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Santa Rosa Lake State Park *Open for Boating*

SANTA ROSA, NM – Santa Rosa Lake State Park officials are pleased to announce that the park will be open for boating on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. After the water release was completed earlier this month, an area was exposed that will allow boaters to launch from the shore.

The launch area is undeveloped, but there is good vehicle access to it and adjacent parking. While the lake is down to only 218 surface acres, the majority of the hazards have been exposed. Due to the low level and limited surface area, boating will be restricted to “No Wake” speeds only.

“The Friends of Santa Rosa Lake rallied a lot of support from the local community to open this area to the public,” said Shank Cribbs, Park Manager for Santa Rosa Lake State Park. “The Walleye and Crappie fishing is good and we’re excited about the upcoming season.”

Park officials would like to remind boaters that while air temperatures are warming up, the water is only 48°F, always wear a lifejacket when out on the water and be aware of weather conditions. 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.

Please direct questions by phone to Santa Rosa Lake State Park Visitor Center at (575) 472-3110 or by e-mail to shank.cribbs@state.nm.us. For questions about other park hours and events, please visit www.nmparks.com or call 888-NMPARKS.

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