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Bodacious Butterfly Festival Returns **June 29-30 to Sugarite Canyon State Park**

Raton, NM – Celebrate the fascinating and colorful world of butterflies at Sugarite Canyon State Park’s 5th annual *Bodacious Butterfly Festival* from June 29-30, 2013. Butterfly expert and author Steve Cary will host the event and present information on butterflies and their roles in our ecosystems, including how butterflies respond to wildfire.

“From Silver-spotted Skippers to Aphrodite Fritillaries and Clouded Sulphurs, Sugarite Canyon provides homes to more than 70 different kinds of butterflies,” says Steve Cary. “Each of the park’s many habitats, is home to its own resident butterfly species, making Sugarite one of our state’s most popular destinations for butterfly watchers.”

Join Steve Cary and park staff on guided butterfly walks on the beautiful Sugarite trails and enjoy informative lectures throughout the weekend.

The Bodacious Butterfly Festival evolved from the annual Sugarite butterfly count led by Steve Cary, a former natural resource planner for New Mexico State Parks and New Mexico’s unofficial “Butterfly Guy.” The festival continues as an annual event at Sugarite Canyon State Park.

Sugarite Canyon State Park is located on the Colorado border, five miles east of Raton on NM Highways 72 and 526. Camping and fishing are also available. For more information, contact the park at (575) 445-5607.

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