



## September 2023 Hikes/Events

**Saturday, Sept 2, 11AM – 1PM** **2hours**

### **TALK WITH A RANGER - Hummingbirds**

Join us for this informal meeting with park rangers Tim Long and James Larson in the lobby of the Wild Rivers Visitor Center. We will discuss hummingbirds: their migrations, habitat and interesting facts. We will also have some hands-on displays related to hummingbirds. So, come by and talk about hummingbirds with us!

**Saturday, Sept 2, 9 AM** **2 hours**

### **Rift Valley Mountain Bike Ride**

Meet at the Cascabel trailhead at the end of C-110 (past UNM-Taos Campus) and join park ranger Chris Baca on this gentle introductory mountain bike loop on a portion of the Taos Valley Overlook trail system. An easy introduction to riding, with terrific views and opportunities for wildlife sightings! Bring your own mountain bike and plenty of water; helmets are required!

**Sunday, September 3, 11AM – 1PM** **2hours**

### **TALK WITH A RANGER – Wildlife, Pelts and Skulls**

Join us for this informal meeting with park rangers Tim Long and James Larson in the lobby of the Wild Rivers Visitor Center. We will discuss some of the wildlife that live in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and that we see in the Wild Rivers Recreation Area. Available will be pelts and skull models of animal species in which we share their home environment.

**Saturday, September 10, 9 AM** **2 hours**

### **The Slide Trail**

Meet at the Cascabel Trailhead at the end of C-110, past the UNM-Klauer Campus, for this easy walk down the Rio Pueblo Canyon to the confluence with the Rio Grande and back. Park ranger Randy Roch will discuss geology, wildlife, human history and ecosystems along the way.

**Saturday, September 16, 11AM – 1PM** **2 hours**

### **TALK WITH A RANGER – Wildlife...Scats and Tracks**

Join us for this informal meeting with park rangers Tim Long and James Larson in the lobby of the Wild Rivers Visitor Center. We will discuss some of the wildlife that live in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and that we see in the Wild Rivers Recreation Area.

**Saturday, September 23, 9 AM** **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 with park ranger Matt McCue. You'll see impressive views from within the gorge, plenty of petroglyphs, with excellent wildlife sighting opportunities.

**Saturday, September 23, 9 AM**

### **National Public Lands Day – Trash Clean Up**

A signature event of the National Environmental Education Foundation, National Public Lands Day promotes both popular enjoyment and volunteer conservation of public lands. The BLM Taos Field Office is organizing a trash pickup of illegal dumpsites on BLM Lands in Rio Arriba County. We hope you will consider helping out. For more information contact the Taos Field Office, 575-758-8851.

### **\*\*\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\*\*\***

**Saturday, October 7, 7 PM** **2-3 hours**

### **Star Viewing Party at Wild Rivers**

Come to Wild Rivers for an evening of star watching. El Valle Astronomers will set up their big telescopes in the Wild Rivers Visitor Center parking lot and focus in on planets, galaxies and star clusters. This area has some of the best night skies in the country. So, come join us for this fun and educational event.

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

### **• For More Information Contact •**

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