



150 Electric Sites



250 Developed Sites



Handicap Accessible
Tables & Grills



Handicap Accessible
Rest Rooms



Fishing



3 Boat Ramps



Elephant Butte Lake State Park



Park Information

Land

24,500 acres

Lake Surface

35,000 acres

Elevation

4,500 feet

Precipitation

9.12 inches



Gate Hours

24 hours



Emergency Numbers

911

(505) 894-6617

The largest and most popular lake in New Mexico, Elephant Butte Lake State Park provides a setting for every imaginable water sport, including boating, water-skiing, fishing, scuba diving, and canoeing. The lake has sandy beaches, quiet little coves, full-service marinas, and enough open water for cabin cruisers and houseboats. The visitor center offers regional interpretive exhibits. The mild climate of the area makes this park a popular year-round destination.

Elephant Butte Reservoir, created by a dam constructed in 1916 across the Rio Grande, is 35 miles long with more than 200 miles of shoreline. Although constructed to provide for irrigation and flood control, the lake is New Mexico's premier water recreation facility. A wide variety of water sports are available at the lake, with fishing being one of the most popular.

Although fossils of the stegomastodon (a primitive relative of today's elephant) have been discovered just west of the reservoir, the area was not named for its former and formidable inhabitants, the name "Elephant Butte" was derived from the eroded core of an ancient volcano, now an island in the reservoir, in a shape of an elephant.

The park has numerous camping and picnicking areas, with more than 250 developed campsites and 150 electrical hook-ups for RV's and trailers. Many campsites have shelters and grills. Reservations are also available in our developed sites and beach reservation areas. For information call 1-877-NM-4-RSVP.

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How to get there

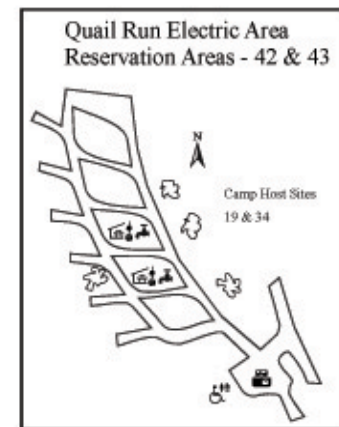
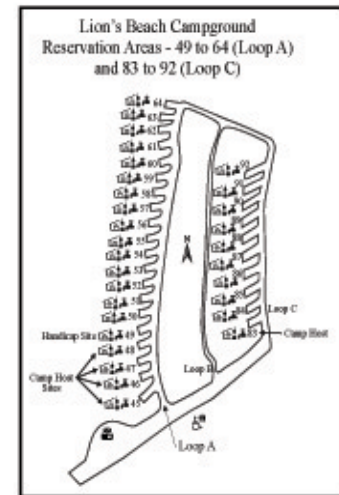
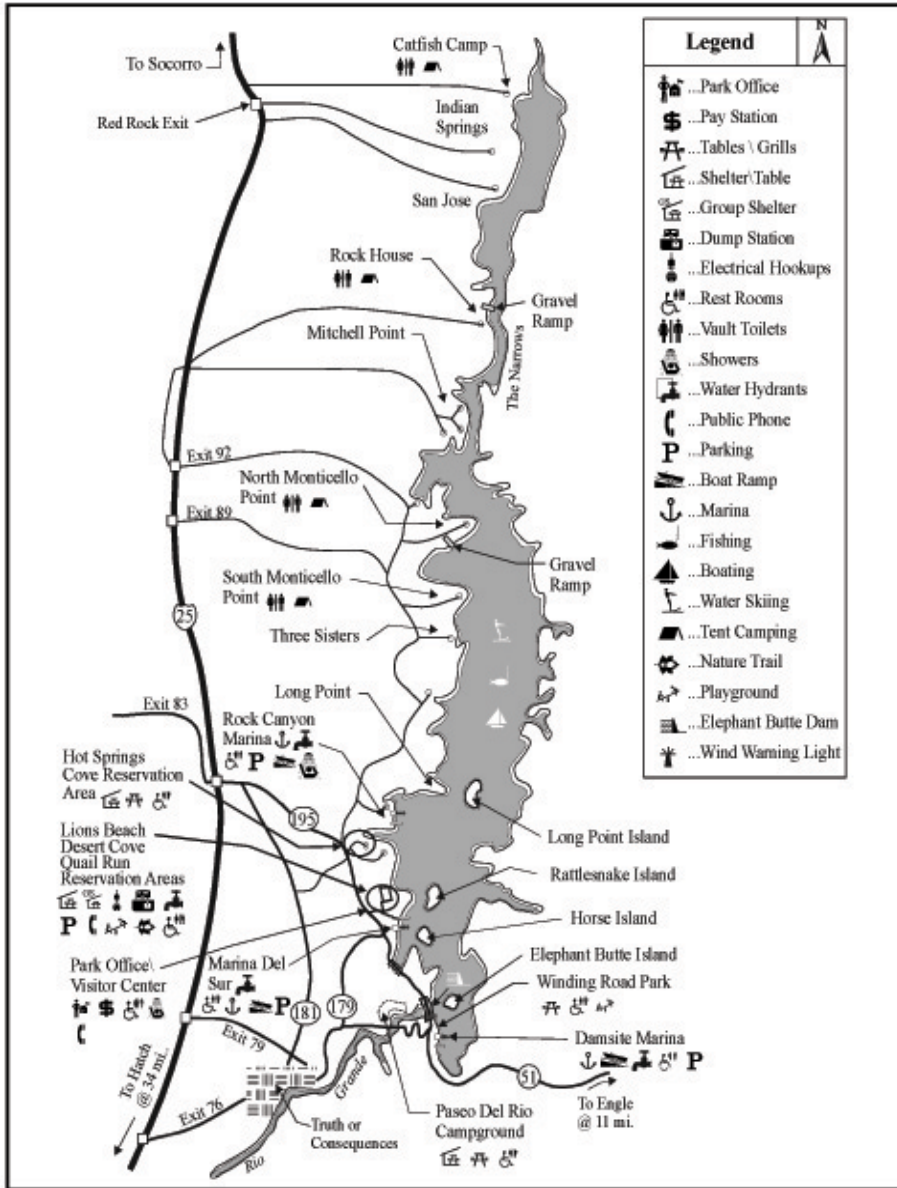
Elephant Butte Lake State Park headquarters is five miles north of Truth or Consequences via I-25 exit 83.

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Campgrounds



PARK FEES

Day Use

Per Vehicle	\$5
Bicycle Walk-in	Free
Bus	\$15

Annual Day-Use-Permit

Valid full year from purchase month	
All Parks	\$40
Resident 100% disabled veteran	free

Overnight Camping

Primitive Site	\$8
Developed Site	\$10
Electrical Hookup	\$4
Sewage Hookup	\$4
Water Hookup	Free

Annual Camping Pass

Valid full year from purchase month	
NM Resident	\$180
Senior NM Resident (62+)	\$100
Disabled NM Resident	\$100
Out-of-State	\$225

Beach Reservation Areas available at the end of Ridge Road in the Main Area and at Hot Springs Cove.

Make your reservation today at
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