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State Parks Temporary Closures & Advisories

All Announced Updates Effective Immediately Until Further Notice

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexico State Parks is announcing the following temporary closures and advisories in effect until further notice due to the heavy rains and flooding.

- Morphy Lake State Park is temporarily closed due to safety issues related to heavy area rains and the resulting flooding in the areas around the park. The park will remain closed until it is deemed safe for visitors. (The access road to the park is potentially hazardous near the village of Ledoux, also due to washouts.)
- Coyote Creek State Park is temporarily closed due to safety issues related to heavy area rains and the resulting flooding in the areas around the park. The park will remain closed until it is deemed safe for visitors. (State Road 434, north to Angel Fire, is temporarily closed due to washouts.)
- Brantley Lake State Park is temporarily closed to boating and swimming due to safety issues related to heavy area rains and runoff into the lake. Recent rains and resulting runoff in the Pecos River have raised the lake's elevation 12-15 feet within the last 48 hours. The runoff has brought a significant amount of debris into the lake, making boating and swimming hazardous. The boating and swimming closure will result in the overall closure of the Seven Rivers Day Use area on the west side of Brantley Lake. The remainder of the park will stay open for other land-based activities such as picnicking, camping, hiking and wildlife viewing.
- Elephant Butte Lake State Park's Main Area Boat Ramp is closed due to sedimentation from the surrounding shoreline. Several roads in the Elephant Butte Lake area have also experienced damage. Local traffic may be slowed or diverted at specific locations as necessary. The remainder of the Elephant Butte Lake State Park remains open to boating and swimming, but visitors are advised to be aware of the potential for debris in the water due to flooding. Boaters and swimmers are urged to take precautions.
- Santa Rosa Lake State Park remains open to boating and swimming, but visitors are advised to be aware of the potential for debris in the water due to flooding. Boaters and swimmers are urged to take precautions. The lake has risen 20 feet in the last 48 hours.
- Sumner Lake State Park remains open to boating and swimming, but visitors are advised to be aware of the potential for debris in the water due to flooding. Boaters and swimmers are urged to take precautions. The lake has risen 24 feet in the last 48 hours.

- Conchas Lake State Park remains open to boating and swimming, but visitors are advised to be aware of the potential for debris in the water due to flooding. Boaters and swimmers are urged to take precautions. The lake has risen 5 feet in the last 48 hours.
- Other State Parks may experience temporary closures throughout the weekend, as staff may be diverted during emergency situations to assist with community evacuations or work to reopen nearby State Parks.

State Parks will provide more information as it becomes available. The latest information on temporary closures and advisories can be found at www.nmparks.com.

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