



32 Electric Sites



37 Developed Sites



Handicap Accessible  
Tables & Grills



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Rest Rooms



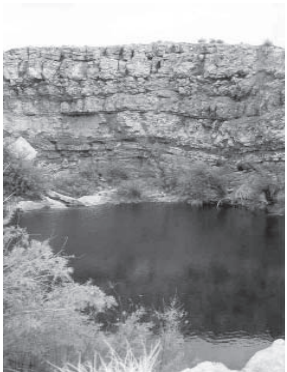
Fishing



Trails



Swimming



# Bottomless Lakes State Park



## Park Information

### Land

1,400 acres

### Lake Surface

45

### Elevation

3,500 feet

### Precipitation

12.2 inches



### Gate Hours

24 Hours

Lea Lake- Gates  
closed 9 p.m. - 7 a.m.



### Emergency Numbers

911

(505) 624-6058

Actually seven small park lakes bordered by high red bluffs, Bottomless Lakes State Park offers a variety of sports including hiking, swimming, fishing, and scuba diving.

The lakes' greenish-blue color creates the illusion that the lakes are bottomless, but they range in depth from 17 feet to 90 feet. Cowboys added to the lake's mystique as they failed to find the bottom of the lakes by tying their saddle ropes together.

In 1933 the bottomless lakes area was set aside as New Mexico's first state park.

Lea Lake is the deepest lake at 90 feet and is the only lake where swimming is allowed. During summer, visitors can rent paddle boards and pedal boats for a small fee. Devil's Inkwell is 32 feet deep and is named for its steep sides and darkwater, the result of algae growth. Lea & Cottonwood lakes are stocked with rainbow trout in winter.

Roomy campsites are available, both at Lea Lake Recreation Area and along the lower lakes. The lower lakes offer developed camping with centralized fresh water and vault toilets. Lea Lake offers full hookups with modern restrooms and hot showers. There is a large day-use and picnic area adjacent to the lake. The swimming beach is well maintained and life guards are on duty during the summer. Lea Lake is spring fed with almost 9 million gallons of water flowing through it daily. Due to the clarity of the water in Lea Lake, scuba diving has become very popular.

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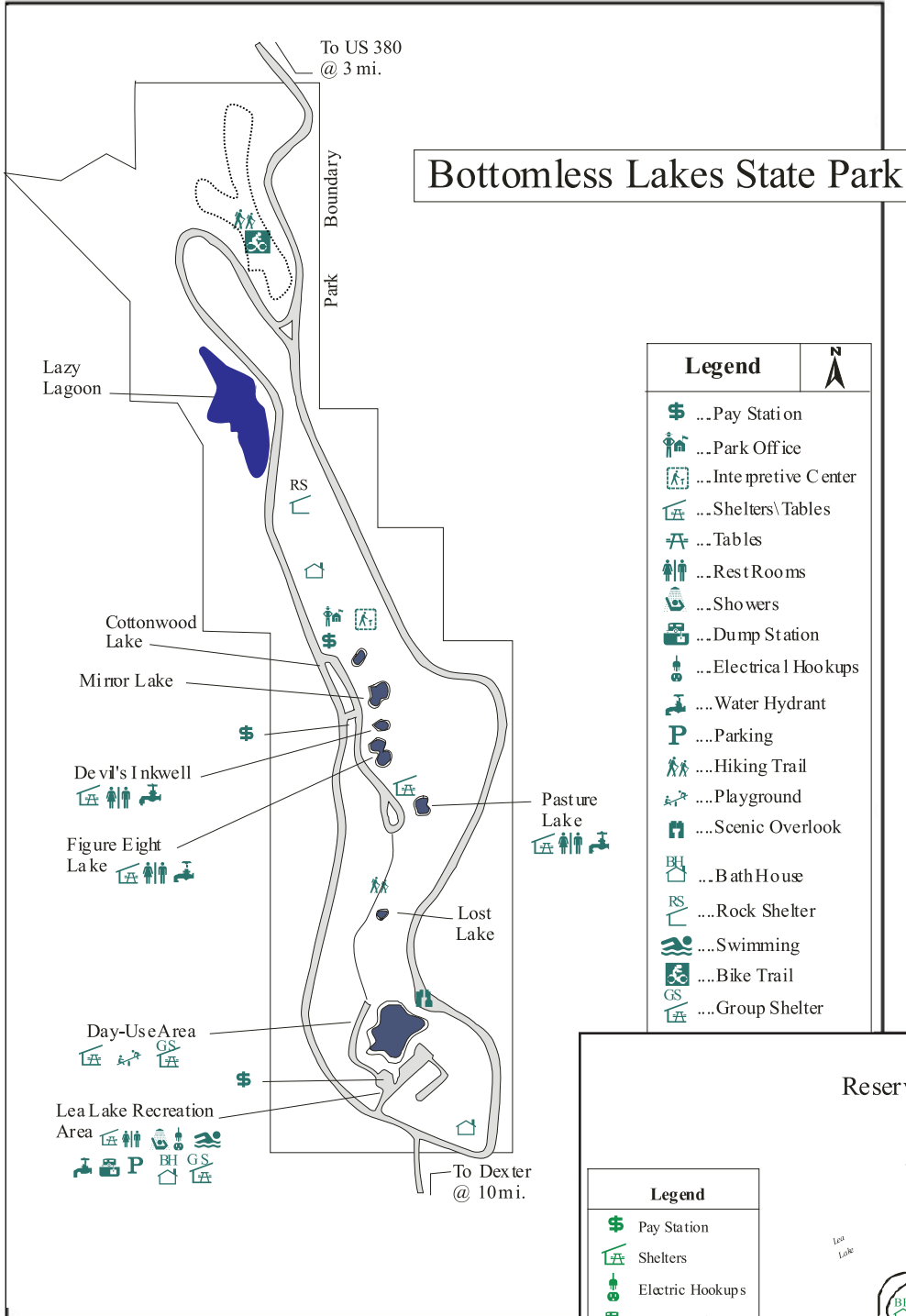
Bottomless Lakes State Park is 12 miles east of Roswell on US 380 then south on NM 409 for three miles.

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## Campgrounds



## PARK FEES

### Day Use

Per Vehicle	\$5
Bicycle Walk-in	Free
Bus	\$15

### Overnight Camping

Developed Site	\$10
Electrical Hookup	\$4
Sewage Hookup	\$4
Water Hookup	Free

### Annual Day-Use-Permit

Valid full year from purchase month	
All Parks	\$40
Resident 100% disabled veteran	free

### Annual Camping Pass

Valid full year from purchase month	
NM Resident	\$180
Senior NM Resident (62+)	\$100
Disabled NM Resident	\$100
Out-of-State	\$225

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