Green Meadow Lake:** Fishing was fair to good using shrimp, hot dogs and liver for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

**Greene Acres Lake:** Fishing was good using worms, liver, corn and homemade dough bait for catfish and carp. We had no reports on other species.

**Grindstone Reservoir:** Fishing was good using PowerBait, marshmallows, worms, Pistol Petes under a bubble and Fire Balls for rainbow trout. Fishing was fair to good using worms for bluegill. We had no reports on other species.

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

**Lake Van:** Fishing was good using night crawlers, chicken liver and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no reports on other species.

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



Graydon Adams, age 10, of Roswell caught two big catfish at Lake Van. He was using night crawlers.

**Pecos River:** Stream flow below Sumner Lake on Monday morning was 1,420 cfs. We had no reports from anglers this week. The area below Sumner Lake remains closed due to a high-water release.

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

**Ruidoso River:** Stream flow on Monday morning at Hollywood was 4.90 cfs. Fishing was fair using salmon eggs for trout.

**Santa Rosa Lake:** Fishing was slow to fair using crank baits and swim baits for walleye. Fishing was fair to good using top water lures, spinner baits, crank baits and creature baits for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other species.

**Sumner Lake:** Fishing was fair using night crawlers for bluegill. Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers for small catfish. We had no reports on other species.

