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## News Release

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Trout Derby at Oasis State Park

**Portales, NM** – The Friends of Oasis State Park will be holding the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Trout Derby on Saturday, March 24, 2018.

“The weather is expected to be beautiful and this will be a great time for families to come out and enjoy the day fishing,” said Park Manager Ray Drake.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. at the park office and will remain open during the derby times of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fees for the day will be the \$5 per vehicle park entrance fee for non-annual permit holders and a \$5 per person derby entrance fee.

Certain trout are tagged and can be redeemed for prize money! There will be four categories of tags identified by color ranging in prize money from \$10 to \$100. To redeem tagged trout for prize money, the trout **MUST** still have the tag intact when taken to derby officials for verification.

All anglers 12 years of age and older **MUST** have a valid New Mexico fishing license.

Oasis State Park is located 6.5 miles north of Portales via NM 467. You’ll find this true oasis just north of Portales, New Mexico. Oasis State Park is set among cottonwood trees, shifting sand dunes, and a small fishing lake. Although fishing is the park’s main draw, it also has several hiking trails, a peaceful and shady campground, and an abundance of birds.



For more information, please contact Oasis State Park at (575) 356-5331 or visit [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com).

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