



Río Grande del Norte National Monument

Explore the New Monument! Guided Hikes for June

June 1-Sat 9 a.m. Las Vistas de Questa Trail 3 hrs.

Meet at the trailhead off of Don Martinez Road in Questa (follow signs from NM 522). This is a moderate 3.7 mile hike to some spectacular overlooks of the eastern portion of the Monument, and the Columbine-Hondo area. We'll talk about geology and wildlife.

June 2-Sun 8:30 a.m. La Vista Verde Trail 2 hrs.

Meet at the trailhead 1/2 mile west of Taos Junction Bridge for this easy 2.5 mile roundtrip hike in the Lower Gorge. Wonderful views in the Gorge with petroglyphs and geology in action.

June 8-Sat 8:30 a.m. The Slide Trail (Old 570) 2 hrs.

Meet at the very end of C-110, a few miles past the UNM Klauer Campus for this moderate 2 mile roundtrip hike. This is a perfect introduction to the Rio Grande Gorge, the Rio Pueblo canyon, petroglyphs, and geology in action.

June 8-Sat 9 a.m. Guadalupe Mountain Trail 4 hrs.

Meet at the trailhead off of NM 378 (Wild Rivers Back Country Byway). This is a difficult 4.5 mile roundtrip hike to the top of one of the nine peaks in the Monument over 8,000 feet in elevation.

June 15-Sat 8 a.m. Ute Mountain Hike 6 + hrs.

Meet at the Alta gas station in Costilla at 8 a.m. This is a steep hike in a wilderness quality setting with no trail so wear pants, long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy footwear. The hike will be led by John Olivas, Wilderness Alliance, and Eddy Dry of Red River, a long-time wilderness advocate. Ute Mountain is the tallest peak in the Monument at 10,093 feet.

June 15-Sat 8:30 a.m. Picuris Trail 2 hrs.

The trailhead is next to Taos Junction Bridge. The trail follows a route used by Puebloans and early Spanish settlers and is steep in places. The 2.5 mile roundtrip hike offers a lesson in history and great views.

June 22-Sat 8:30 a.m. Petaca Point Trail 2 hrs.

Meet at the trailhead on NM 567, near the West Rim Road turnoff. An easy 2.5 mile roundtrip walk along the west rim of the Rio Grande Gorge. Spectacular views, settlement history, and archaeology.

June 22-Sat 9 a.m. Big Arsenic Trail 2 hrs.

Meet at the Wild Rivers Visitor Center for this moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike into the Rio Grande Gorge. Petroglyphs, the wild river, and an 'inverted' ecosystem.

June 29-Sat 8:30 a.m. Senda del Medio Trail 4 hrs.

Meet at the trailhead in Pilar Campground (Orilla Verde area) on NM 570 for this easy to moderate 2.5 mile roundtrip hike along one of the Monument's newer trails. Great views in the middle of the Gorge and a diverse group of animals and plants.

June 29-Sat 9 a.m. Pescado Trail 3 hrs.

Meet at the Red River Fish Hatchery, a few miles south of Questa on NM 515. Beautiful hike in the Red River Canyon and through some great big game habitat to the rim and back.

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

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