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# **Polar Bear Plunges and a Stomp at New Mexico State Parks** *Leap into 2017 with a Big Splash!* **\*\*CORRECTED\*\***

**Santa Fe, NM** – New Mexicans can leap into the new year by plunging into the frigid lake waters. Two state parks are hosting polar bear plunges -- Sugarite Canyon and Storrie Lake State Parks. At Eagle Nest Lake State Park, the Polar Bear Stomp, part of State Parks' First Day Hikes, begins promptly at 10 a.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

“Polar Bear Plunges are traditions at our parks. It’s great that visitors can have fun and unique outdoor experiences on the first day of the year,” said State Parks Director Christy Tafoya. “We’ve determined the water depth this year at Eagle Nest Lake State Park is not adequate for a plunge, yet we have the Polar Bear Stomp and a Disc Golf Championship for visitors to enjoy.”

Storrie Lake State Park in Las Vegas, NM is hosting the *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Polar Bear Plunge* at noon. This event is very popular with visitors who have been enjoying this event for many years.

Sugarite Canyon State Park hosts its *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Plunge*. Visitors can jump into Lake Maloya at 1p.m. in an event sponsored by the Raton Parks and Recreation Department. Other activities will include a "Rob the Snow Bank" for kids to dig for coins and candy.

Following the Stomp at Eagle Nest Lake State Park, test your skills in the *Closest to the Pin Disc Golf Championship*. Finish the day off with a hot beverage and cookies!

For more information on all New Mexico State Parks events, please visit our website at [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com).

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



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