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## **New Mexico State Parks Announce Seasonal Closures for Fall and Winter Season**

**Santa Fe, NM** – The New Mexico State Parks Division announces seasonal and partial closures at many state parks. Check out [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com) to see a complete listing of all seasonal closures throughout the state and new winter hours at various parks.

As temperatures drop, so does visitation during the cold, winter months in the northern half of the state. “These park closures allow for the opportunity to concentrate more on the natural resources in each park and minimizes the disturbance to wildlife, as they migrate, nest, and otherwise live in winter conditions,” said Christy Tafoya, New Mexico State Parks Director. “The closures also allow our park staff to work on projects without inconveniencing visitors.”

State Park officials reported that due to outstanding precipitation, improved lake levels, and minimal fire restrictions, visitation was near 5 million for the past fiscal year. Many parks saw a marked increase in visitation as many New Mexicans and out-of-staters alike, chose to visit their lakes, streams and historical parks.

Many of the southern state parks such as Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park in Carlsbad remain open year-round for folks to visit and enjoy!

*Conditions are Right for Adventure at New Mexico State Parks!*



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