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Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend *September 12-13, 2020*

SANTA FE, NM: The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department State Parks Division, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, proudly announces the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend taking place September 12-13, 2020. The weekend is part of a nationwide initiative to engage Girl Scouts and their families with outdoor activities in State Parks.

“New Mexico State Parks are proud to take part in the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend once again. Girl Scouts and their families are invited to visit parks in person or virtually during this fun and educational weekend,” said State Park Director, Christy Tafoya.

Thirty-three State Parks will be open for day-use access this weekend. There will be multiple, interactive educational programs online and at the parks for girls and families to engage in.

Cerrillos Hills and Rio Grande Nature Center State Parks are featured in videos introducing Girl Scouts to the natural beauty of New Mexico and its breathtaking landscapes. The videos showcase Girl Scouts riding horseback through the hills and birdwatching along the bosque to highlight just a few fun activities available during the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend. The videos can be viewed at www.nmparks.com on the Heart of a Ranger Series.

Each park offers unique experiences and Interpretive Rangers will be available to educate girls and their families about the recreation opportunities and history of the parks. Girl Scouts will gain outdoor skills and will learn to strive to be great stewards of the environment by exploring State Parks. Girl Scouts are natural leaders and they can inspire other youth in their communities to help protect our cultural and natural resources in New Mexico and beyond.

To learn more about the national Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend visit the [Girl Scouts website](#).

Remember that face coverings are mandatory in State Parks and group sizes must be kept to 10 people or less. To get the most up to date information about Park hours of operation and guidance visit the [State Parks website](#).

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