



## Río Grande del Norte National Monument August 2014 Hikes

**Saturday, August 2 - 9 a.m.**

**4 hours**

**Geology Driving Tour of the Taos Plateau** – Dr. Tony Benson will meet at the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge rest area to start the field tour of the southern Taos Plateau's past 26 million years. Travel will be on good gravel roads. Bring a lunch or snacks.

**Saturday, August 2 - 9 a.m.**

**2 hours**

**Slide Trail (old 570), Orilla Verde** – Meet at the trailhead at the end of C-110 past the UNM Klauer Campus for this moderate 2-mile roundtrip hike into the lower gorge. History, Geology, and the Rio Pueblo de Taos highlight this walk led by Park Ranger Randy Roch.

**Saturday, August 9 - 9 a.m.**

**3 hours**

**Las Vistas de Questa Trail, Questa** – Meet at the trailhead parking lot off Don Martinez Road in Questa for this moderately difficult 3.7-mile round trip hike to a beautiful overlook of the Questa area. Led by Park Ranger Daniel Rael.

**Saturday, August 9 - 9 a.m.**

**1.5 hours**

**La Senda del Medio Trail, Orilla Verde** – Led by Park Ranger Robert Fernandez; meet at the trailhead in Pilar campground (first campground after Pilar, along NM 570) for this easy 2 1/2 mile roundtrip hike along a wide ledge above the Rio Grande.

**Saturday, August 16 - 9 a.m.**

**3 hours**

**Rinconada Trail, Wild Rivers** – An easy 6 mile walk starting at the Visitor Center at Wild Rivers, to overlooks of the Red River and Rio Grande Gorge, led by Park Ranger Daniel Rael.

**Saturday, August 16 - 9 a.m.**

**3 hours**

**Mountain Biking at Wild Rivers** – Led by Carl Colonius, co-founder of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and member of the Del Norte Mountain Bike Alliance. A 15-mile ride on moderate to difficult terrain, depending on your skill level. Meet at the Wild Rivers Visitor Center.

**Saturday, August 16 - 9 a.m.**

**2 hours**

**La Vista Verde Trail, Orilla Verde** – Explore recent discoveries of archaeological sites in this area that give a new twist to the cultural history of the Monument—led by BLM Archaeologist Merrill Dicks. Meet at the trailhead on NM 567 about 1/2 mile west of Taos Junction Bridge.

**Saturday, August 23 - 9 a.m.**

**3 hours**

**Picuris and Slide Trail Loop, Orilla Verde** – Meet at the trailhead at Taos Junction Bridge on NM 570 for this moderate 2-mile roundtrip hike. Led by Park Ranger Barry Weinstock, learn about area history and leave no trace hiking.

**Saturday, August 23 - 8 a.m.**

**2 hours**

**Bird Walk in Orilla Verde** – BLM Biologist Ryan Besser will meet at the Rio Grande Gorge Visitor Center in Pilar for this easy bird listening/watching hike in Orilla Verde.

**Saturday, August 30 - 8:30 a.m.**

**6 hours**

**Rio San Antonio Wilderness Study Area**  
Meet Park Ranger Del Dubois at the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge rest area to start a 75-minute drive to the WSA near the Colorado state line. Plan on a 3-hour hike in rugged but exceptionally beautiful terrain.



**Sunday, August 31 - 9 a.m.**

**2 hours**

**Petaca Point Trail, West Rim** – An easy 2.5 mile roundtrip hike along the west rim of the Gorge to some interesting archaeological sites at the head of Petaca Canyon. Meet Park Ranger Randy Roch at the trailhead on NM 567, on the rim above Taos Junction Bridge.

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**Bring a snack, hat, sunscreen, water and sturdy footwear.**

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