



# Rio Grande del Norte National Monument Guided Hikes August 2021

**Sun. Aug. 8 - The Picuris/Slide Trail loop – 9am 2 Hours**  
Meet at the Picuris trailhead on NM 570 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.

**Sat. Aug. 14 – Rift Valley Mountain Bike Ride – 9am 2 Hour**  
Meet at the at the new Cascabel trailhead at the end of C-110, past the UNM-Klauer Campus and join park ranger Chris Baca on this moderate mountain bike ride loop on a portion the Taos Valley Overlook trail system. Terrific views and great opportunities for wildlife sightings await! Bring own mountain bike, plenty of water, helmets are required!

**Sun. Aug. 22 - La Vista Verde Trail – 9am 2 Hours**  
Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, about a ½ mile west of Taos Junction Bridge, for this easy 2.5 mile round trip hike with park ranger Evert Bono. 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

**Sun. Aug. 29 - Wild Rivers Rec Area - Big Arsenic Trail – 9am 2 Hours**  
Meet at the Big Arsenic trailhead in the Wild Rivers Recreation Area for this moderate to difficult 2.5 mile round trip hike with park ranger Tim Long. We will discuss some of the geology of the monument and visit some of the beautiful rock art in the Big Arsenic area. The Big Arsenic Spring is such a wonderful spot to enjoy a snack and recharge for the hike back up.

**Bring a snack, hat, sunscreen, 2 liters of water, and sturdy hiking shoes.**

**For more information contact:**

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