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## News Release

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## Party with the Stars at a New Mexico State Park

**Santa Fe, NM** – Beyond the red carpet to New Mexico’s natural astral enchantments, New Mexico State Parks is offering four unique star parties across the state in February!

Saturday, February 22, 2014

- A star party is perfect for the dark skies at Brantley Lake State Park from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Telescopes will be set up at the group shelter in the Limestone Campground. View the beautiful wonders—Jupiter, star clusters and nebulae. A laser constellation tour at 8 p.m. will orient you to the winter’s night sky. About 12 miles north of Carlsbad.
- Join Matt Wilson from the National Public Observatory for an informational and intriguing look at the City of Rocks State Park night sky from 6 – 8 p.m. City of Rocks is approximately 30 miles south of Silver City and 30 miles north of Deming.
- Enjoy viewing the moon and stars at Leasburg Dam State Park’s Quarter Moon and More event from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Astronomers from the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces will give a guided tour. Enjoy viewing the moon and stars through various sized-telescopes inside the park’s new observatory.

Friday, February 28, 2014

- Catch the green laser tour of stars and constellations and marvel at close-up views of Jupiter, the Orion Nebula, distant star clusters and galaxies through telescopes at Cerrillos Hills State Park from 7 – 9 p.m. Meet in main parking lot.

“Everyone agrees New Mexico is the best place to study the night skies, and our state parks offer knowledgeable guides, great telescopes and beautiful parks for star parties,” said Tommy Mutz, New Mexico State Parks Division Director.

Conditions are right for adventure at a New Mexico State Park!

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