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Enjoy Labor Day Weekend at a New Mexico State Park

Santa Fe, NM – Labor Day is Monday, September 1—right around the corner. New Mexico State Parks invites everyone to enjoy Labor Day Weekend in a state park – with 35 awesome locations throughout the state to choose from!

“State Parks offers different adventures for everyone,” said State Parks Director Tommy Mutz. “With the summer rains, lake levels are up so boating and fishing are exceptional. The whole family can also have fun hiking, camping and attending our special events throughout the long weekend.”

Labor Day Weekend Events

Heron Lake State Park is hosting a guided *Dam Tour* on Friday, August 29, by the Bureau of Reclamation that details the inner workings of the Heron Lake Dam. They’ll discuss their role in providing water for the cities of the southwest. Space is limited to 35 participants on a first come, first served basis and the tour is from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. The dam is 2 hours northwest of Santa Fe, following 285 (North) to junction 84 (North). Follow 84 toward Chama until the intersection at Hwy 95. Left on 95 and follow nine miles to the "White House" on the dam.

Also on Friday, August 29, **Navajo Lake State Park** is hosting *Bats!* from 8–9 p.m. as part of their Wildlife series. This entertaining and informative presentation will separate fact from fiction and share tips to help you be a good bat neighbor. Bats comprise one quarter of the world’s total number of mammal species!

Oasis State Park’s 6th Annual Catfish Derby is on Saturday, August 30! Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. with a \$5 entry fee and the Derby is from 5-9 p.m. The event is open to all ages. Great prizes will be awarded immediately after the derby and will be based on the weight of the fish. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the derby as well! Anyone 12 years of age and older must have a valid NM fishing license. The park entrance fee of \$5 is required for non-annual permit holders.

Test your scuba skills and have great fun at **Bottomless Lakes State Park** on August 30 and 31. Come join other scuba divers from around the globe while participating in *Bottomless Bubblefest*, a poker game for divers, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. both days. Divers will collect the best cards to see who can reveal the winning hand for a grand prize!

Help make it a safe holiday weekend by always making safety your number one priority—being prepared on the water and wearing lifejackets saves lives. The State Parks Division offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year.

Reserve your favorite camping spot, find out more about events and check out our FREE boating safety classes by visiting our website at www.nmparks.com.



Conditions are right for adventure at New Mexico State Parks!

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