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## 7 Friends of Oasis State Park Host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Biggest Catfish Challenge”

**Portales, NM** – Oasis State Park and the Friends of Oasis State Park will be holding the 8th Annual “Biggest Catfish Challenge” Derby on Saturday, September 3, 2016. “It’s a great time to get the family together for an evening of fishing and having a picnic under the stars,” said Jim Whary, Park Manager.

Registration will be from 3-7 p.m., and the derby will be from 5-9 p.m. The event is open to all ages. There will be two categories in the challenge: Adult (age 16 years and older) and Junior (age 15 years and younger). First, second and third place prizes will be awarded based on weight of the fish and will be awarded immediately after the derby. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the derby as well. The catfish limit is (2) per person per day. Anyone 12 years of age and older must have a valid NM fishing license. For more information, contact: (575) 356-5331.

You’ll find this true oasis just north of Portales, NM. 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.

Oasis State Park is located 6.5 miles north of Portales via NM 467.

Find your New Mexico True Park Photo Contest! While at Oasis State Park, snap a photo of your experience and then upload it to [www.newmexico.org](http://www.newmexico.org) and you could win some fabulous prizes! Find your New Mexico True Park Photo Contest is on-going through September 5, 2016. Check out <http://www.nmtruepark.com/>



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