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Celebrate the holidays with YOUR New Mexico State Parks!

Santa Fe, NM – Vámonos! Let's go New Mexico! The State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) is celebrating the holiday season with a series of fun family events and opportunities for everyone to get outdoors and enjoy State Parks across the state.

Skip the shopping lines this Black Friday and get in free at any New Mexico State Park! The \$5 day-use entrance fee will be waived at all 35 state parks statewide on Friday, November 25.

Enjoy the warm glow of the holiday season with luminaria walks and lights on the water or snap a selfie with Santa on Saturday, December 10!

Saturday, December 10 Events

[Elephant Butte Lake State Park](#)

27th Annual Holiday Luminaria Beach Walk & Floating Lights Parade

Hours: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fees: Regular Entrance Fee

101 NM-195

Elephant Butte, NM

575-744-5923

[Pancho Villa State Park](#)

12th Annual Luminaria Walk
Hours: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fees: Regular Entrance Fee
400 NM-9
Columbus, NM
575-531-2711

[Rockhound State Park](#)

Luminaria Walk with Hot Cider & Biscochitos
Hours: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Fees: Regular Entrance Fee
9880 Stirrup Road SE
Deming, NM
575-546-6182

[Hyde Memorial State Park](#)

Meet Santa at his New Mexico headquarters!
Hours: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Fees: Free at the Visitor Center
740 Hyde Park Road
Santa Fe, NM
505-983-7175

Why not make it a mini holiday vacation and campout with us! For information on individual parks and amenities go to our website at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/>. Campsite reservations can be made through [Reserve America](#). For all event details visit the Event Calendar www.emnrd.nm.gov/SPD/.

Bringing the boat along? Always make safety your priority! Being prepared on the water could save your life and the lives of your loved ones. 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. Learn more about the program at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/activities/boating-2/>.



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