

**El Paso Zoo** — 4001 E. Paisano. Entrance hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is \$12 for ages 13 to 59; \$9 for ages 60 and older and active duty military; \$7.50 ages 3 to 12; and free for ages 2 and under. Zoo members admitted free. Information: 212-0966, [elpasozoo.org](http://elpasozoo.org), or on Facebook at [ElPasoZoo](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoZoo).

- Reptilia event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **June 2-3**.

- Grand opening of the new carousel is Saturday and Sunday, **June 23-24**.

Weeklong camps for ages 6 to 10 are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, **June 4-Aug. 6**. Themes are African Painted Dogs and Amur Leopards. Cost: \$110 per week; \$95 zoo members. Advance registration required.

**National Trails Day Poker Hike** — New Mexico Rails-To-Trails will host a free, family-friendly public poker hike celebrating National Trail Day Saturday, **June 2**, starting between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Trestle Recreation Area Trails and ending at the Bonnie Brooks cabin, where prize will be awarded. Hikers will get to view Trestle A249 on the Brooks property, the area's newest National Historic Site, now undergoing restoration. Information, times: (575) 434-1949 or [nmrailstotrails.org](http://nmrailstotrails.org).

**Wyler Aerial Tramway** — 1700 McKinley. Hikes are free; one-way optional tramway rides down the mountain are \$4 (\$2 children); bring exact change. Information: 562-9899 or 566-6622. Hikes begin at the Directisimo trail head. Group hikes are rated as strenuous hikes, not recommended for first-time hikers.

National Trails Day Hike is 6:30 a.m. Saturday, **June 2**. A Women-Only Hike is 7 a.m. Sunday, **June 3**, up Ranger Peak. The Last Sunday Hike is 7 a.m. Sunday, **June 24**.

**DinoTracks Tour** — Insights Science Center host its monthly DinoTracks tour 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, **June 3** and **July 1**, at Mt. Cristo Rey in Sunland Park, open to the general public. Cost: \$15; available at [eventbrite](http://eventbrite.com). Information: 534-0000 or [info@insightselpaso.org](mailto:info@insightselpaso.org).

**WaterSmart Landscapes Series** — El Paso Water's Tech2O Center, 10751 Montana, hosts "Practical Turf Areas," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **June 9**, as Part 5 of its seven-part series on the "Seven Principles of Water Efficient Landscapes." Information: 621-2000 or [tech2o.org](http://tech2o.org).

**El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society** — Nonmembers and beginners are welcome to society's field trips. Information: 637-3521 or [trans-pecos-audubon.com](http://trans-pecos-audubon.com).

Trip to Rattlesnake Springs, part of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, departs at 6 a.m. Saturday, **June 16**, from Evergreen Cemetery,

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12400 E. Montana. The site is a major stopover site for land birds. Bring a lunch and plenty of water and sunscreen.

**Franklin Mountains State Park** — Most hiking and mountain-biking trails begin in the Tom Mays area, off Transmountain Drive on the west side of the park (east of I-10).

Entry fee is \$5 per person, free for age 12 and under (with family). Correct cash or check only. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Information: 566-6441 or on Facebook at [FranklinMountainsSP](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinMountainsSP).

Guided hikes and bike rides are \$8 per person (\$3 State Park Pass holder; \$1 children 12 and under); price includes entry. Dogs welcome on leash on some hikes. Reservations required: 566-6441.

- Peak Fitness challenge Hike is 6:30 a.m. Saturday, **June 2**. Very strenuous hike.

- Lower Sunset Trail hike is 8 a.m. Sunday, **June 3**, for beginners, geology and wildlife enthusiasts. Meet at Tom Mays Overlook.

- Women Only Hike is 7:30 a.m. Saturday, **June 16**.

- Tin Mine Hike is 7:30 a.m. Sunday, **June 17**. Meet at parking lot of Chuck Heinrich Park.

- (Mostly) Full Moon Hike is 8 p.m. Friday, **June 29**.

**Rio Bosque Wetlands Park** — 10176 Socorro Rd. in El Paso's Mission Valley. Tours last about two hours. Information: 747-8663 or [riobosque.org](http://riobosque.org).

- Introductory tour is 8 a.m. Sunday, **June 10**.

- Community Workday is 8 a.m. Saturday, **June 16**.

- Birding tour is 6:30 a.m. Saturday, **June 23**.

Meeting place is a bridge crossing Riverside Canal. Take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left and travel 1.5 miles.

**Keystone Heritage Park and El Paso Desert Botanical Garden** — 4200 Doniphan (across from Frontera). Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; closed Tuesdays. Admission: \$2 (free for members); \$1 children. Information: 584-0563, [keystone-heritagepark.com](http://keystone-heritagepark.com).

The family-friendly fundraising Summer Solstice Party is 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, **June 23**, with birdwatching, wetlands tour, vendors, belly and flamenco dancers, yoga, fashion show, food and more. Tickets: \$10 for age 14 and older. Ticket information: 490-8571.

**Municipal Rose Garden** — The garden at 3418 Aurora (at Copia) is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except for holidays. Admission is free. Information: 212-0092.

**Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site** — Ranch Road 2775 off U.S. 62/180 (Montana Ave.). Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission: \$7 (free for children 12 and younger). Admission including tours or hikes is \$9 (13 and over); \$2 (ages 5-12). Information: 857-1135, ext. 0, or [texas-stateparks.gov](http://texas-stateparks.gov).

**White Sands National Monument** — 15 miles southwest of Alamogordo, N.M., on U.S. 70. Visitor Center hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Park hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Last entrance is 8 p.m. Entry: \$5 age 16 and older. Free for children. Information: (575) 479-6124; [nps.gov/whsa](http://nps.gov/whsa) or on Facebook.

Sunset strolls are offered at 7 p.m. daily.

Full Moon Hike is 8 p.m. Wednesday, **June 27**. Online reservations required, starting one month in advance. Cost: \$8; \$4 age 15 and young, plus monument entrance fees.

Full Moon Night program, with extended park hours, is 8:30 p.m. Thursday, **June 28**.

The Mexican Arts Show and Sale is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **June 30-July 1**.

Lake Lucero Tour is offered the last weekend of the month. Program fee is \$8 (\$4 age 15 and younger). Check website or call for details; reservations required.

**Guadalupe Mountains National Park** — 110 miles east of El Paso on the way to Carlsbad. Entry: \$5 for ages 16 and older, good for one week and all trails. Camping is \$8 per night. Information: (915) 828-3251 or [nps.gov](http://nps.gov).

**Carlsbad Caverns National Park** — The park is about 160 miles east of El Paso, off the Carlsbad Highway (U.S. 62-180). Information: (575) 785-2232 or [nps.gov/cave](http://nps.gov/cave).

Visitor Center is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Last entry into cave via natural entrance is 5 p.m. with last entry into cave via elevator 5 p.m. (be in line to exit cave by 6:30 p.m.).

Plan 3-1/2 hours for a walk-in tour and 1-1/2 hours for Big Room tour of the Caverns. Cost is \$10 (free or ages 15 and younger). The park's audio self-guided tour is \$3 extra (also available in Spanish).

Daily bat flight talks begin at 7:30 p.m. or offered just before sunset at the amphitheater outside the natural entrance. Admission is free.

Night Sky programs begin after the bat flight programs, and are suitable for all ages. Hike is 1/2 mile for star walks and 1.5 miles for moon hikes on a rugged desert trail. Dress comfortably (long pants recommended); no open-toed shoes. Bring water, snack, blanket or towel to lie on and red light flashlight. Rangers can provide red light headlamps. Star Walks are **June 8-9**, and Moon Walks are **June 22-2**. Participation is free, but space is limited. Check availability at park sign next to Visitor Center.

**Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park** — 1504 Miehl Drive N., Carlsbad, N.M. Admission: \$5 (\$3 ages 7-12; free for 6 and under). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (last entry at 3:30 p.m.). Information: (575) 887-5516 or [livingdesertnm.org](http://livingdesertnm.org). The Carlsbad Gem & Mineral Society's annual show is Friday through Sunday, **June 15-17**. Free with zoo admission.

**New Mexico State Parks** — Day-use fee is \$5 when visiting any state park. All programs are free with park entrance, unless otherwise listed. Information: (575) 744-5998 or [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com).

- Oliver Lee State Park, Highway 54 south of Alamogordo at the Dog Canyon turnoff. Information: (575) 437-8284. Ranch house tours are 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays and 3 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Star Party program is 8 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, **June 16**.

- Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. 5000 Calle del Norte in Mesilla. Information: (575) 523-4398. Audubon Bird Walks are 7:15 a.m. Saturdays, led by park volunteers. Ranger-led Nature Hikes are 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Fitness in Nature walks with the Second Chance Walker Program are 8:30 a.m. every Saturday beginning at the Visitor Center.

- Leasburg Dam — 12712 State Park Road in Radium Springs, two miles off Interstate 25 at Exit 19. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for day use. Information: (575) 524-4068. Music & the Stars night sky program is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **June 9**.

- Percha Dam State Park and Caballo Lake State Park, 60 miles north of Las Cruces on I-25. Information: (575) 743-3942 (Percha Dam) or (575) 527-8386 (Caballo Lake). Free Fish Day celebrating National Fishing and Boating Week is 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **June 2**. Courtesy Recreational Boat Safety

Inspections are offered 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, **June 29-July 1**.

- Elephant Butte Lake State Park, Information: (575) 744-5923.

Disabled Veterans' Water Sports Clinic & Adaptive Water Sports Clinic for warriors in transition and members of general public 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, **June 1-3**.

Socorro Bass Club Bass Tournament is 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, **June 3**.

Sand Castle Competitions are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, **June 10-13** and **June 14-17**.

Fireworks extravaganza is 9 p.m. Saturday, **June 30**; park fees waived 6 to 9 p.m.

- City of Rocks State Park, off Hwy 61 in Faywood, N.M., about 130 miles west of El Paso. Information: (575) 536-2800. Star Party is 9:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, **June 9**.

**Gila Cliff Dwellings National**

**Monument** — 44 miles north of Silver City on NM Highway 15. Entrance fee: \$10 (annual park pass is \$45). Information: (575) 536-9461 or [nps.gov/gicl](http://nps.gov/gicl). The trail to the cliff dwellings is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. year round. Everyone must be off the trail by 5 p.m. Visitor center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Alameda Park Zoo** — Alameda Park, 1321 North White Sands Blvd. (U.S. 54/70), Alamogordo. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission: \$2.50 (\$1.50 ages 3-11 and 60 and older; free for ages 2 and younger). Information: (575) 439-4290, or on Facebook at Alameda Park Zoo-AFOTZ

The City of Alamogordo hosts free "Fourth Fridays" summer events 6 to 10 p.m. the fourth Friday of the month during the summer months (**June 22**) with live music, outdoor movie, food vendors, prizes, giveaways and more.

**Dripping Springs Natural Area** — 10 miles east of Las Cruces (end of Dripping Springs Road). Gates open 7 a.m. to sunset April through October and 8 a.m. to sunset November through March. Admission: \$5 per vehicle. Leashed pets allowed on some trails. Information: (575) 522-1219.

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