



Sierra County New Mexico's 2021 Annual Events

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2/26/2021 - 2/27/2021

Cancelled for 2021: 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:** Connie Siffring, 575-894-2959 or Dottie Bell, 575-744-4669.

4/24/2021

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, Bart River, riverbart@yahoo.com, 575-894-2603.

5/1/2021 - 5/2/2021

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! **Info:** annualtorcfiesta.com. **Contact:** Susan Curry, sc092448@gmail.com, 575-894-6863 or info@annualtorcfiesta.com.

5/14/2021 - 5/16/2021

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. **Contact:** Russ Trager, 575-744-4185.

6/19/2021 - 6/20/2021

Junior Open Fishing Tournament

Elephant Butte Lake State Park

Tournament action from 6am - noon both days. Register on June 18th 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 per angler. Each contestant must furnish his or her own boat or kayak. Sponsored by the Elephant Butte Bass Anglers. Park admission fees apply. **Contact:** Mike Kmatz, mnckmatz@windstream.net, 575-740-2261.



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7/3/2021 (rain date 7/4/2021)

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.

8/13/2021 - 8/15/2021

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.org, 505-908-0909.

9/10/2021-9/12/2021

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

9/11/2021

Elephant Day

Sierra del Rio

Activities include live arts, crafts & food vendors, a parade, live music, a car show, and more. **Info:** elephantbuttheadventures.com. **Contact:** City of Elephant Butte, 575-744-4892, ext 104.

9/18/2021

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. **Contact:** Will Dooley, will.dooley@lagorico.com, 575-744-5567.



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TBD: the weekend after the Southern New Mexico State Fair

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.

10/2021 - date TBD

Elephant Butte Chili Challenge Cook-Off

2-7pm, Sierra del Rio, 101 Clubhouse Drive, Elephant Butte

Enter the competition and see if your best batch of red or green can win a prize or come on out and vote in the People's Choice award. Cooking begins at 8am; tasting starts at 2pm; prizes are awarded for best red, green and dessert. **Contact:** Elephant Butte Chamber of Commerce, 575-744-4708.

10/13/2021 - 10/16/2021

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. **Contact:** Jim Kinnerup, 575-571-6551.

11/6/2021

Veterans Day Car Show

New Mexico State Veterans' Home, 992 South Broadway, T or C

8 am-4 pm. 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 New Mexico State Veterans Home. Cost: free for spectators; entrants pay a fee. **Contact:** Ginny Shannon, New Mexico State Veterans' Home, ginny.shannon@state.nm.us, 575-894-4287.

12/4/2021

Hillsboro's Christmas in the Foothills

Hillsboro Community Center, Eleanora Street, Hillsboro

10am - 4pm. A festival featuring the famous \$49.99 art sale, raffles, food and vendors selling handmade holiday wares. **Contact:** Anne Anders, CITF Committee of the HCC, awama123@gmail.com.



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12/10/2021

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. **Contact:** director@torcmainstreet.org.

12/11/2021

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.

12/11/2021

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.