

Explore

El Malpais National Conservation Area

Guided Hikes—Summer 2007

Explore El Malpais NCA and NM with a BLM Park Ranger! This summer's hikes will take you to ancient petroglyphs, pueblo ruins, or rustic homesteads. If you wish to view the area with minimal hiking, in July a road tour will offer short stops along Highway 117. Enjoy rock art, cultural history, fascinating geology, flora and fauna, and great views!

JULY and AUGUST

July 14 and July 18:

Road Tour of Highway 117

Time: 9 am – 2 pm

Distance: Approx. 60 miles roundtrip from exit 89. Please arrive with a full tank!

Drive El Malpais along Hwy 117, with short walks at Sandstone Bluffs, La Ventana, the Narrows Rim, and Lava Falls—classic Southwestern scenery, history, and culture!

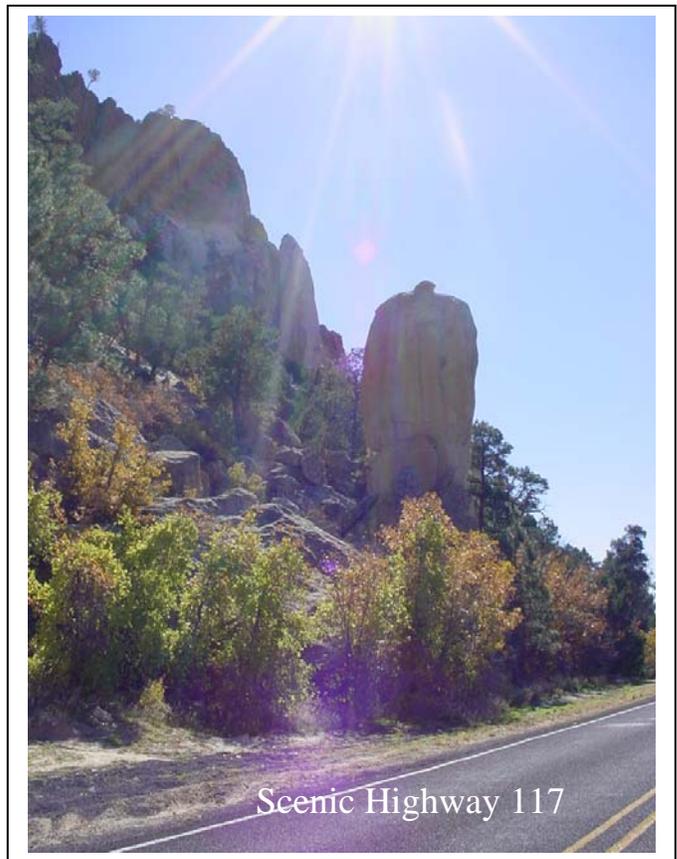
August 18: Sandstone Bluffs Hike

Time: 9 am – 2 pm

Distance: 4 miles roundtrip

Difficulty: Strenuous. You must be able to cross a barbed wire fence; uneven terrain.

Sandstone arches, basalt lava flows...*and* an ancient site, petroglyphs, and a historic homestead...don't miss it!



For all events, meet at the BLM Ranger Station at 9 am. We will car caravan to the hike trailheads. **COME PREPARED!** Bring at least two quarts of water, a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, rain gear, lunch and snacks. Wear sturdy hiking boots and clothing appropriate to the activity. Not all hikes may be appropriate for children. The sun is very hard on pets, so please leave them at home. Activities subject to change due to weather. Refer to the activity descriptions for special considerations. For more information, call Karen Davis at (505) 287-7911 ext. 3 or 321-3843; or e-mail Karen_Davis@blm.gov.