The Bureau of Land Management Taos Field Office is happy to announce the guided hikes and events in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument for the month of July. The hikes will take place on the Orilla Verde trails near Pilar, NM and on the Wild Rivers trails near Cerro, NM. This is a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy your public lands!

For additional information, contact the BLM Taos Field Office at 575-758-8851

Saturday, July 9 at 10 a.m.                          2 hours

Junior Ranger Hike
A short hike for children to earn a Junior Ranger Badge and learn about the Río Grande del Norte National Monument. We will meet at the Zimmerman Visitor Center parking lot at Wild Rivers to take an easy hike on the Pescado Trail. Junior Ranger Guides and pencils will be provided. After completing three activities in the guide, attendees will be sworn in and receive their Junior Ranger Badge. Children must be accompanied by an adult. BLM Park Ranger, Tim Long, will lead this event.

Sunday, July 10 at 9 a.m.                          2 hours

The Picuris/Slide Trail Loop
Meet at the Picuris trailhead on NM-570 at Taos Junction Bridge for this exciting walk connecting two of our lower gorge trails. BLM 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 16 at 9 a.m.                          3 hours

Big Arsenic Springs Guided Hike
Meet at the Big Arsenic trailhead in the Wild Rivers Recreation Area for this moderate to difficult 2.5-mile round trip hike, which includes 680 feet in elevation change, with BLM Park Ranger Tim Long. We will discuss the geology in the monument and visit the rock art in the Big Arsenic area. The Big Arsenic Spring is a wonderful spot to enjoy a snack and recharge for the hike back up.

Saturday, July 16 at 9 a.m.                          2 hours

Rift Valley Mountain Bike Ride
Meet at the Cascabel trailhead at the end of C-110, past the UNM-Klauer Campus. Join BLM Park Ranger Chris Baca on this 8-mile, moderate mountain bike ride. The group will ride the loop on a portion of the Taos Valley Overlook trail system. Terrific views and great opportunities for wildlife sightings wait! Bring your own mountain bike and plenty of water. Helmets are required!

Sunday, July 31 at 9 a.m.                          2 hours

La Vista Verde Trail
Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, about .5-mile west of Taos Junction Bridge, for this easy 2.5-mile round trip hike with BLM Park Ranger Ayden Gates. You can expect to see impressive views from within the gorge and a compelling series of petroglyphs, which have been the focus of some recent research.

For guided hikes
Bring a snack, hat, sunscreen, 2 liters of water and sturdy hiking shoes

For guided bike rides
Bring your bike, hat, sunscreen, 2 liters of water and a helmet.

More information available at:
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