Sunday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.  2 hours
Petaca Point Trail
Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, one mile west of Taos Junction Bridge atop the rim, for this moderate, fairly level 3 mile hike along the west rim of the gorge. Park ranger Randy Roch will discuss geology, wildlife and human history along the way, culminating with a view to remember!

Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m.  2 hours
Rift Valley Mountain Bike Ride
Meet at the trailhead on NM highway 68 and join park ranger Chris Baca on this moderate 8-mile mountain bike loop on a portion of the Taos Valley Overlook trail system. Terrific views and a fairly flat ride. Great opportunities for wildlife sightings await! Bring your own mountain bike and plenty of water; helmets are required!

Sunday, Sept 12, 9 a.m.  3 hours
Punta de Coyote Loop Trail
Meet at the Phillips 66 gas station north of Questa. This is a moderate uphill hike looping back downhill to the parking area; 3.7 miles roundtrip. Park ranger Tim Long will discuss some of the geology, wildlife and human history along the way. We will stop at the upper overlook to enjoy the bench placed in memory of BLM park ranger, Aaron Rael.

Sunday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.  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 on fairly flat terrain with park ranger Aydin Gates. You’ll see impressive views from within the gorge, plenty of petroglyphs, with excellent wildlife sighting opportunities.

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Sunday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.  2 hours
The Slide Trail
Meet at the new Cascabel trailhead at the end of C-110, past the UNM-Klauer Campus, for this National Public Lands Day walk down the Rio Pueblo Canyon to the confluence with the Rio Grande and back. Park ranger Evert Bono will discuss geology, wildlife, human history and ecosystems along the way. 2.5 miles round trip down and uphill with some obstacles.

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

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