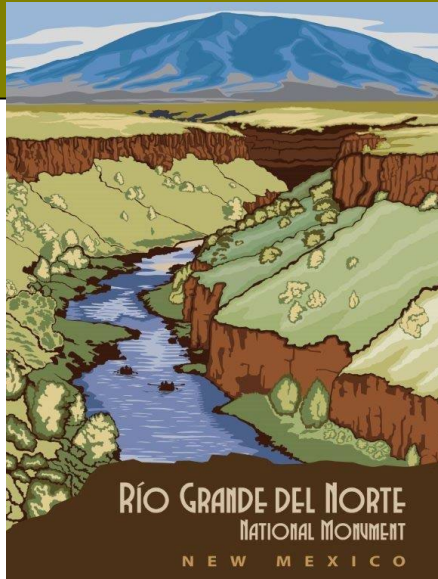


July 2024 Hikes/Events



We are happy to announce the guided hikes and events in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument for the month of July. The hikes take place on the Orilla Verde Trails near Pilar, NM and on the Wild Rivers Trails near Cerro, NM. We hope you will be able to join us for some of these hikes and events. It's a great way to enjoy your Public Lands!

Saturday, July 13, 6PM **3 hours**
Sunset Hike: Exploration of the Monument

A unique opportunity to explore some of the trails in the Wild Rivers Trail System in the early evening, led by park ranger Maria Geoly. The hike begins at the Little Arsenic Trailhead to La Junta confluence, then back up the Little Arsenic Trail. Roughly 5 miles round trip. Dress in layers, bring a headlamp and your fishing rod!

Sunday, July 14, 9AM **2 hours**
The Picuris/Slide Trail Loop

Meet at the Picuris trailhead on NM570 at Taos Junction Bridge for this exciting walk connecting two of our lower gorge trails. Park ranger, Randy Roch, will discuss geology, wildlife, human history and ecosystems along the way. This is a 2 mile, moderately difficult hike.

Saturday, July 20, 11 - 1 **2 hours**
Talk With a Ranger at Wild Rivers

Park rangers, Tim Long and Maria Geoly will set up shop in the Wild Rivers Visitor Center Lobby and discuss some of the geologic wonders that have taken place and shaped this area over the ions.

Saturday, July 20, 9AM **2 hours**
Slide Trail Hike

Meet at the Cascabel Trailhead the end of C-110, past the UNM-Klauer Campus, for this walk down the Rio Pueblo canyon to the confluence with the Rio Grande and back. Park ranger Kyle Conway will discuss geology, wildlife, human history and eco systems along the way.

Saturday, July 27, 7 – 9PM **2 hours**
Cultural History of the Rio Grande Land, People, Time – Indigenous History of the Rio Grande Corridor

This cultural history talk will be given by Harold Lefthand from the Taos Pueblo. The event will take place at the Wild Rivers Amphitheater at the Wild Rivers Visitor Center. Please come enjoy the talk, and the evening beauty at Wild Rivers.

Sunday, July 28, 9 AM **2 hours**
La Vista Verde Trail

Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, about ½ mile west of Taos Junction Bridge, for this easy 2.5-mile round trip hike with park ranger Emily Walla. You'll see impressive views from within the gorge and a compelling series of petroglyphs which have been the focus of some recent research that we will share with you.

• **For Guided Hikes** •
Bring a snack, hat, sunscreen, 2 liters of water and sturdy hiking shoes,

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