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Fun in the Sun at NM State Parks this Weekend

Santa Fe, NM – Summer activities have just heated up and are continuing throughout the summer at NM State Parks! Get your families together for camping or for a fun day outing or picnic. Here are some special events happening across New Mexico State Parks this weekend: Take some time to have fun in the sun!

Park Special Events- Saturday, July 25, 2015:

N.M. State Parks Marathon Series at Sugarite Canyon State Park near Raton, NM, Saturday, July 25th whether it be a 5K, Half Marathon or Full Marathon! This is part of the N.M. State Parks Marathon Series, as coordinated by Mainly Marathons. Register at mainlymarathons.com (note: the first in the series is March 7 at Ute Lake State Park.) Sugarite Canyon State Park is located about six miles northeast of Raton, N.M., via State Highways 72 and 526.

Prairie Fest at Ute Lake State Park, Logan, NM Saturday, July 25th activities begin at noon with Live Hawks! Come celebrate all things prairie, including live snakes and hawks! Enjoy the splendor of a prairie night sky by peeking through the park telescope. This festival takes place mostly at the beach area near the main boat ramp. Starting at 7:00 p.m. join us for Kiowa Storyteller at the North Beach area for two sessions of storytelling. Ute Lake State Park is located 3.5 Miles West of Logan Village on 540 Loop.

Lecture & Book Signing: Wildflowers at Rio Grande Nature Center, Albuquerque, NM Saturday, July 25th Meet Larry Littlefield and Pearl Burns as they discuss their unique reference book which describes over 350 wildflowers and flowering shrubs that grow in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo, Jemez, Sandia, and Manzano Mountains. Wildflower enthusiasts and hikers will love this useful book.

Cost: \$3.00 per vehicle (exact cash or check). Friends of the RGNC permit holders and NM State Parks annual permit holders enter free with valid permit displayed. Rio Grande Nature Center State Park in the Education Building, 2901 Candelaria NW Albuquerque, Phone: 505-344-7240.

Sail Boat Regatta- Dingy Race #2- Elephant Butte Lake State Park- Elephant Butte, NM Saturday, July 25th starting at 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Marina del Sur, Main body of lake. 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.

Find your New Mexico True State Park! While recreating at State Parks this weekend, why not record your experience in a 2 minute video and then upload it to www.newmexico.org and you could win some fabulous prizes! Find your New Mexico True State Park Video Contest is on-going through August 31, 2015. Check out www.newmexico.org/NMTruePark for more details.

Check out all of our events at www.nmparks.com. State Parks is the place to be this weekend!

Conditions are Right for Adventure at New Mexico State Parks!



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