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Celebrate National Trails Day At a New Mexico State Park

Santa Fe, NM – National Trails Day is June 7, 2014 and New Mexico State Parks has many great trails and guided hikes to enjoy. Seven state parks will hold specific National Trails Day events this year.

“Whether you are looking for an easy nature trail experience or adventurous trail climbing, hiking a trail is a great way to get to know a park,” said State Parks Director Tommy Mutz. “Established trail systems are in 22 out of 35 state parks.”

The following events will be held on National Trails Day:

Hyde Memorial State Park – *Trail Improvement Project*, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join park staff, NM Volunteers for the Outdoors and representatives from the Santa Fe National Forest for a trail improvement project. Participants will improve trails and will be treated to lunch, free REI shirts (while supplies last) and other goodies. No experience is necessary--training and tools will be provided. Participants will need to wear long pants, long sleeves, sturdy boots, and work gloves. Bring plenty of water, sun protection, rain gear, and a pack to carry gear and lunch out on the trail.

Registration is required for planning purposes, so please sign up by **Wednesday, June 4**. This event is not suitable for children under 12; minors must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Contact event coordinator Barbara Hoehne, projects@nmvfo.org or 505.227.1673 to register.

Cimarron Canyon State Park – *National Trails Day Hike*, 8:30-11:30 a.m. This hike is sponsored by NM State Parks and the Moreno Valley Trekkers and will be up Clear Creek. Snacks and Gatorade packs will be available for hikers.

Caballo Lake State Park – *Mesa Trail Walk*, 9 - 10:30 a.m. A ranger-guided hike will be held along the Mesa Trails at Caballo Lake State Park. The hike is 1.5 miles on a gravel surface and will showcase lake views.

Elephant Butte Lake State Park – *National Trails Day Event and Hike*, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rangers will provide kids' games, activities, and snacks; and lead a 1.5 mile hike on the Luchini Trail which will return to the Group Shelter. Meet at the Elephant Butte Lake State Park Group Shelter on Ridge Road.

Sumner Lake State Park – *National Trails Day Hike*, 10 a.m. - noon. Come hike the Discovery Trail with the Park Ranger, and learn about the plants and wildlife that inhabit Sumner Lake. This is a .75 mile hike. The starting point will be Sumner Lake Visitor Center.

Oasis State Park- *National Trails Day Hike*, 3 – 4 p.m. Enjoy a one mile hike through the dunes of Oasis State Park. Meet at the Group Shelter.

Percha Dam State Park – *National Trails Day Hike*, 3 – 4 p.m. Hike one mile through the south end of the park where excellent bird-watching opportunities abound.

For more about state park trails, visit <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/TrailsatStateParks.html>
To learn about state park summer events, visit www.nmparks.com or call 1-888-NMPARKS.

Conditions are right for Adventure at New Mexico State Parks!



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