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Take the Plunge at Sugarite

Raton, NM – Jump into the new year with both feet by taking part in the Polar Bear Plunge at Sugarite Canyon State Park at 1 p.m. on New Year's Day!

Co-sponsored by the Raton Department of Parks and Recreation, brave participants will jump into the frigid waters of the park's Lake Maloya to raise money for a Veterans' Memorial in Raton. The registration donation per plunge is \$15. Participants and onlookers are required to have a \$5 State Parks day use permit or display an annual parks' pass.

"Grab your family and come out to Sugarite Canyon State Park on the first day of the year," said State Parks Director Tommy Mutz. "Cold water is good for the skin, and it is for a great cause."

Registration information and liability waivers are available at: www.ratonrecreation.com; Raton City Hall, and the Raton Regional Aquatic Center.

For more information, call the Raton Department of Parks and Recreation at 575-445-2413 or Sugarite Canyon State Park at 575-445-5607.

Sugarite Canyon State Park is located about six miles northeast of the city of Raton by way of State Highways 72 and 526. The scenic park is a popular destination for campers, hikers, anglers, rock climbers and bird watchers. Lake Maloya, with 100 surface acres, contains rainbow and German brown trout.

Conditions are Right for Adventure at a New Mexico State Park!

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