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# Bottomless Lakes State Park Main Entrance Closed Due To Flooding

**Roswell, NM** – The main entrance to Bottomless Lakes State Park on Highway 409 is closed due to flooding, and will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The only way to enter the park is through Dexter, NM.

“Although we are thankful for the rain, we regret this inconvenience,” said State Park Division Director Tommy Mutz.

Directions to get into the park from Roswell:

Take Highway 285 south to Junction of State Road 2. Take State Road 2 to Dexter, and at the Allsups in Dexter turn left on Shawnee Road and follow it to where it ends at Wichita Rd. Turn left on Wichita Rd until it ends at Highway 409, which is the loop road around Bottomless Lakes State Park. Turn left to get to the Lea Lake Campground. The Visitors Center is 1.5 miles past Lea Lake.

Directions to get into the park from Artesia:

Travel north and turn right on to State Rd 2 and follow until Dexter. In the center of Dexter turn Right on Shawnee Rd and follow to where it ends at Wichita Rd. Turn left on Wichita Rd and take until it ends at Highway 409, which is the loop road around Bottomless Lakes State Park. At Whichita Rd and Highway 409 turn left to get to the Lea Lake Campground and the Visitor Center is 1.5 miles past Lea Lake.

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