



New Mexico, USA
EL VADO LAKE

General Information

El Vado Lake recreation area is managed by the New Mexico State Parks. Dam operations are by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

El Vado Lake State Park
State Road 112
Tierra Amarilla, NM 87575
(575) 588-7247
(877) 664-7787 (for reservations)
www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/elvadolakestatepark.html

Activities

Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding (in north area), picnicking, water and winter recreation. A 5.5-mile scenic trail along the Rio Chama connects El Vado Lake with nearby Heron Lake.

Facilities

El Vado Lake has a visitor center, campground, restrooms, boating ramp and two docks, RV dump station, and a beach.

Campgrounds

Eight campgrounds are available with 80 developed campsites. Restrooms have water and vault toilets. Select restrooms have showers. Electric hookups and RV Dump station is also available.

Fees

No lake use fees required. A valid New Mexico fishing license is required. Fees for campground use.

Fishing

Designated as a coldwater fishery, largemouth bass, bluegill, rainbow trout, brown trout, lake trout and kokanee salmon are present. Salmon snagging allowed in the fall.

Fishing License

New Mexico Game and Fish
(505) 222-4700
www.wildlife.state.nm.us

Water Recreation

The lake is open to all types of water sports, including boating, swimming, jet skiing, sailing, windsurfing, and fishing.

