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Largemouth Bass Spawning Cove Closure at Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Santa Fe, NM: The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish with New Mexico State Parks, in cooperation with local New Mexico chapters of B.A.S.S. Nation, is implementing a voluntary closure of three coves within Elephant Butte Lake State Park to allow largemouth bass to spawn successfully and without disturbance. The closed areas will be marked at the cove entrance with signed buoys. The coves to be closed include the Jungles Cove, McCrae Canyon Cove, and a cove located to the north of Kettletop.

The cooperaters are requesting that anglers refrain from fishing these coves to allow the fish time to complete their spawning activities. The closure period will be April 8 through May 31, 2019.

The closure is voluntary but is intended to protect the fishery and ensure that quality bass fishing opportunities are available to all anglers in the future. We would like to thank all the anglers who abide by the temporary closure for their cooperation in the conservation of our angling resources.

For more information, please call Elephant Butte Lake State Park at 575-744-5923 or visit nmparks.com.



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