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November Events at a State Park Near You

Santa Fe, NM –November in the Land of Enchantment is packed with outdoor activities and events. Whether you want to enjoy a hike and day picnic, or go camping and fishing—your adventure begins at a New Mexico State Park.

“We’ve lined up excellent interpretive programs and fun events the whole family can enjoy,” said State Parks Director Tommy Mutz. “Fall in New Mexico is spectacular and for most New Mexicans, the nearest state park isn’t far away.”

Here are a few great events in our November lineup:

Southern New Mexico:

- Formal wear not necessary. Join us for a Star Party with telescope viewing and a constellation tour at Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park on November 8 from 5 to 6 p.m.
- Elephant Butte Lake State Park is hosting the Duke City Bass Bums Fishing Tournament and the Rio Grande Yacht Club Sailboat Regatta on November 9-10.
- Fall Colors Walk from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on November 9 at Oliver Lee State Park. Enjoy the scenic beauty and discover the diversity of plants and animals reliant on this oasis in the desert while walking the Riparian Nature Trail.
- Don’t miss out on this great start to holiday shopping! The 1st Annual Native American Market at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park near Las Cruces is November 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Native American artists from New Mexico and Arizona will sell their authentic jewelry and crafts, and visitors will be treated to a day full of cultural music and dance demonstrations. The all-day event also includes informative lectures from experts on identifying authentic Native American arts and crafts.

Northern New Mexico:

- The 11th Hour, 11th Day, 11th Month--Veterans Day Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park in Angel Fire. Speaker Ron Milam will reflect on “What Do We Tell Our Grandkids?”

- On Saturday, November 16 from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park in Albuquerque hosts an interpretive program, “A-birding on a Bronco”. Come learn about Florence Merriam Bailey, a fascinating field ornithologist who wrote the first popular guide to bird watching, *Birds Through an Opera Glass* (1889) and *Birds of New Mexico* (1928).
- Co-sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council and the Department of Cultural Affairs and with the generous support of the Amigos de Cerrillos Hills State Park, on Saturday, November 16 at 3 p.m., Cerrillos Hills State Park presents “Native Peoples of North America: What They Grew & Gathered”. Author and lecturer Bill Dunmire will reveal the many links between plants and the native peoples of New Mexico.
- Waddle down to meet Peter Lipscomb on the trail for a post-Thanksgiving Stuffing Strut on Friday, November 29 at 10 a.m.—also at Cerrillos Hills State Park. Free with your State Park Annual Day Use pass or \$5 per vehicle.

For more information and a complete listing of all New Mexico State Park events, call 888-NMPARKS or visit www.nmparks.com

Conditions are Right for Adventure at a New Mexico State Park!

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