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## News Release

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## Celebrate the Fourth of July at a New Mexico State Park

**Santa Fe, NM** – New Mexico State Parks has a variety of great events scheduled on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend so celebrate Independence Day with us!

“The fireworks displays at the State Parks this year will be spectacular and offer a safer experience for everyone,” said State Parks Deputy Director Toby Velasquez. “Of course, you’ll have a lot of fun camping, fishing, hiking and boating safely.”

Festivities and fireworks displays are at the following state parks:

### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Coyote Creek State Park – Bat Chat! Come discover amazing facts about bats from 6-7 p.m. Join camp host Peggy McCormick, an educator with Wildlife Rescue Inc. of NM, to find out how bats improve our outdoor experience.

### Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

- Eagle Nest Lake State Park – Sponsored by the Village of Eagle Nest, the awesome fireworks display at Eagle Nest Lake State Park will begin at dusk at the northwest side of the park.
- Ute Lake State Park - The 4<sup>th</sup> begins with a parade at 10 a.m. in Logan, followed by a free “Bean and Barbeque Feed” from 4-6 p.m. at the baseball field entrance of Ute Lake State Park. Fireworks over the water at dark are sponsored by the Village of Logan Chamber of Commerce.
- Conchas Lake State Park – The Independence Day Boat Parade is from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Get your family ready for this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event! Decorate your boats and let your red, white and blue shine. Prizes will be awarded for best patriotic theme decorated vessels. Entry fee is \$30.
- Elephant Butte Lake State Park – The spectacular fireworks extravaganza visitors have come to expect can be viewed from the beach or boat at dark – the only difference is the fireworks will be launched from the Dirt Dam Area.

- Heron Lake State Park – Join us for Movie Night at the Visitor Center from 7-8:30 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing evening watching family-friendly movies. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage and we'll supply the popcorn.

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.

For more information, visit [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com) or call toll free at 1.877.664.7787.

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



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