



New Mexico, USA

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## 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](http://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](http://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.

