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## News Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Summer Fun at State Parks

**Santa Fe, NM** – Summer is in full-swing and State Parks invites families to get outdoors and enjoy refreshing water sports and unique educational programs held throughout beautiful New Mexico. Camp with us or bring a picnic for a fun day outing. For those looking for summer fun, here are just a few state park offerings for the months of July and August.

### Park Special Events

**July 22, 2017 (11 a.m. – 10 p.m.) – Prairie Fest at Ute Lake State Park**

Prairie Fest to include: Hawks Alive! Snake Open House; Snakes Alive! and Moon & Saturn by Telescope! Regular park entry fees apply.

**July 22, 2017 (7 a.m. -1 p.m.) – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Sculpture Contest at Bottomless Lakes State Park**

Come play in the sand and compete against other park visitors while building the best and most original/creative sand sculptures at Bottomless Lakes State Park/Lea Lake Recreation Area. Regular park entry fees apply.

**August 5, 2017 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.) – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Paddle Board Races at Bottomless Lakes State Park**

Come and compete on our paddle boards against other park visitors to see who is the fastest on the water at Bottomless Lakes State Park/Lea Lake Recreation Area. Regular park entry fees apply.

**August 4 -5, 2017 (5 a.m. – 5 p.m.) – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Smith RV Open Bass Tournament at Ute Lake State Park**

Bass fishing tournament at Ute Lake State Park, weigh-in at Ute Lake Marina. Regular park fees apply.

**August 21, 2017 (10 a.m. -1:15 p.m.) – Eclipse of the Sun at Sugarite Canyon State Park**

Join a ranger from Sugarite Canyon State Park to observe this spectacular solar eclipse as the moon comes between our planet and our favorite star--the sun! We will observe the partial eclipse using eclipse glasses and specially filtered telescopes. (Note: New Mexico will see a partial eclipse. Other states will see a total eclipse.) Regular park entry fees apply.

**Aug. 26, 2017 (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) – Master of the Mountains Adventure Relay at Sugarite Canyon State Park-** Starts at Lake Maloya; ends at NRA Whittington Center. Online Registration closes August 1, 2017. Please call Raton Parks & Recreation for more information at 575-445-2413.

Experience adventure at YOUR state parks! For more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com)



*Bottomless Lakes State Park*

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



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