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Elephant Butte Lake State Park Ready for Memorial Day Weekend! *Fly Freedom Flag Boat Parade on May 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.*

ELEPHANT BUTTE, NM – Elephant Butte Lake State Park will hold the Fly Freedom Flag Boat Parade honoring service men and women on May 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. The parade will launch from Marina del Sur and end at Rock Canyon. Last year over 20 boats were decorated and participated in the event. The park provides plenty of beach and some new camping areas close to the water's edge, accommodating up to 50 people. Make your reservations early to get one of these great camping spots.

"We expect to have another great Memorial Day Weekend at Elephant Butte Lake State Park," said Tommy Mutz, Division Director. "The water levels this year are a little lower than last year but there is plenty of water and beach for all visitors to enjoy."

The Marina del Sur and Rock Canyon boat ramps are open, operating, and ready for boaters to get out on the water. Park visitors are asked to participate in protecting our state parks and natural resources by taking an active role in the Elephant Butte Lake State Park Recycling Program. Visitors will be provided with **blue** recycle bags for plastics and aluminum. Recycling may be dropped off at check stations or designated **blue** recycling dumpsters located throughout the park. Park staff will be visiting campsites to remind visitors to think **green** and use **blue** for recycling.

State park officials remind boaters to always wear a lifejacket when out on the water and to be aware of weather conditions. State law requires that you wear a lifejacket when on a canoe, kayak, or raft and that all children 12 years old and younger wear a lifejacket when on the deck of a moving vessel. The New Mexico State Parks Division offers FREE boating safety classes around the state and online throughout the year.

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