



## SSCAFCA Flood Control and Recreational Facilities

Dams  
Ponds  
Water Quality Features  
Drainage Ways  
Multi-Use Facilities  
Sports Fields  
Public Parks  
Playgrounds  
Open Space  
More than 100 miles of Linear Parkway

### Arroyos and Parks

Montoyas with tributaries:  
Panta de Leon and Lomitas Negras  
Venada Watershed Park  
Calabacillas Watershed Park  
La Barranca Watershed Park  
Black Watershed Park

### COMING SOON! Bike System

The establishment of lineal open space linked with a variety of activity venues along the arroyo system could possibly lead to New Mexico's largest public park!



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## MONSOON SAFETY

**HAVE  
FUN**



**BE SAFE**



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# KEEP AN EYE ON THE WESTERN SKY

The annual monsoon in the southwestern U.S. is a double-edged sword, bringing both much-needed rain to the parched region but sometimes also dangerous flash flooding. Though the rain itself is popularly called a “monsoon,” the term scientifically means a seasonal shift in wind direction. In July, winds shift from the usual dry, westerly direction to the south and southeast, which taps into moisture from northern Mexico. That moisture contributes to the summer thunderstorms that cause flash flooding. Here are some things to know so you can have fun and stay safe during monsoon season:

**1**

**BE AWARE OF DISTANT STORMS TO THE WEST.** Even if it's sunny and pleasant directly overhead, arroyos can fill quickly with stormwater from distant storms. Stormwater falling a mile away can reach speeds of 50+ miles per hour and fill arroyos before you even feel a drop of rain.

**2**

**EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF RAIN** can cause flooding, since it can't soak into the rock-hard, bone-dry ground. Unstable arroyo walls can collapse quickly, so it's wise to stay off them.



**3**

**THE POWER BEHIND JUST A FEW INCHES** of fast-moving stormwater can knock over you and your vehicle and put you and your loved ones in danger. What's more, the water can contain rocks and other debris that can hit you with a powerful force and seriously injure you.

**If you see storm clouds in the western sky, it's safest to pack up and leave.**



## MONITOR STORMS FOR SAFETY

