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Coyote Creek State Park to re-open after temporary closure due to Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires

Santa Fe, NM – The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) State Parks Division announces that Coyote Creek State Park will re-open to the public for day-use and overnight camping beginning Friday, June 3.

Coyote Creek State Park, located 17 miles north of Mora in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, was evacuated and temporarily closed last month due to the historic Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon wildfires, which have now burned an estimated 316,000 acres. During the closure, the park supported fire suppression activities, becoming a staging area for wildland fire crews, firefighting equipment, and helicopters.

Six other State Parks – Morphy Lake, Manzano Mountains, Hyde Memorial, Pecos Canyon, Cimarron Canyon, and Fenton Lake – will remain closed at this time due to extreme fire danger until further notice. Eagle Nest and Elephant Butte Lake State Parks continue to support fire suppression efforts. All New Mexico State Parks have implemented the [EMNRD State Forester Fire Restriction Order 2022-02](#), which prohibits smoking, fireworks, campfires, open burning, and open fires on all non-municipal, nonfederal, and non-tribal lands statewide.

Coyote Creek State Park preserves a riparian canyon and is a premier location for campers and anglers seeking to make their big catch from Coyote Creek, one of the most densely stocked trout streams in New Mexico. Reservations are now open and can be made through the Reserve America website at www.reserve.america.com.

It is important for visitors to continue to check for details on specific park hours of operation and additional information before visiting any New Mexico State Park. [Check the State Parks website](#) and know before you go!



Coyote Creek State Park is ideal for fly fishing, camping, hiking and birding. Photo: NM State Parks

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