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Brantley Lake State Park To Hold "Open House"

CARLSBAD, NM - Brantley Lake State Park is waiving day use fees and allowing free park access to visitors during its annual "Open House" event on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The park visitor center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with refreshments available. The \$5.00 day-use fee will be waived, allowing free park access until 9:00 p.m. Rangers will be on duty to answer questions about the park and to sell annual camping permits and day- use passes.

"Brantley Lake State Parks has hosted the Open House event for over twenty consecutive years," says Park Superintendent Adrian Stiteler. "It's a good opportunity for park staff to inform the public about the park's events and help them plan for the upcoming season. We're also happy to provide information about the State Parks Division's programs, rules and policies."

Brantley Lake is the southernmost lake in New Mexico, offering water sports and year-round camping to visitors. Anglers can catch a variety of warm water fish such as largemouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, white bass, bluegill and crappie. The visitor center includes historical exhibits about the Wild West town of <u>Seven Rivers</u>.

Brantley Lake State Park is located 12 miles north of Carlsbad via U.S. 285, then 4.5 miles northeast on Eddy County Road 3

For further information please contact the park at (575)-457-2384.

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