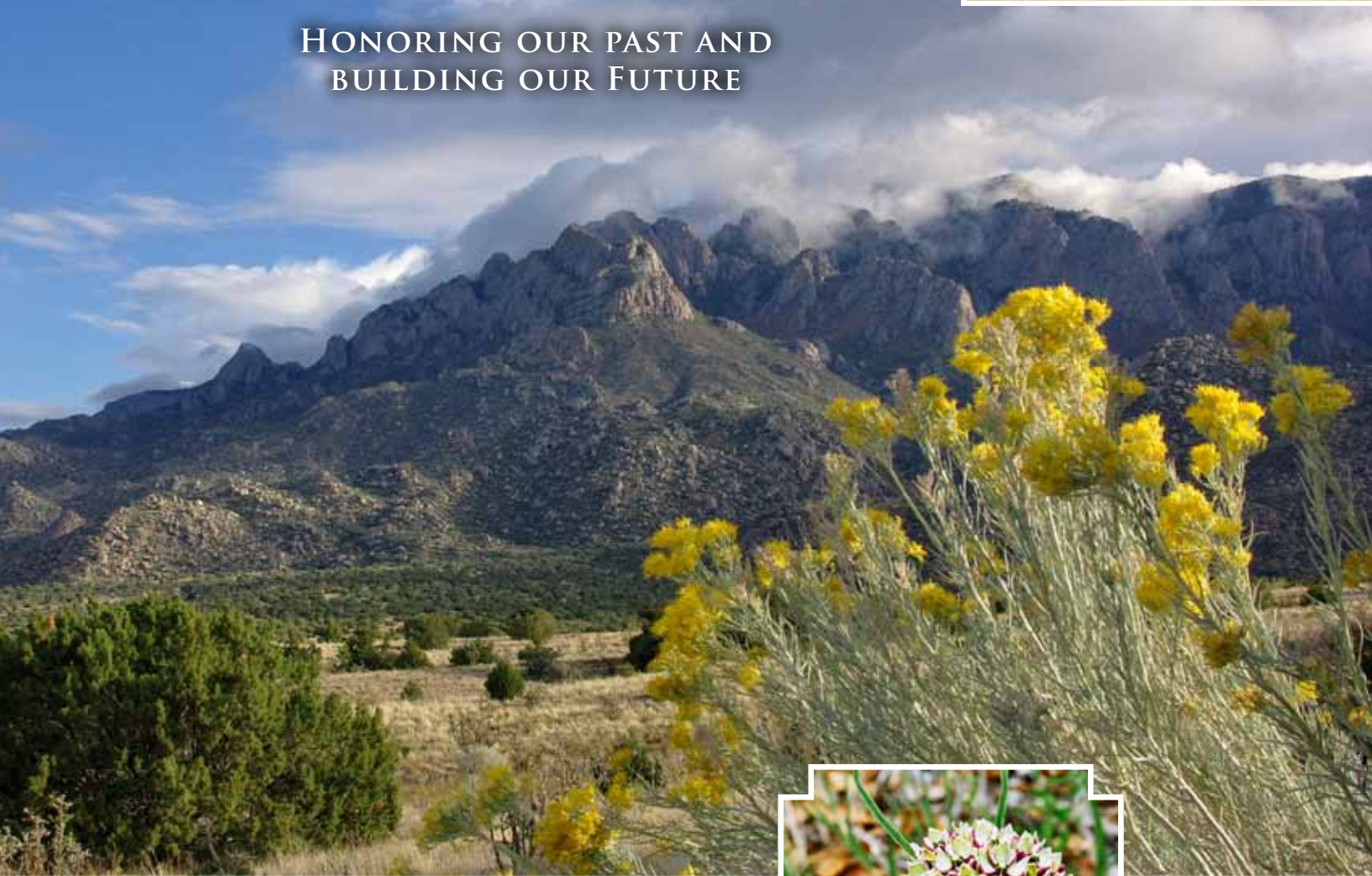


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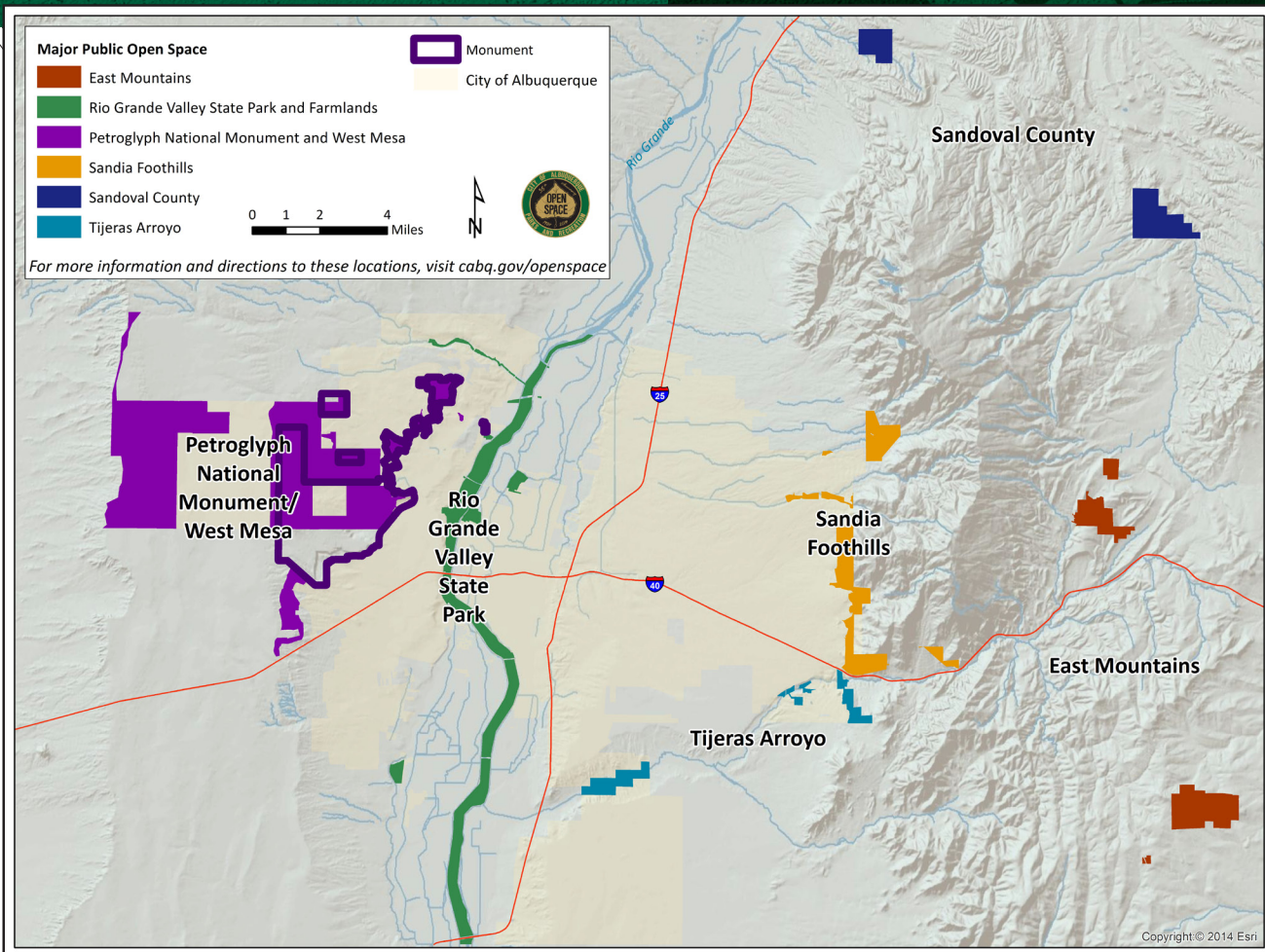
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ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

- For information on fire restrictions, please visit www.weather.gov/abq.
- In case of emergencies, including to report a fire, call 911.
- To contact Open Space APD for non-emergencies, call 242-COPS (2677).
- To register for Open Space events, visit play.cabq.gov or call (505) 452-5200.
- To register for an Open Space event, create an account at play.cabq.gov.

- Visit www.cabq.gov/openspace
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OPEN SPACE DIVISION CELEBRATING

THE *35th* ANNIVERSARY

Albuquerque's Open Space system encompasses the major landscapes that define the City and boasts a diversity of ecosystems, including: grasslands, farmlands, volcanic cones, basalt cliffs, arroyos, piñon and juniper woodlands, and upland forests. In addition to areas within the city such as the Rio Grande Valley State Park, Sandia Foothills, and Petroglyph National Monument, the City of Albuquerque Open Space system includes properties east of the Sandia Mountains and in Sandoval County.

This impressive network of properties, known as Major Public Open Space, enhances the urban environment and provides wildlife habitat while offering opportunities for public enjoyment through outdoor education and low-impact recreation.

Preserving these elements of the City's environment has always been a high priority for Albuquerque's citizens. As a result, we have one of the most ambitious Open Space programs in the country, with nearly 30,000 acres protected as Major Public Open Space. Since 1984, the Open Space Division of the City's Parks and Recreation Department has preserved these lands for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to the area. This year, the Open Space Division is proudly celebrating its 35th anniversary by offering a wide array of outdoor public programs, which are presented in this guide.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OPEN SPACE

TRAIL WATCH

Are you a walker, hiker, equestrian, or bicyclist who would like to have your observations assist in the overall protection of Open Space lands? If so, Trail Watch is the right program for you. Trail Watch volunteers are the eyes and ears of the Open Space Division, reporting wildlife and visitor activities, maintenance needs, suspicious activities, and other vital information occurring on the nearly 30,000 acres of diverse lands the Division manages. Contact the Open Space Division today to learn how to become a volunteer at (505) 452-5200.



OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER VOLUNTEER

The Open Space Visitor Center is a gem for all of Albuquerque and tells the tale of the Open Space Division through exhibits and presentations. The indoor space includes an art gallery, permanent educational exhibits, a theater, family area, wildlife viewing, and more. Volunteer docents greet visitors, staff the front desk, and help with a variety of programs. Additionally, volunteers maintain the outdoor Visitor Center

Gardens, including the Traditions Garden, Permaculture Gardens, Pueblo Courtyard, and orchards. The Traditions Garden includes a variety of garden types including: hunter-gatherer, cobblestone, waffle, Spanish, and modern gardens. If you enjoy engaging with people and/or plants, this is the place for you. Contact the Open Space Division today to learn how to become a volunteer at (505) 452-5200.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS

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The following events are a great way to get involved and be a steward of the Open Space lands. All of the events are outdoors, so it is important to be prepared for the weather by wearing close-toed shoes, long pants, work gloves, a hat in addition to bringing water, snacks, and sunscreen. Parking is limited, so carpool if possible. Registration is required at play.cabq.gov. Visit www.cabq.gov/openspace for more information, or call (505) 452-5200.

SPRING CLEANUPS

Spring cleanups are a great way to get involved in trail building, trail maintenance, revegetation, and graffiti removal projects. Join the Open Space Division and Open Space Alliance every Saturday from March 30 – April 27. Each cleanup project will feature the *weird trash prize* for the strangest, oddest, or weirdest piece of trash found. This is a family friendly event. Come out and join the fun!

2019 SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS:

- March 30 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Route 66 Open Space
- April 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Copper Trailhead
- April 13 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Indian School Trailhead
- April 20 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Menaul Picnic Area
- April 27 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Piedra Lisa Open Space



NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP ON THE RIO GRANDE

May 18 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join a national effort to keep America's rivers clean and beautiful. This is a family friendly event. Meet on the northeast side of the Rio Grande off of the Central Avenue Bridge. Parking is available at the Aquarium and Botanical Gardens and at Tingley Beach. **Registration is required through REI, www.rei.com/events.**

The public is also encouraged to organize their own cleanups in their favorite part of the Bosque.

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Experienced boaters may clean trash in the river with their own raft, kayak, or canoe. All people on the river must comply with State law and have proper floatation devices and safety gear. See the Open Space website for boating details. Call (505) 452-5200 if you plan to clean up by boat or for more information.

This event is organized by the following organizations: City of Albuquerque Open Space Division, the Open Space Alliance, American Rivers, Kirtland Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation, REI, the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, U.S. Forest Service, the West Central Alliance of Neighbors, and other organizations.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

June 1 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

National Trails Day, sponsored by the American Hiking Association, takes place across the country and is dedicated to the appreciation and care of our hiking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Join the Open Space Division, the Open Space Alliance, Friends of the Sandia Mountains, REI, and other groups for a morning of trail maintenance and restoration projects. **Registration is required through REI, www.rei.com/events.** Morning snacks will be provided before the event starts, a picnic style lunch will be provided after the workday, and door prizes will be raffled off as a show of appreciation to the volunteers.



DÍA DEL RIO ANNUAL EVENT

**October 19 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(location to be determined)**

Día del Rio is a day dedicated to working in the Bosque along the Rio Grande. This event is sponsored by the Open Space Division, the Open Space Alliance and REI, and other groups. This is a family friendly event. Projects include trail maintenance, trash cleanup, and native shrub planting. **Registration is required through REI, www.rei.com/events.** The public is also encouraged to organize additional cleanups in their favorite part of the Bosque.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

October 26 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Piedra Lisa Canyon

Make a Difference Day is a national event dedicated to giving back to your local community. Join the Open Space Division, the Open Space Alliance, and the Nicodemus Wilderness Project as we continue restoration efforts in a unique canyon of the Sandia Foothills, located on Camino de la Sierra, just south of the east end of Candelaria Boulevard. This is a family friendly event. Tasks include trail maintenance, trash cleanup, graffiti removal, and native shrub plantings.



Registration is required through the Center for Non-profit Excellence, www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org. Parking is extremely limited, so carpool if possible.



ANNIVERSARY ADVENTURE HIKES

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The Open Space Division manages nearly 30,000 acres of Major Public Open Space, and chances are you have not explored them all. These guided hikes, in celebration of the 35th Anniversary, will give you an opportunity to discover some of the less traveled sites.

GOLDEN OPEN SPACE

March 24 starting at 9 a.m.

Golden Open Space is located in Sandoval County just north of Cedar Crest and features spectacular vistas, fascinating rock formations, and rich history. This is a strenuous hike.



PLACITAS OPEN SPACE

September 15 starting at 9 a.m.

Placitas Open Space consists of 560 acres of rolling hills, arroyos, and a portion of Las Huertas Creek. The creek is ephemeral and flows after heavy rains or good snow melt. This is a moderate to strenuous hike.

ROUTE 66 OPEN SPACE

April 28 starting at 9 a.m.

Route 66 Open Space is located in the Four Hills area. Hikers will explore the Tijeras Arroyo and reminisce about Little Beaver Town, the historic theme park that was once located on the property. This is a moderate to strenuous hike.

MESA PRIETA OPEN SPACE

October 13 starting at 9 a.m.

Mesa Prieta is located at the south end of the Petroglyph National Monument. Hikers will explore the Rio Grande style and Archaic style petroglyphs, as well as the local geology and plants. This is a moderate to strenuous hike.

SUMMER SERIES at ELENA GALLEGOS

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Join us for another Summer Series nestled in the foothills at Elena Gallegos Open Space. The Open Space Division is excited to bring back fan favorites on Saturday evenings, including the Hongell-Darsee's traditional Ballads, folk music from Cheap Shots and The Ladyfingers, Steel Drums and Marimba from Sol Calypso, and Jazz from Last Call. Sundays will also be filled with a variety of topics, including: Herbalism hikes with Dara Saville, History of Little Beaver Town, Wilderness First-Aid, and Qi-Gong.

This year's Summer Series will kick off May 25 with a Campfire dedication to 35 years of Open Space history filled with tales from the past and where we are headed! Our closing Sunday will be August 25 with our community favorite, Mindful Meditation with Sifu Dug Corpolongo of the NM Buddhist Fellowship.



Check the Open Space website for dates and times. Register at play.cabq.gov or call (505) 452-5200.

FAMILY & YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

OPEN SPACE

FAMILY NATURE CLUBS PRESENTATION

Open Space Visitor Center

March 23 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Family Nature Clubs is a model of engagement designed and led by the Children & Nature Network. The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division, Department of Family and Community Services, and other early childhood partners are coming together to present this program and other local resources to get families out and about. This exciting model encourages families to foster exposure to nature and outdoor play that research shows makes for a happier and healthier family. Bring the whole family to this event. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.



FAMILY NATURE WALKS

Open Space Visitor Center

Join these family friendly nature walks that are appropriate for all ages. These nature walks will give opportunities for families to connect with nature and enjoy several walks varying in difficulty from easy to moderate. Learn how to use binoculars, loupes, and field guides. All of these hikes will start and end at the Open Space Visitor Center where limited transportation is provided by staff. **Participants must register at play.cabq.gov or call (505) 452-5200.**

Bosque Wild: Guided Nature Walks Open Space staff and volunteers offer a guided walks on the first Sunday of every month from the Open Space Visitor Center from 8-10 a.m. Following the walks are Family Nature Clubs Talking Circles where families can get great ideas and support for their clubs.

2019
NATURE WALKS

- April 19 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- April 28 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- September 15 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- May 23 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- October 11 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- November 27 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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OPEN SPACE EXPLORER CAMP

Weekly sessions from June 18 – August 8 at the Open Space Visitor Center

The Open Space Visitor Center is offering guided recreation and leisure activities all summer long at the Visitor Center! Children from ages 6 to 12 have an opportunity to learn and grow through our Explorer Camp. Camp activities include guided tours through the Bosque, Gallery Exhibits, and Gardens with environment-focused crafts, nature-based games, hands-on activities, and more. The Camp is intended to get youth engaged and learning through their interactions with the environment, while having a ton of fun in the process!



EXPLORER PACKS A SELF-GUIDED ADVENTURE

Open Space Visitor Center

Available from Tuesdays

Sundays from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Explorer Packs get families outside and into nature to learn about plants, animals, and cultural resources found within Open Space properties. Visitors can check out backpacks filled with self-guided activities based on different themes such as flora, fauna, and culture. A valid picture I.D. is required to check out the packs.

School Field Trips to the Open Space Visitor Center

Teachers seeking out of classroom learning opportunities for their students may consider the Open Space Visitor Center. The Open Space Alliance offers limited assistance with transportation for elementary to high school students. Field trips are tailored to fit the classroom's curriculum and student's interests to make each trip memorable, impactful, and meaningful. The Open Space Visitor Center provides access to Bosque hiking trails as well as indoor facilities, but any of Albuquerque's Open Space properties may be utilized for field trips. For additional information and scheduling, call (505) 452-5200.



BOSQUE SUNSET WALKS CITY NATURE CHALLENGE & more

CITY NATURE CHALLENGE

April 26 – 29

The City Nature Challenge is a friendly competition between cities all over the world to see which one can observe the most nature. Get out and see some great urban nature in Open Space while helping scientists collect biodiversity data—and help Albuquerque win! You can participate on your own, or join many events throughout the city. Find more information at www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2019-abq.



CITY NATURE CHALLENGE EVENT

April 26 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division and BioPark will be hosting an event as part of the City Nature Challenge along the Bosque, starting at Tingley Beach. Staff and experts will help with identification of plants and animals, and provide technical support with the iNaturalist App.



BOSQUE SUNSET WALKS FROM THE BIOPARK

The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division and BioPark are partnering on Bosque Sunset Nature Walks. Each walk is limited, so sign-up today at play.cabq.gov

- **June 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**
- **July 16 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**
- **August 6 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**

BOSQUE SUNSET WALKS CITY NATURE CHALLENGE & more con't



CABQ OPEN SPACE 35 GEOCACHE

The Open Space Division in partnership with the local geocache community is launching a geocache series this summer. Find all eight geocaches in the series, and you will earn a commemorative coin. For more information, go to geocaching.com and look for ABQ Open Space 35.



POLLINATION CELEBRATION WITH BEE CITY USA

June 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the BioPark and 4 – 7:30pm at the Open Space Visitor Center

The Pollination Celebration is an annual City of Albuquerque event to learn about pollinators that support wildlife habitat and food systems. The morning will kick off at the BioPark with games, activity stations, bee homes, and more. The fun will continue later in the day at the Open Space Visitor Center with live music, kid's crafts, demonstration bee hives, honey sales, local vendors, and activity tables. Attend each event for a prize!

OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER



The Open Space Visitor Center provides ongoing public events and education opportunities. This majestic facility also features interactive exhibits and a kid's room, rotating art gallery, agricultural fields that draw a variety of wildlife, canopy loop trail, and stunning views of the Sandia Mountains.

The following events are free to the public, except for weekly yoga.

To register for the following events, go to play.cabq.gov or call (505) 897-8831.

Located at 6500 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque NM 87120

Open Tuesday – Sunday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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"COSMIC," THE ART OF HARRIETTE TSOSIE AND ELLE MACLAREN

**January 13 – March 31, available during
hours of operation**

Two award-winning artists present an exhibition of work about the cosmos, utilizing the Open Space Visitor Center Gallery as a unique location for astronomical observations. The show will run through March 31.

STAR PARTY WITH THE ALBUQUERQUE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

March 16 from 6 – 9 p.m.

The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) and the Open Space Visitor Center will co-host this popular, family-friendly annual event, which includes craft-making activities, an astronomy talk at 7 p.m., and night sky viewing with a variety of telescopes on the back patio.



FIBER ART CRAWL AND "EARTH THREADS" JURIED FIBER ART EXHIBIT

**May 17 – 19, available during hours of
operation**

The Open Space Visitor Center presents a juried exhibit of fiber arts with the theme of "Earth Threads." The exhibit will run through July 27. The theme provides an opportunity for artists working in all fiber media to create an original work inspired by soil conservation, community, habitat and ecosystems, the effects of climate change on our native landscapes, and the beauty of our New Mexico public lands.

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INTERNATIONAL FIBER COLLABORATIVE EXHIBIT WITH THE PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT

May 17 – July 7, available during hours of operation

Working together to create a community of art and craft enthusiasts to help create imaginative and creative art and ideas. The International Fiber Collaborative (IFC) was founded in 2007 by artist Jennifer Marsh. It is a non-profit organization that promotes global collaborative public art initiatives, a marriage of art & education. The IFC prides itself in being a grassroots organization, reaching out to students, individuals, groups, and organizations all over the world.



POETS PICNIC

May 25 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

A day of art, music, and poetry on the lovely grounds of the Open Space Visitor Center, overlooking farmland, the Rio Grande's Bosque, and the Sandia Mountains! Albuquerque's calligraphy society *Escribiente*, the New Mexico Book Arts Guild *Libros*, the New Mexico State Poetry Society (NMSPS), the Open Space Alliance, and dozens of local poets have come together for this unique art exhibit and day of spoken word poetry.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE "ART OF HAIKU" A HAIGA EXHIBIT. TAKING PLACE DURING THE ANNUAL POETS PICNIC EVENT

May 25

The Open Space Visitor Center hosts an art exhibit featuring some of New Mexico's best poets and calligraphers. Haiga is a form of Japanese painting with simple imagery typically accompanied by a Haiku poem.

POLLINATION CELEBRATION WITH BEE CITY USA

June 15 from 4 – 7:30 p.m.

The Pollination Celebration is an annual celebration of Open Space and all the pollinators that support wildlife habitat and food systems. Activities include live music, kid's crafts, demonstration bee hives, honey sales, local vendors, activity tables, and more!

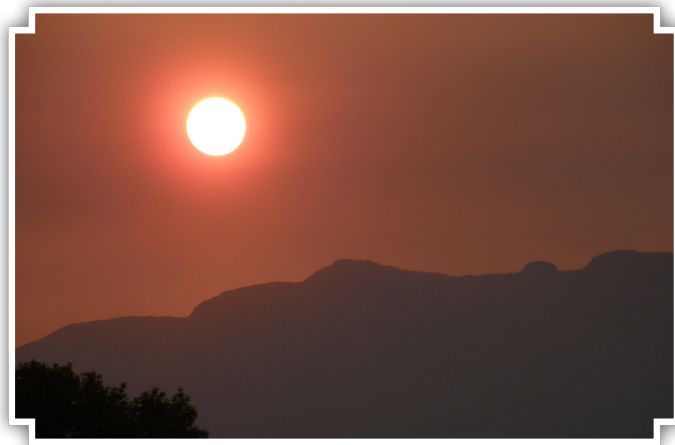
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MOONRISE CONCERT WITH DUST CITY OPERA

July 13 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Dust City Opera kicks off a dynamic series of moonrise concerts at the Visitor Center. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blanket, and feast, or grab a bite from a fabulous local food truck. There's fun for the whole family.



OPENING RECEPTION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT “RIVER, OCEAN, SEA” NICK TAURO JR (ALBUQUERQUE), FABIO MIGUEL ROQUE, (SINTRA, PORTUGAL) AND HEAN KUAN (ONG, PENANG, MALAYSIA)

August 3 from 2 – 4 p.m.

“River, Ocean, Sea” is a photographic exploration of the presence and the impact that specific water sources have on the environments of each photographer, as well as what kind of inspiration each water source serves for each artist.

MOONRISE CONCERT WITH CW AYON BLUES

August 10 from 6 – 8 p.m.

CW Ayon Blues artist CW Ayon continues our series of moonrise concerts at the Visitor Center. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blanket, and feast, or grab a bite from a fabulous local food truck. There's fun for the whole family.

MOONRISE CONCERT WITH THE STRAW DOGS

September 14 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Bluegrass ensemble the Straw Dogs concludes our moonrise concerts at the Visitor Center. Bring your own lawn chair, picnic blanket, and feast, or grab a bite from a fabulous local food truck. There's fun for the whole family.



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35TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPFIRE AND STORYTELLING

September 21 from 7-9 p.m.

Bring out the whole family for an evening under the stars hearing about the legends of Open Space that includes thrilling tales of heroism and adventure. Hot chocolate and s'more will be provided along with a short presentation and activities. This is a great opportunity to learn about the incredible legacy and celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Open Space Division.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE CRANE'S OASIS: ABSTRACTING THE CRANE AND ITS HABITAT BY P.K. WILLIAMS

October 19 from 2 – 4 p.m.

The stunning work of artist P.K. Williams highlights the crane in all its beauty while also representing the many plants and animals found along the Bosque and Albuquerque's diverse Open Spaces.

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE OPEN SPACE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 2 from 12 – 4 p.m.

Much of what defines Albuquerque and makes it unique are its "open" and undeveloped spaces such as the cottonwood Bosque of the Rio Grande Valley, the Sandia Foothills, and the volcanic escarpment and grasslands of the City's West Side. Since its beginnings in 1984, the Open Space Division has been working to preserve environmentally and culturally important lands

throughout the Albuquerque area. The 35th Anniversary Celebration is a great way to learn more about the Division and the varied lands we manage, while taking in a festive environment of music, birthday cake, and family activities at our beautiful Open Space Visitor Center.



COSMIC CARNIVAL AND STAR PARTY WITH THE ALBUQUERQUE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

November 9 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) is sponsoring the fall Cosmic Carnival in collaboration with the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center. There will be interactive exhibits with Explora! Science Center, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, and other local organizations. Other activities include safe viewing of our nearest star, the Sun, and a telescope discovery display. There will also be indoor Portable Planetarium shows on the hour! Visit www.taas.org for more information. The event is followed by a TAAS Star Party on the back patio with night-sky viewing and presentations.

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WINTER SOLSTICE SEED MANDALA

December 22 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Share your creativity, experience unity, and build beauty with us this Winter Solstice by adding color to our Open Space Seed Mandala. Made of different colored natural seeds, the mandala gradually fades back to the earth, while providing a food source for local birds.

Traditionally, mandalas or artistic circles provide “a creative visual and experiential demonstration of unity with diversity...Recognizing what we have in common, while respecting our differences, increases our capacity for creating peace... in the pursuit of knowledge we discover truth; in nature we see beauty; from acts of kindness we experience goodness.”

RETURN OF THE SANDHILL CRANE CELEBRATION

November 16 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Open Space Visitor Center invites the citizens of Albuquerque to help us welcome the Sandhill cranes back to their winter habitat along the Middle Rio Grande river valley with this annual family-friendly event. Eighteen acres of agricultural land are the backdrop of this unique facility that includes an art gallery, interpretive exhibits, and a wildlife preserve. This event features presentations, children's activities, viewing scopes, crafts, workshops, and more!



OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE

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The Open Space Alliance (OSA) is a non-profit organization that works closely with the Open Space Division to help design and promote a wide range of programs and initiatives that educate the public while increasing awareness and conservation of Open Space Lands. The OSA is an avenue for individuals, families, and groups to become stewards of Albuquerque Open Space. We will be sponsoring some special events to commemorate the 35th Anniversary including:



- OSA fundraiser at Panera in Holly Plaza, Saturday, May 18, from 4-8 p.m.
- Spring Cleanup kickoff at Bosque Brewing. Check the OSA website for more information.
- Bosque Brewing will brew a special beer in July to celebrate the 35th Anniversary with a portion of the sales to benefit the OSA.
- Holiday cards featuring photos of the Open Space by local photographers will be available for sale.
- Volunteer cleanup of the Bosque trail maintenance events will be organized by OSA. Check the OSA website for more information.

Visit the website at openspacealliance.org.

Sign up to become a member and further support Open Space education and stewardship projects.



PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT

Petroglyph National Monument is co-managed by the National Park Service (NPS) and Open Space Division. Residents and visitors have an incredible opportunity to experience one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America, featuring more than 20,000 identified designs and symbols carved onto volcanic rocks by Native Americans and Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago. Experience these amazing cultural expressions first hand by exploring the monument, and don't miss out on the exhibits, media, and additional resources at the NPS Visitor Center that is open year-round (except Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join the staff on an event or tour of the monument. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/petr.



RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER STATE PARK AND CANDELARIA NATURE PRESERVE

New Mexico State Parks manages the Rio Grande Nature Center (RGNC), which is part of the Open Space network of properties. This amazing park is located along the Rio Grande flyway, offering excellent birdwatching opportunities throughout the year. The RGNC includes a visitor center, gardens, and indoor and outdoor wildlife viewing areas overlooking ponds trails that

access the Rio Grande, and more. Public events and school programs are also available. To learn more, visit www.emnrd.state.nm.us/spd/riograndenaturecenterstatepark.html.

Adjacent to the Rio Grande Nature Center and part of the larger property is the Candelaria Nature Preserve. This year, the Open Space Division and the Technical Advisory Group are developing a resource management plan for the Preserve. To learn about this plan and provide input, join a Discovery Walk or public event, visit: www.cabq.gov/candelaria-nature-preserve.

MARCH

- March 23 • 9 a.m. • Discovery Walk at Candelaria Farm
- March 23 • 1 – 2:30 p.m. • Family Nature Clubs at OSVC
- March 24 • 9 a.m. • Adventure Hike at Golden Open Space
- March 30 • 8:30 a.m. • Route 66 Spring Cleanup, Ribbon Cutting and more!

APRIL

- April 6 • 8:30 a.m. • Copper Trailhead Spring Cleanup
- April 13 • 8:30 a.m. • Indian School Spring Cleanup
- April 19 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Family Nature Walk from the OSVC
- April 20 • 8:30 a.m. • Menaul Picnic Area Spring Cleanup
- April 26 • 6 – 7:30 p.m. • Bosque Sunset Walks from the BioPark
- April 26-29 • City Nature Challenge event at Tingley Beach
- April 27 • 8:30 a.m. • Piedra Lisa Spring Cleanup
- April 28 • 9 a.m. • Adventure Hike to Route 66 Open Space
- April 28 • 1 – 2:30 p.m. • Family Nature Walk from the OSVC

MAY

- May 17 – May 19 • Fiber Art Crawl and Juried Fiber Art Exhibit at the OSVC
- May 17 – July 7 • International Youth Fiber Collaborative at the OSVC
- May 18 • 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Annual Rio Grande River Cleanup
- May 23 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Family Nature Walk from the OSVC
- May 25 • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Poets Picnic at the OSVC
- May 25 • 2 – 4 p.m. • Opening Reception Haiga Exhibit at the OSVC
- May 25 • 8 p.m. • Summer Series Begins - Sunset event at Elena Gallegos

JUNE

- Starting in June • Summer Explorer Camp each week at the OSVC
- June 1 • 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. • National Trails Day at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area
- June 15 • 4 – 7:30 p.m. • Pollinator Celebration at the OSVC
- June 18 • 6 – 7:30 p.m. • Bosque Sunset Walks from the BioPark

First Sunday of every month from 8 – 10 a.m. starting from the OSVC, Bosque Wild:
Guided Nature Walks followed by Family Nature Club Talking Circles

JULY

July 13 • 6 – 8 p.m. • Moon Rise Concert at the OSVC

July 16 • 6 – 7:30 p.m. • Bosque Sunset Walk starting from the BioPark

AUGUST

August 3 • 2 – 4 p.m. • Nick Tauro Photography Opening Exhibit at the OSVC

August 6 • 6 – 7:30 p.m. • Bosque Sunset Walk from the BioPark

August 10 • 6 – 8 p.m. • Moon Rise Concert at the OSVC

August 24 • 8:30 a.m. • VFO Trails Project at San Antonito Open Space

August 25 • Summer Series ends - Mindfulness at Carolino

SEPTEMBER

September 14 • 6 – 8 p.m. • Moon Rise Concert at the OSVC

September 15 • 1 – 2:30 p.m. • Family Nature Walk from the OSVC

September 21 • 7 – 9 p.m. • 35th Anniversary Campfire at the OSVC

OCTOBER

October 11 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Family Nature Walk from the OSVC

October 19 • 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Dia del Rio Annual Event

October 26 • 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Make a Difference Day

October 19 • 2 – 4 p.m. • PK Williams Opening Reception at the OSVC

October 27 • Boosque on the Bosque

NOVEMBER

November 2 • 2 – 4 p.m. • Open Space Anniversary Celebration at the OSVC

November 9 • 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. • Cosmic Carnival and Star Party at the OSVC

November 16 • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Return of the Sandhill Crane Celebration at the OSVC

November 25-27 • #OptOut

November 27 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Family Nature Walks from the OSVC

DECEMBER

December 22 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Winter Solstice Seed Mandala at the OSVC



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