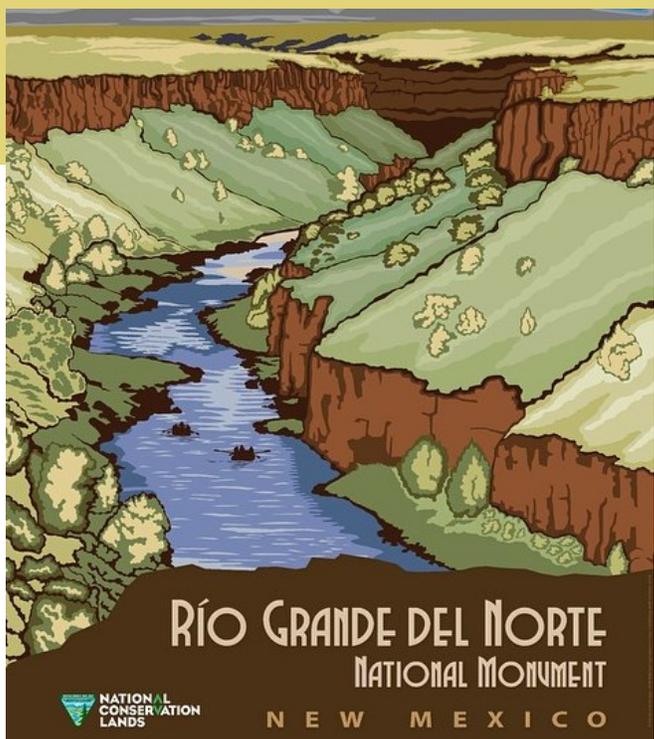


# July 2016 Hikes/Events



**Sunday, July 3 - 9 am**

**2 hours**

**La Vista Verde Trail, Orilla Verde** – Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, about ½ mile west of Taos Junction Bridge for this easy 2 ½ mile round trip hike with ranger Randy Roch. Impressive views from within the gorge and a compelling series of petroglyphs.

**Saturday, July 9 - 9 am**

**2 hours**

**Petaca Point Trail, Orilla Verde** – Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, about a 1 ½ mile drive west from Taos Junction Bridge for this easy 2 ½ mile round trip hike along the west rim of the Gorge with park ranger Barry Weinstock.

**Saturday, July 9 ¡Pollinate! at Wild Rivers**

**Wild Rivers Plein-Air Paintout**

**8 to 10 am—Tom Wezwick Paint-a -Long.** All interested in getting a little help with water painting, meet at 8 am at Chiflo Turnout, the second site after entering Wild Rivers. You will be hiking to the river on a ½ miles rocky and steep trail with your own materials.

**9 to Noon** - Mary Ann Warner will provide a demonstration of plein-air at La Junta Point.

**4 to 5:30 pm** – Michelle Chrisman demonstrates plein-air techniques at the Wild Rivers Visitors Center.

**5 to 6:45 pm** - exhibition of artworks painted on-site at the Visitor Center

**¡Pollinate! Salon and Hike**

**4 to 5 pm** - TED-X style Salon, Wild Rivers Visitor Center  
Dr. Ubelaker (director emeritus of SMU-Taos) will start with a 15 minute presentation about pollination, and Nave will facilitate a 45 minute conversation with those in attendance.

**Saturday, July 9 ¡Pollinate! at Wild Rivers (continued)**

**4 to 5 pm—Guided Hike with Olivia Carrill**, author of *The Bees in Your Backyard*. An easy walk from the Wild Rivers VC to El Aguaje and back (about 2 miles) to learn about the plants and the bees.

**5 to 6:45 pm** - savories, sweets and drinks for sale from food trucks at the Visitor Center

**The Main Event—at Wild Rivers Amphitheater**

**7 to 9 pm** - **StorySLAM #3, hosted by Navé.** Eight speaker with 5 minutes to tell a compelling story about pollination in all of its forms. A dynamic closing act will be worth staying for. Tickets are \$12 cash at door or from [www.holdmyticket.com](http://www.holdmyticket.com) (recommended to get tickets in advance).

**Sunday, July 10 - 8:00 or 8:45 am**

**6 hours**

**Rio San Antonio Hike** – Del Dubois, former Monument park ranger, will meet at 8:00 at the High Bridge Rest Area, or 8:45 at the intersection of US 285 and Forest Road 118 (north of San Antonio Mountain) for a 6 mile rugged exploration of this proposed wilderness area. Del will talk about wilderness values, BLM's recent inventory of wilderness character in the Monument, and some of the key features that make this area so unique. Vehicles driving into the trail head will be limited to 4x4 or high-clearance only; please bring a lunch.

**Saturday, July 16 - 9 am**

**3 hours**

**Big Arsenic / Little Arsenic Trails Hike, Wild Rivers** – Meet at the trailhead in Big Arsenic campground for this moderate 4 mile hike in and out of the Gorge with park ranger Tim Long, who talk about geology, the ecological value of the springs, and the prehistory of the area.

**Sunday, July 17 - 9 am**

**2 hours**

**Slide Trail (old 570) Hike** – Meet at the trailhead on C-110 (about 3 miles past the UNM Klauer Campus) for this moderate 3 mile round trip hike in the Lower Gorge. Most of the Monument staff think this is the perfect introduction to the Rio Grande Gorge's geology and scenic quality. Led by park ranger Randy Roch.

**Saturday, July 23 - 9 am**

**5 hours**

**Miner's Trail Hike, Taos Plateau** – Meet park ranger Barry Weinstock on the west side of John Dunn Bridge; we'll carpool to the trailhead on the rim about 5 miles north. This moderate 2 mile roundtrip hike into the middle Box offers dramatic views to the east, and a chance to explore an interesting chapter of mining history in the Gorge.

**Sunday, July 31 - 9 am**

**2 hours**

**Picuris/Slide Trail Loop, Orilla Verde** – Join park ranger Randy Roch at the Picuris trailhead on NM 570 near Taos Junction Bridge. Topics will include human history of this area, and geology of the Gorge and Rift Valley.

**Please bring a snack, hat, sunscreen, water and sturdy footwear**

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