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## News Release

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## Plan a State Park Adventure On National Get Outdoors Day!

**Santa Fe, NM** – June is a great time to get out and have an adventure in a New Mexico State Park. For National Get Outdoors Day on June 8, visitors are invited to enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, boating and exploring. While water levels are low, many lakes still have good boat-able water, to include miles of lake at Elephant Butte Lake and Navajo Lake State Parks.

“State Parks welcomes visitors to have a fun and different experience at one of our 35 parks,” said State Park Director Tommy Mutz. “We have many special events for National Get Outdoors Day, and whether you are interested in fishing with your kids, paddling on a lake or enjoying the night sky, our State Parks have something for everyone.”

The following events are being held at various State Parks on June 8, National Get Outdoors Day:

Cerrillos Hills State Park – 5:00-7:00 PM

*Landscape Photography* - Join photographer Patrick Mohn who will lead this outdoor workshop. Hone your skills and capture the beauty of the Cerrillos Hills landscape. Contact (505) 474-0196.

Heron Lake State Park – 8:30-10:00 PM

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heron Lake Astronomy Day* – Join Ranger Peter Lipscomb and volunteers for stargazing in the Blanco Group Shelter. Win prizes in the night sky trivia contest and see the green laser guided tour. Contact (575) 588-7470.

Elephant Butte Lake State Park – Events throughout the day

- *22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Challenge Cook-off* – Come taste chili from different cooks competing for the title of best red and green chili.
- *National Marina Day* – Marina del Sur and Rock Canyon Marina will feature booths, vendors, games and prizes, and boating demonstrations. Paddleboard demonstrations will be held at Damsite Marina.
- *American Bass Association Tournament* – Participate in a one-day fishing tournament.
- *SW Drag Boat Association Races* – Watch drag boats compete for the fastest one-quarter mile time.

For all events, contact (575) 744-5923.

Oasis State Park – 7:00-9:00 PM

*8<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Tyme Music Concert* – Oasis State Park and the Friends of Oasis host this concert featuring the Triple L Band of Portales. Contact (575) 356-5331.

Oliver Lee Memorial State Park – 9:00-10:30 PM

*Callisto and Arcus* – The Amateur Astronomers Group will provide a summer sky tour of the constellations Ursa Major and Bootes, which are linked to the myths of Callisto and Arcus. Contact (575) 437-8284.

Sumner Lake State Park – Events throughout the day

- *Billy the Kid Tombstone Triathlon* – The triathlon will feature Olympic distance and sprint distance races.
- *Poach Coach* – Learn about New Mexico wildlife and the negative impacts of poaching. Registration required.

For all events, contact (575) 355-2541.

In addition to these special events, fishing is excellent in state parks. From walleye at Santa Rosa Lake to Tiger Muskies at Bluewater Lake, bring the family along to catch their first fish or tonight's dinner! For more information, visit: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/recreation/fishing/documents/fishing\\_report.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/recreation/fishing/documents/fishing_report.htm).

Get outside and enjoy a State Park adventure on National Get Outdoors Day. For more information about fun activities and events, visit [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com).

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



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