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### **Morphy Lake State Park Opens for the Season on April 1, 2012** *Motorized Boating Remains Closed*

MORA, NM – New Mexico State Park officials announced today that Morphy Lake State Park will reopen for the season on April 1, 2012. **However, due to low water levels, Morphy Lake remains closed to boating.** The lake may be reopened for boating in the future if water conditions improve.

“Although water levels are less than we hoped for this early in the season, there are still great recreation opportunities at the lake,” said Park Manager Chris Vigil. “We still offer some of the best trout fishing in the state in a picturesque setting.”

Morphy Lake State Park sitting at 8,000 feet elevation among ponderosa pines and surrounded by mountains, is the perfect place to get away from it all, catch a few fish and enjoy the scenery. The park has 24 developed campsites and is ideal for camping, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. Camp sites are furnished with tables and fireplaces, but there is no drinking water. The lake is scheduled to be stocked with trout the first week of April and it is still a great place to launch a canoe or kayak. There is a hiking trail around the lake providing excellent access for anglers.

Fires are allowed only in grills and where park signage indicates that it is permissible. Smoking is permitted only in vehicles, in developed campgrounds, or within a barren area at least three feet in diameter.

[Morphy Lake State Park](#) is seven miles south of Mora on NM 94 and four miles west on a paved access road.

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 while on the deck of a moving vessel. The State Parks Division offers free boating safety classes around the state and on-line throughout the year; for more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com).

Note to broadcast media Morphy is pronounced: *Murphy*.



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