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New Mexico



RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER

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Located on the central Rio Grande flyway, Rio Grande Nature Center State Park is winter home to Canada geese, sandhill cranes, and various species of ducks and other waterfowl. A trail system along the river, classrooms, and an extensive library with viewing areas add to this valuable public resource.

Gate Hours
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Nature Center Hours
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission
\$3 per vehicle
\$15 commercial vehicles

Park Manager
Beth Dillingham
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Address
2901 Candelaria
Road NW
Albuquerque
NM 87107

Land
170 Acres

Elevation
5,000 feet

Precipitation
8.61 inches



Degrees Fahrenheit

Park Facilities/Activities

Select [Regional Facilities](#) for a comprehensive list.

- | Facilities | Activities |
|------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Visitor Center | Camping |
| ✓ Group Shelter | Picnicking |
| Developed Sites | Fishing |
| Electric Sites | Boating |
| RV Dump Station | Water-skiing |
| ✓ Restrooms | Sailing |
| Showers | ✓ Trails |
| Marina | ✓ Wildlife Viewing |
| Playground | Winter Sports |
| ✓ Hiking | ✓ Nature Study |

[Park Management Plan](#)

Bountiful Bosque

The bosque, a cottonwood-covered river bottom, features two miles of nature trails, which wind through partially wooded areas to open sand flats alongside the Rio Grande.

During the fall and winter months, sandhill cranes, Canada geese, and several types of ducks take advantage of this peaceful pitstop. Occasionally, visitors also can spot secretive residents like coyotes, raccoons, or beaver.

Special Offerings

The Nature Center offers naturalist-led hikes, bosque exploration, exhibits, hands-on activities, teacher workshops, seasonal classes and special events for visitors of all ages.

A Room With a View



A highlight of the Nature Center is its glass-walled library, which provides a unique opportunity to view bosque birds and other wildlife in their natural habitat. A speaker system transmits the real sounds of pond life into the room.

For More Information

Link to [articles](#) about the Rio Grande Nature Center.

Getting There

Rio Grande Nature Center State Park is at the west end of Candelaria Road NW, as shown on this [map](#) of the area. From I-40 take exit 157A onto Rio Grande Boulevard north for three blocks, and turn left onto Candelaria Road; from I-25 take exit 227 (Frontage Road) and turn right onto Candelaria Road.