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Low Lake Levels Make for Great Paddle Sport Opportunities at Santa Rosa Lake State Park

SANTA ROSA, NM - Santa Rosa Lake State Park officials remind the public that while the boat ramp remains closed to all motorized vessels, due to low lake levels, visitors can still enjoy the use of paddle craft such as canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and rafts, and other types of non-motorized vessels for fishing. Low inflow of water combined with the routine release of water prompted officials to close the boat ramp on August 21, 2012. Shoreline launching by hand is allowed for paddle craft and non-motorized vessels, however vehicle lakeshore access and launching by vehicles remains prohibited.

"It's a good time of year for visitors to enjoy the beauty of Santa Rosa Lake State Park" said Shank Cribbs, Park Manager for Santa Rosa Lake State Park. "We would like to remind everyone to check weather forecasts before visiting the park, and to please wear their life jackets."

Please direct questions by phone to the Santa Rosa Lake State Park Visitor Center at 575-472-3110 or by e-mail to shank.cribbs@state.nm.us.

For questions about park hours and events, please visit www.nmparks.com or call 888-NMPARKS.



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