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State Parks Hosts Hikes for National Trails Day—and More!

Santa Fe, NM – Saturday, June 6th is action packed with outdoor activities and New Mexico State Parks is participating in a big way by offering guided hikes for National Trails Day, fishing derbies and much more!

“Many of your beautiful state parks are participating in National Trails Day and we invite everyone to get out in the great outdoors,” said State Parks Deputy Director Toby Velasquez. “If hiking isn’t for you, go fishing for free or enjoy music under the stars. It is a great time of year to be outside and in a state park!”

The following state parks are participating in **National Trails Day, June 6:**

Cerrillos Hills State Park - 11 – 2 p.m. Members of Santa Fe County’s Open Space and Trails Division partner with the park to highlight more than 1,000 years of mining history in the hills. Come join us and take a hike! Meet in the main parking lot.



Hikers at Hyde Memorial State Park

Elephant Butte Lake State Park – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hike the trails of Elephant Butte Lake State Park and learn about the local flora and fauna on the Luchini nature trail.

Heron Lake State Park - 9:30 – 11 a.m. - Join our Park Naturalist for a nature walk through the trails of Heron Lake. Hikes are tailored to the abilities of the group and all ages are welcomed. Other hike times are available on prior request. All hikes start at the Visitor Center.

Sumner Lake State Park - 10 a.m. – noon - Enjoy the views and wildlife on the Fox Run Trail, a 1.7-mile primitive trail that begins near the East Side Campground. Bring good shoes, sunscreen, and plenty of water. Parking is at the east side boat ramp parking area and the trailhead is east of the parking lot.

Ute Lake State Park - 10 – 11 a.m. Spring Cleaning Hike and the Logan Park Trail. Now is a good time to get your body active again before the summer. Learn about the plants and animals of the park. Choose from a morning or afternoon hike--or do both!

Percha Dam State Park - 8 – 11 a.m. Celebrate National Trails Day on Sunday, **June 7th** and every Sunday through August 30th except on holiday weekends. Walks begin at the Percha Visitor Center. Bring sunscreen, water, good walking shoes and binoculars.

***Please note the hike scheduled for National Trails Day at Cimarron Canyon State Park has been cancelled due to recent flooding on the Clear Creek trail.

Free Fishing Day!

June 6th also happens to be Free Fishing Day across the state and everyone is allowed to fish on public bodies of water without a fishing license. State Parks invites you to enjoy a day of free fishing at a park near you. Regular entrance fees apply.



Fishing at Oasis State Park

Fishing Tournaments:

At Conchas Lake State Park, the American Legion Post #19 is hosting the annual Mac McGarvery Memorial Fishing Tournament on June 6th and 7th from 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. For all fishermen, there will be a free fish fry on Saturday night. Cash prizes and trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and big fish and small fish. Registration is \$60. Contact the American Legion at 575-868-4586.

Sugarite Canyon State Park's Annual Fishing Derby is going on right now and continues on June 6th and 7th with chances to win cash and prizes. Sponsored by the Friends of Sugarite Canyon

State Park, the Raton Kiwanis Club and Shirley Prince in memory of G.W. and Ruth Prince. Kids fish for free at the Kids Fishing Tournament on June 6th! Sign up at 7 a.m. to fish from 8 – noon. Present live fish for prizes!

Music Under the Stars

Oasis State Park, with the support of the Friends of Oasis, will host the 10th Annual Old Tyme Music Concert from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on June 6, featuring the Triple L Band of Portales. The event is free but park entrance fees do apply and camping is available.



Leasburg Dam State Park will host *Music and the Stars* from 6 – 9 p.m. on June 6. Enjoy music by Paul Walter Kimble as well as a beautiful sunset! After sunset, the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces will provide a night sky program. Bring a folding chair, insect repellent. Friendly pets on a leash are allowed!

State Park officials remind anglers to always wear a lifejacket when on small boats, canoes, kayaks, or rafts and that all children 12 years old and younger must wear a lifejacket. For more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit nmparks.com.

Conditions are right for adventure at New Mexico State Parks!

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