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 August. The hikes will take place on the Orilla Verde trails near Pilar, NM and on the Wild Rivers near Cerro, NM. This is a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy your public lands!

**Sunday, August 7, 9 a.m.**  
*Petaca Point Trail Hike*  
Meet at the trailhead on NM-567, one-mile west of Taos Junction Bridge atop the rim, for this moderate three-mile hike along the west rim of the gorge. BLM Park Ranger Randy Roch will discuss geology, wildlife, and human history along the way, culminating with a view to remember!

**Saturday, August 13, 9 a.m.**  
*Rift Valley Mountain Bike Ride*  
Meet at the trailhead on NM-68 and join BLM Park Ranger Chris Baca on this moderate eight-mile mountain bike ride loop on a portion of the Taos Valley Overlook trail system. Terrific views and great opportunities for wildlife sightings await! Bring your own mountain bike and plenty of water. **Helmets are required.**

**Sunday, August 14, 9 a.m.**  
*Punta de Coyote Loop Trail*  
Meet at the Phillips 66 gas station north of Questa, NM. This is a moderate 3.7-mile roundtrip, uphill hike looping back downhill to the parking area. BLM Park Ranger Tim Long will discuss some geology, wildlife, and human history along the way. We will stop at the upper overlook to enjoy the view and the bench placed in memory of BLM Park Ranger Aaron Rael.

**Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m.**  
*La Vista 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 with BLM Park Ranger Ayden Gates. Expect to see impressive views from within the gorge, plenty of petroglyphs, with excellent wildlife sighting opportunities.

**Saturday, August 27, 8:30 p.m.**  
*Star Viewing Party at Wild Rivers*  
Come to Wild Rivers for an evening of star watching. El Valle Astronomers will set up large telescopes in the Wild Rivers Visitor Center parking lot and focus in on planets, galaxies, and star clusters. This area is known for having remarkable night skies. So, come join us for this fun and educational event. Come early and bring a picnic. Stay late and camp!

**Sunday, August 28, 9 a.m.**  
*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.

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

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

**More information available at:**  
Wild Rivers Visitor Center  
575-586-1150  
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575-751-4899