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## Celebrate *Bubblefest* at Bottomless Lakes State Park

**Roswell, NM** – Bottomless Lakes State Park is the best way to dive into the Labor Day weekend during the annual *Bubblefest* on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The event features underwater dive poker and fun, educational activities for divers and spectators alike.

“Bottomless *Bubblefest* is the park’s signature event. It’s a great way for scuba divers from around the region and state to get together and share their experiences throughout the course of the weekend,” said Park Superintendent Blake Ingram. “We also award great prizes to the three best hands for our dive poker game,” he said.

Dive poker involves tossing two decks of weighted cards into Lea Lake and divers compete for the best hand. No more than five cards can be held at a time, and divers may discard one of their cards in exchange for a new card, similar to traditional poker. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday for the winning hand.

Bottomless Lakes State Park also offers a variety of fun activities for everyone. Visitors can swim or rent paddleboards and pedal boats to explore Lea Lake.

Bottomless Lakes State Park is a popular scuba diving destination, known for its greenish-blue color that creates the illusion that the lakes are bottomless when in fact they range in depth from 17 to 90 feet. The “Mecca” is a large group of springs located 30 to 40 feet below the surface of Lea Lake, producing over 9 million gallons of water a day. Divers may have a chance of spotting several threatened species of fish such as the Pecos Pupfish and Mexican Tetra, among others.

Find your New Mexico True State Park. While at Bottomless Lake State Park, record your experience in a short, 2-minute video and then upload it to [newmexico.org](http://newmexico.org) and you could win some fabulous prizes! Find your New Mexico True State Park Video Contest is on-going through October 31, 2015. Check out <https://www.newmexico.org/NMTruePark>

To get to Bottomless Lakes State Park from Roswell, head east on US 380 for 12 miles and then south on NM 409 for three miles. For more information, contact Bottomless Lakes State Park at (505) 624-6058, call (888) NMPARKS or log onto [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com).



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