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Celebrate the Fourth of July with New Mexico State Parks *Fireworks Displays Over Lake Waters*

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico State Parks invites visitors to public fireworks displays at nearby parks instead of lighting their own due to the extreme fire danger. Public fireworks displays will be held over lake waters at Sumner Lake, Eagle Nest Lake, Elephant Butte Lake and Ute Lake State Parks. 31 of the 35 New Mexico state parks are open and many parks have activities scheduled over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

“Enjoy spectacular fireworks at a state park,” said Tommy Mutz, New Mexico State Parks Division Director. “Our displays will be held over lakes with local fire officials on hand to prevent any fire danger.”

Fireworks displays at state parks include:

Sumner Lake State Park – A fireworks display will be held at the park on July 4 at 9:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Lake Sumner Fire Department. The event will take place just north of the main boat ramp. Regular entrance fees apply. For more information call: (575) 355-2541.

Eagle Nest Lake State Park – Fourth of July fireworks display will be held on Wednesday, July 4th at 9:00 p.m. The fireworks are sponsored by the Village of Eagle Nest and the Eagle Nest Chamber of Commerce. Regular entrance fees to the park apply. For more information call: (575) 377-1594.

Elephant Butte Lake State Park– The fireworks display will be held on Saturday, July 6 at 9:00 p.m. Fireworks will be launched from Rattlesnake Island in the middle of the lake. A fantastic fireworks display can be viewed from the beach or from a boat on the lake. Day use fees are waived for the show only. For more information call: Friends of Elephant Butte Lake State Park at (575) 744-5923.

Ute Lake State Park – A Bean Feed and Barbeque as well as a Fourth of July fireworks display will be held on Saturday, July 6th. The display is sponsored by the Logan Ute Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Logan Bass Club, Village of Logan and the Village of Logan Lodger’s Tax Board. Regular entrance fees to the park apply. For more information call: (575) 487-2284.

Other state parks with activities during the Fourth of July holiday weekend include:

Brantley Lake State Park – Enjoy a *Star Party* under dark skies on July 5th at 8:00 p.m. Large telescopes will be set up at the group shelter in Limestone Campground.

Heron Lake State Park – This park will conduct multiple events on July 5th and 6th, including a tour of Heron Lake Dam, coffee with a camp host, nature inspired art, and ukulele lessons. Join National Park Service Ranger, Chris Judson on July 6th for the program *Snakes Alive!*

Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park – *The 5th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony* will begin on July 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the amphitheater. The park accepts all flags that need to be retired. The ceremony will be followed by an ice cream social.

Oasis State Park – Join park staff and the Clovis Astronomy Club for a *Star Party* on July 6th at 8:00 p.m.

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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