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# Brantley Lake State Park Experiencing Flooding Due to Recent Rainfall

**CARLSBAD, NM** -- State Parks Division officials advise visitors and boaters planning to visit Brantley Lake State Park to be aware that lake levels are on the rise and debris has been deposited into the lake due to recent flash flooding. Areas of Lea and Eddy Counties have received significant rainfall the last few days resulting in flash flooding. As a result, certain tributaries have been flowing at more than 7,000 cubic feet per second into the lake; the lake has risen more than one foot and continues to rise.

The park's boat docks and buoys were significantly impacted but park staff quickly responded to conditions and the park is operating normally.

"While the rains and rising lake elevation is welcome, the resulting flooding has presented many challenges to park operations," said Park Superintendent Paul Fishell. "Fortunately, our park staff has the skills and resources to recover from events like this so our visitors can continue to enjoy the boating activities and services they expect."

Fortunately, anglers have reported catching lots of Largemouth Bass in the 5-6 pound range and White Bass in the 2-3 pound range.

State Parks officials remind you to always make safety your number one priority—on land and in the water. Wearing lifejackets saves lives; always wear a lifejacket when you're on a boat or swimming. State Parks offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year.

For more information, visit [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com) or call toll free at 1.877.664.7787.

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