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Get into the Wild at a New Mexico State Park

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico State Parks are offering a variety of programs featuring the unique wildlife of our state. From birds, to bats, to insects, family-friendly programs are featured at many parks this weekend.

“Bring your family to a fun, hands-on wildlife program at a State Park,” says State Park Director, Tommy Mutz. “We have 31 of our 35 parks open for business, so come camp and enjoy a fun program in a park near you.”

Weekend wildlife programs at State Parks include:

June 29, 2013

Rio Grande Nature Center State Park – *Un paseo por el bosque*, 9:00-10:30 AM. Enjoy a Spanish nature walk and learn about wildlife in the bosque. This program is open to Spanish speakers of all ages and levels of proficiency.

Villaneuva State Park – *Raptors Live Presentation*, 10:00-11:00 AM. Join presenter Peggy McCormick and her assistants for live demonstrations of a variety of birds including a Red Tail Hawk and Burrowing Owl.

Conchas Lake State Park – *Spiders and Snakes*, 6:00-7:00 PM. Learn about these amazing creatures and how to co-exist with venomous and non-venomous species.

Sumner Lake State Park – *Bat Factor*, 7:00-8:30 PM. Although bats evoke the “fear factor,” come learn bat facts about these interesting and important flying mammals.

Heron Lake State Park – *Batty about Bats*, 8:00-9:30 PM. Join National Park Service Chris Judson in an interactive slide show to learn about these nighttime neighbors.

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Conchas Lake State Park – *Nature Walk*, 7:30-8:30 AM. In the cool mornings, nature comes alive! Join Regional Manager Jared Langenegger for a hike to identify birds, insects, and animals that inhabit this park.

Sugarite Canyon State Park – *Bodacious Butterfly Festival*, June 29-30, all day events. Join butterfly master Steve Cary to learn the martial art of stalking and identifying Sugarite’s butterflies.

Your New Mexico State Parks are open for adventure. Try something dynamic and new at a park near you.

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

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