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Earth Day Events at New Mexico State Parks

Santa Fe, NM –Although every day is Earth Day at a New Mexico State Park, we have a few events lined up to commemorate National Earth Day.

On Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., join local communities and schools from around the region to learn about the amazing natural resources at **Elephant Butte Lake State Park**. Fun, hands-on activities will teach participants ways to become better stewards of our planet as well as celebrate Arbor Day:

- Tree planting
- Ranger-led demonstrations and guided wildlife and nature hikes
- Informational booths on environmental education and conservation
- Children's games and activities
- Native American Agricultural awareness program by the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
- Airboat demonstrations and water safety talks

Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park near Carlsbad will have a March for Parks Earth Day Event, also on April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event combines Earth Day exhibits and programs with a march to raise funds for local park improvements. Bring the whole family to enjoy Party for the Planet with special children's activities, solar viewing, face-painting, door prizes and give-aways!

Finally, **Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park** will document life in the bosque, the final in a three-part series, on Saturday, April 26 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Local experts, park staff, and volunteers will work in teams to systematically gather and identify as many arthropod species as possible.

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