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**New Mexico State Parks announces changes in services for  
upcoming fall and winter seasons**

*Reduced hours and closures are possible statewide into spring of 2023*

**Santa Fe, NM** – Following a long-established practice, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) State Parks Division announces seasonal changes to services within state parks, including changes to operational hours and some comfort stations. Visitors are encouraged to “know before they go” by checking the New Mexico State Parks section of the [EMNRD website](#) as seasonal changes vary by park.

“As we head into the fall and winter seasons, we see a drop-off in visitation in some state parks and a reduced need for services,” State Parks Director, Toby Velasquez stated. “With these conditions in mind, we impose some area closures in our state parks. Designated campgrounds, comfort stations, and some recreational locations in parks may be closed for winterization through April.”

These are regularly scheduled seasonal closures and no State Park in the system will be permanently closed. Many park areas are still available to enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, and fishing, including the popular winter season hot spots of City of Rocks and Eagle Nest Lake. Day-use parks, such as the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park in Albuquerque or Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park in Carlsbad, remain fully open year-round to visit and enjoy!

For more information on all 35 of your New Mexico State Parks, please visit our website at [www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/](http://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/). Reserve your camping space today at <https://www.reserveamerica.com/>.



*Navajo Lake State Park offers camping and fishing along with additional recreational access to the San Juan River. The park is located 40 miles northeast of Farmington. Photo: New Mexico State Parks*



*Eagle Nest Lake State Park offers ice fishing during the coldest months of winter. The park is located 30 miles east of Taos in Colfax County. Photo: New Mexico State Parks*

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