



# Sierra County New Mexico's 2023 Annual Events

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2/24/2023 - 2/25/2023

## Gathering of Quilts

Truth or Consequences Civic Center

Beautiful work by local quilters and historic quilts on display; demonstrations, vendors and quilt appraisals available throughout the weekend. **Contact:** Melissa Rucker, 575-740-3245.

4/29/2023

## Truth or Consequences Fiesta Golf Tournament

Truth or Consequences Municipal Golf Course

One day only. 2-man team format, limited to 40 paid teams. All flights net, mixed teams and senior players welcome. Teams are flighted by committee. Special favors and awards. **Contact:** T or C Municipal Golf Course, Wes Owens, [wowens@cityoftorc.com](mailto:wowens@cityoftorc.com), 575-894-2603.

5/5/2023 - 5/7/2023

## Truth or Consequences Fiesta

Held annually since 1950, Truth or Consequences comes together to celebrate with a parade, rodeo, 2-days worth of music, a junk boat race, games and vendors in the park, and much more! **Contact:** City of Truth or Consequences, 575-894-6863 or [info@annualtorcfiesta.com](mailto:info@annualtorcfiesta.com).

5/19/2023 - 5/21/2023

## Kayak Fishing Tournament

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Nearly \$4,000 in prizes are awarded in this fishing tournament that is open to anglers in any kind of water craft that isn't gas-powered: canoe, kayak, rowboat, etc. Prize categories include largest & smallest largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white bass. **Info:** [ziakayaks.com](http://ziakayaks.com). **Contact:** Russ Trager, 575-744-4185.

6/17/2023 - 6/18/2023

## Junior Open Fishing Tournament

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Tournament action from 6am - noon both days. Register on June 17th from 3-6 pm. Youth grades K-12 are encouraged to participate in this annual Father's Day Event. A cookout is held after weigh-in on Saturday; awards are given after tournament action is complete on Sunday. Entry fee is \$20 per angler. Each contestant must furnish his or her own boat or kayak, additional contestants can share boats as long as capacity is not exceeded. Sponsored by the Elephant Butte Bass Anglers. Park admission fees apply. **Contact:** Mike Kmatz, [mckmatz@windstream.net](mailto:mckmatz@windstream.net), 575-740-2261, or Russ Finney, 575-740-2266.

7/1/2023

## 4th of July Fireworks at the Lake

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Dusk. Come and see the state's biggest fireworks show reflected off the largest body of water in New Mexico! Usually occurs on Saturday evening of "July 4 weekend." **Contact:** Friends of Elephant Butte Lake, 575-744-5923.



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7/8/2023

## C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Tournament

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

8am - noon. This fishing tournament began in 1991 and unites volunteers who love to fish with disabled and disadvantaged children for a day of fishing in the outdoors. Begins with a pancake breakfast, ends with the awards lunch, fishing in between. It's free for participants, but park admission fees apply for spectators. Sponsored by the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation. **Info:** [www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org). **Contact:** Will Dooley, [will.dooley@lagorico.com](mailto:will.dooley@lagorico.com), 575-744-5567.

8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023

## Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

7am-9:30 all three days at Lions Beach. Events include a daily balloon ascension, tether rides, basket rides, and if weather allows, balloon glows in the evening (location to be announced). Cost: park entrance fee. Sponsored by EBBR.org. **Contact:** Jimmy McCarthy, [info.ebbr@gmail.com](mailto:info.ebbr@gmail.com), 505-908-0909.

9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023

## Pickamania

Black Range Lodge, Kingston

A regional music festival featuring Americana music and Apple Pie. Beverages provided by the Black Range Winery. Sponsored by the Sierra County Arts Council. **Contact:** 575-895-5652, [cat@blackrangelodge.com](mailto:cat@blackrangelodge.com)

10/13/2023 - 10/15/2023 (tentative)

## Elephant Days

Elephant Butte Event Grounds

Activities include live arts, crafts & food vendors, a parade, live music, Elephant Butte's Chile Cookoff, and more. **Info:** [cityofelephantbutte.com](http://cityofelephantbutte.com). **Contact:** City of Elephant Butte, 575-744-4892, ext 104.

10/4/2023 - 10/8-2023

## Sierra County Fair

Sierra County Fair Barn

Arts, crafts, livestock, food vendors, community groups and fun. **Contact:** Sierra County Extension Service, Diane Ham, 575-894-2375, ext. 6, [sierracofair@gmail.com](mailto:sierracofair@gmail.com).

10/11/2023 - 10/14/2023

## 31st Annual Chile Challenge 4-Wheel Drive Trail Event

Caballo Lake State Park and the Caballo Mountains, Old Highway 187 (19 miles south of Truth or Consequences)

An opportunity for 4-wheel drive operators of all levels to participate in trail rides in a supervised, nationally-recognized, 4-wheeling event. Camping, camaraderie, family-friendly. **Info:** [chilechallenge.org](http://chilechallenge.org). **Contact:** Kayla Malakowsky, [lcfwdc.official@gmail.com](mailto:lcfwdc.official@gmail.com).



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11/11/2023

## Veterans Day Car Show

Albert Lyon Events Center, 2953 South Broadway, T or C

9am-3pm. Cars are judged by a panel and peoples choice, with trophies and dash plaques awarded to winners. Includes a swap meet and concessions (vendor spots available!). Hosted by Hot Springs Woman's Club. Cost: free for spectators; entrants pay a fee. **Contact:** Beverly Kasiah, New Mexico State Veterans' Home, [hswc.carshow.torc@gmail.com](mailto:hswc.carshow.torc@gmail.com), 575-740-1004.

12/2/2023

## Hillsboro's Christmas in the Foothills

Hillsboro Community Center, Elenora Street, Hillsboro

10am - 4pm. A festival featuring the famous \$49.99 art sale, raffles, food and vendors selling handmade holiday wares. **Contact:** Janice Richmond, [hillsborocommunitycenternm@gmail.com](mailto:hillsborocommunitycenternm@gmail.com).

12/8/2023

## Old-Fashioned Christmas

Downtown Truth or Consequences

6pm - 9pm. The evening begins with the annual Christmas Tree lighting in Evelyn Renfro park, after which all can enjoy bonfires, drawings, a visit from Santa, carolers and other performers, and holiday refreshments in downtown T or C. Businesses are open for holiday shopping. **Info:** [torcmainstreet.org](http://torcmainstreet.org). **Contact:** [director@torcmainstreet.org](mailto:director@torcmainstreet.org).

12/9/2023

## Elephant Butte Luminaria Beachwalk

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

The Luminaria Walk, sponsored by Friends of Elephant Butte Lake State Park and Elephant Butte Lake State Park, features 3000 thousand luminarias lining paths on the beach leading to community-sponsored campsites with posole, chile, cocoa, cookies, s'mores, and more! Join the carolers, visit Santa, or stop by designated campsites to make a donation to Make-A-Wish. State Park day use entrance fees apply. **Contact:** Jasen Kershaw, Elephant Butte Lak State Park, 575-744-5923.

12/9/2023

## Floating Parade of Lights

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

The beautiful on-the-water parade begins at 6:30pm. **Contact:** Will Dooley, 575-894-2041, [will.dooley@lagorico.com](mailto:will.dooley@lagorico.com).