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Same Day Camping Reservations Now Available

SANTA FE, NM – The State Parks Division (State Parks) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) today announces new options for reserving campsites. Beginning Saturday, November 9th visitors will be able to make reservations the same day they want to camp. Previously, campers needed to book their reservations 24 hours in advance.

This project is part of State Parks' *Next Generation of Adventure* campaign to enhance the visitor experience through improved technology, facility upgrades, and more park programs. Same day reservations and more options for payment give visitors the ability to book their favorite campsite in real time and also provide non-cash options for payment.

On November 9th 30 of 34 State Parks will have same day reservation options. Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, Mesilla Valley Bosque, Cerrillos Hills and Rio Grande Nature Center State Parks are day-use only parks. Not all campsites are available for reservation on the online system – many sites will still only be available by paying in person at the park. Moving forward, State Parks will continue to manage a balance of campsites on the online reservation system and campsites only available via walk up. This new reservation option is made possible thanks to State Parks' partnership with ReserveAmerica, our long-time partner for booking campsites.

“Offering same day reservations gives our visitors yet another option when planning a trip to a State Park,” said State Parks Director, Christy Tafoya. “It will now be easy to pack up in the morning and pick your spot on your way out the door, and know when you show up you’ll be all set with the campsite of your choice. Additionally, this will save staff time for our employees as more online reservations mean less time spent counting cash and allowing them to focus on the important customer service aspects of the job.”

Same day reservations can be made through the same ReserveAmerica platform customers are used to. Logon to ReserveAmerica and book your campsite the same day!

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