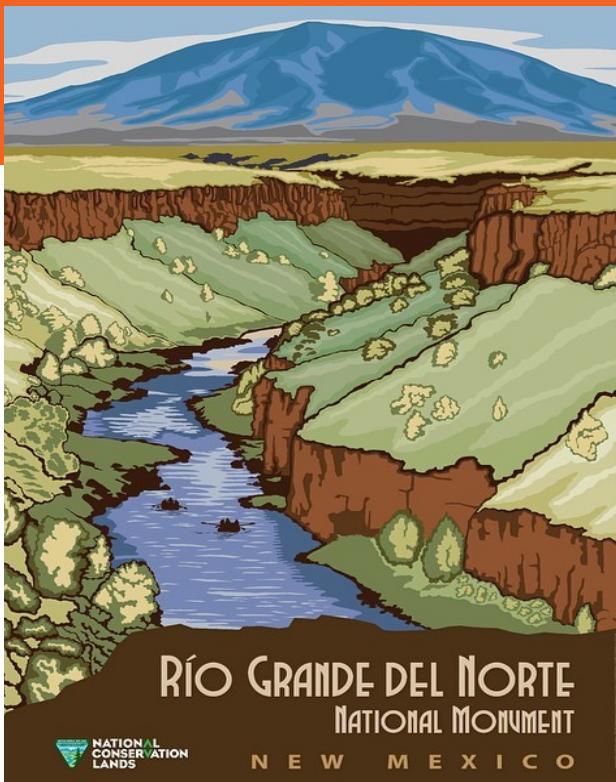


# June 2017 Hikes/Events



**Saturday, June 3 - 9 am to 2 pm** **4+ hours**  
**Trail Maintenance/National Trails Day**

We are pleased to host the Enchanted Circle Trails Association's first annual event to teach trail maintenance techniques and give something back to the trails we love. Meet at 9 am at the Cascabel Trailhead at the end of County Road C-110 (past the golf course). Bring a hat and gloves—we'll provide the tools and transportation to the work sites. Bring your bike/helmet if you have one. Lunch will be provided at the trailhead.

**Saturday, June 10 - 10 am** **2 hours**  
**Geology Talk, Wild Rivers** – Meet Dr. Carola Stearns at the Wild Rivers Visitor Center for an orientation to the geological story of the Monument, then carpool to La Junta Point for a more detailed explanation of the Rio Grande Rift, the volcanic past, and the development of the Rio Grande Gorge and river system. There will be a short walk around La Junta Point area. She will focus on how geologic events of the last 70 million years have shaped the landscapes of the Taos plateau.

**Saturday, June 10 - 2 pm** **2 hours**  
**History Walk, Questa** – Meet park ranger Tim Long and local historian Flavio Cisneros at the Questa Visitor Center (corner of NM 522 and NM 38) for an easy walk in the center of Questa to hear stories about the history of this isolated Spanish frontier village, from Native American turmoil to hands-on church building and early mining history.

**Sunday, June 11 - 9 am** **2 hours**  
**Family-Friendly Mountain Biking, Rinconada Trail, Wild Rivers** – Meet Shari Heier at the Wild Rivers Visitor Center at 9 am for a family friendly bike ride on the six mile Rinconada Trail—the ride will start at 9:30. Bring your bike, a helmet and water. Shari has years of mountain biking experience and can offer useful tips on riding techniques and the principles of 'treading lightly' on the land.

**Sunday, June 11 - 9 am** **3 to 4 hours**  
**Hondo 'Staurolite' Canyon, Horseshoe Curve** – Meet at the Rio Grande Gorge Visitor Center in Pilar, then we will arrange car-pools/shuttles to the two end-points on this walk. This will be a difficult ramble through Hondo Canyon from the Horseshoe Curve down to the Rio Grande. Great, seldom seen views, wildlife viewing, cultural sites, and of course, the staurolites. Led by park ranger Kim Henkel.

**Saturday, June 17 - 9 am** **2 hours**  
**La Vista Verde Trail, Orilla Verde** - led by local naturalist Suzie Benton. Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, just above Taos Junction Bridge for this easy 2.5 mile round trip hike. Sensational views and petroglyphs on our most popular trail.

**Thursday, June 22 - Saturday, June 24**  
**Wild Rivers Plein Air Festival**  
June 22—plein air demonstrations at Sheeps Crossing from 6-10 am, and at La Junta Point from 8-10 am. June 23—demonstrations in the Questa area. June 24—artists' works will be on display at OCHO (on NM 38) from 5-7 pm, and will continue until July 23. See their website for more information—[www.wildriverspleinair.com](http://www.wildriverspleinair.com).

**Saturday, June 24 - 9 am** **2 hours**  
**La Senda del Medio Trail, Orilla Verde** – Meet at the Pilar Campground trailhead on NM 570 for this easy 2½ mile roundtrip hike inside the lower gorge. This hike offers beautiful views of the gorge, wildflower displays, and a discussion about Monument 'objects of value'. Led by park ranger Barry Weinstock.

**Saturday, June 24 - 9 am** **4 hours**  
**Guadalupe Mountain Trail, Wild Rivers** – Meet at the Wild Rivers Visitor Center, then carpool to the trailhead. This is a relatively steep 2.1 mile trail to the highest point in the Guadalupe with Ponderosa, Douglas Fir, and a spectacular view of a good part of north-central New Mexico waiting for you at the top. Park ranger Teddy Lucero will talk about the role of fire in this landscape, and also the ecological diversity that is one of the Monument's objects of value.

**Please bring a snack, hat, sunscreen, water and sturdy footwear**

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