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Celebrate New Mexico's Centennial *Boat and Fish the Land of Enchantment!*

SANTA FE, N.M. – A day on the water at your state parks is a great way to learn new skills, have fun, connect with friends and family, or enjoy nature all by yourself!

National Fishing and Boating Week, a national celebration of fishing and boating, takes place June 2-10, 2012. National Fishing and Boating Week is the perfect reason to get out on the water and experience the joys of boating and fishing. Coinciding with most states' free fishing days, National Fishing and Boating Week occurs each year during the first full week of June.

June 2, 2012, is National Fishing Day in New Mexico and, to celebrate, the New Mexico Game Commission is granting all anglers, residents and nonresidents, a day of free fishing on public waters statewide. On this special day, no one needs a license or stamp, although bag limits and all other fishing rules apply.

Get your kids out there! Fishing with kids is a great way to connect with them and to experience state parks together. Use this time to gather as a family and create lifelong memories. Plan short outings such as a picnic on the boat or let the kids find a new park, creek or lake on the map and plan a day or camping trip to that destination. Being on the water provides an excellent opportunity to teach kids about their environment, boating, fishing and other water safety skills and techniques. Boating and fishing provide unlimited learning--learning that lasts a lifetime!

Several state record fish have been caught within your New Mexico state parks. And, as you know, records are meant to be broken! Here are a few breakable records to *lure* you in:

- Bluewater Lake State Park: Tiger Muskie--Weight: 21lb. 14.24oz.--Length: 43.5"--Girth: 16"
- Clayton Lake State Park: Walleye--Weight: 16lb. 9oz.--Length: 32"--Girth: 21"
- Elephant Butte Lake State Park: Striped Bass--Weight: 54lb. 8oz.--Length: 45"--Girth: 34"
- Heron Lake State Park: Lake Trout--Weight: 31lb. 6oz.--Length: 41.5"--Girth: 26"
- Ute Lake State Park: Smallmouth Bass--Weight: 7lb. 3oz.--Length: 24"--Girth: 16.5"

State Park officials remind anglers to always wear a lifejacket when on a canoe, kayak, or raft and that all children 12 years old and younger must wear a lifejacket. The New Mexico State Parks Division offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and online throughout the year.

Celebrate New Mexico's Centennial at YOUR state parks; for more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit nmparks.com.



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Short Trips, Long Memories: Your Best Recreation Value Close to Home

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