

Explore the Nature Center!

1.2 miles of interpretive trails
through a Bosque ecosystem

What is a Bosque?

“Bosque,” a Spanish word for forest, is used locally to refer to the **forest ecosystem along the Rio Grande River**. This section of the Bosque was formed by the **Rio Grande Rift**, a geological feature that created the river valley by pulling apart and stretching the Earth’s crust.



Rio Grande Cottonwood

These large trees are the main **native** tree species you’ll find in the Bosque. Look for heart shaped leaves!

Signs of Wildlife

You’ll find animal tracks in the sandy soil. Coyotes, badgers, lizards, and many other species call the RGNC their home.



Birding

Check out binoculars for **free** at the front desk. Over 300 species of birds have been observed at the RGNC!



Agua es Vida

Once common in the Bosque, ponds and wetlands provide valuable habitat for wildlife.

About the Park

The Rio Grande Nature Center (RGNC) State Park opened in 1982. The visitor center building was designed by the world-renowned architect, Antoine Predock, whose work was greatly influenced by the natural beauty of New Mexico.

This 38-acre property is managed by New Mexico State Parks, through a lease between the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division (landowner) and the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD).

The Friends of Rio Grande Nature Center is a non-profit 501 © (3) organization that provides volunteer staff and fund raises for park projects and programs.

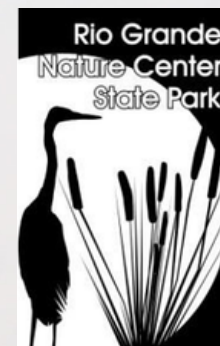
Learn more and become a volunteer at rgnc.org!

Restrictions

To protect this important habitat:

- No smoking or fires
- No camping
- Drones and metal detectors are prohibited
- **Leashed pets and bicycles** are allowed in the **parking area** and adjacent city trails **only**

“To preserve and protect the Rio Grande Bosque, educate the public about the Rio Grande ecosystems, and to foster positive human interactions with those systems.”



Welcome to the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park!

Phone: 505-344-7240

Park Hours:

Main Gate.....	8am to 5pm
Visitor Center.....	9am to 4pm
Nature Shop.....	10am to 2pm (Mon-Thurs)
	10am to 4pm (Fri-Sun)

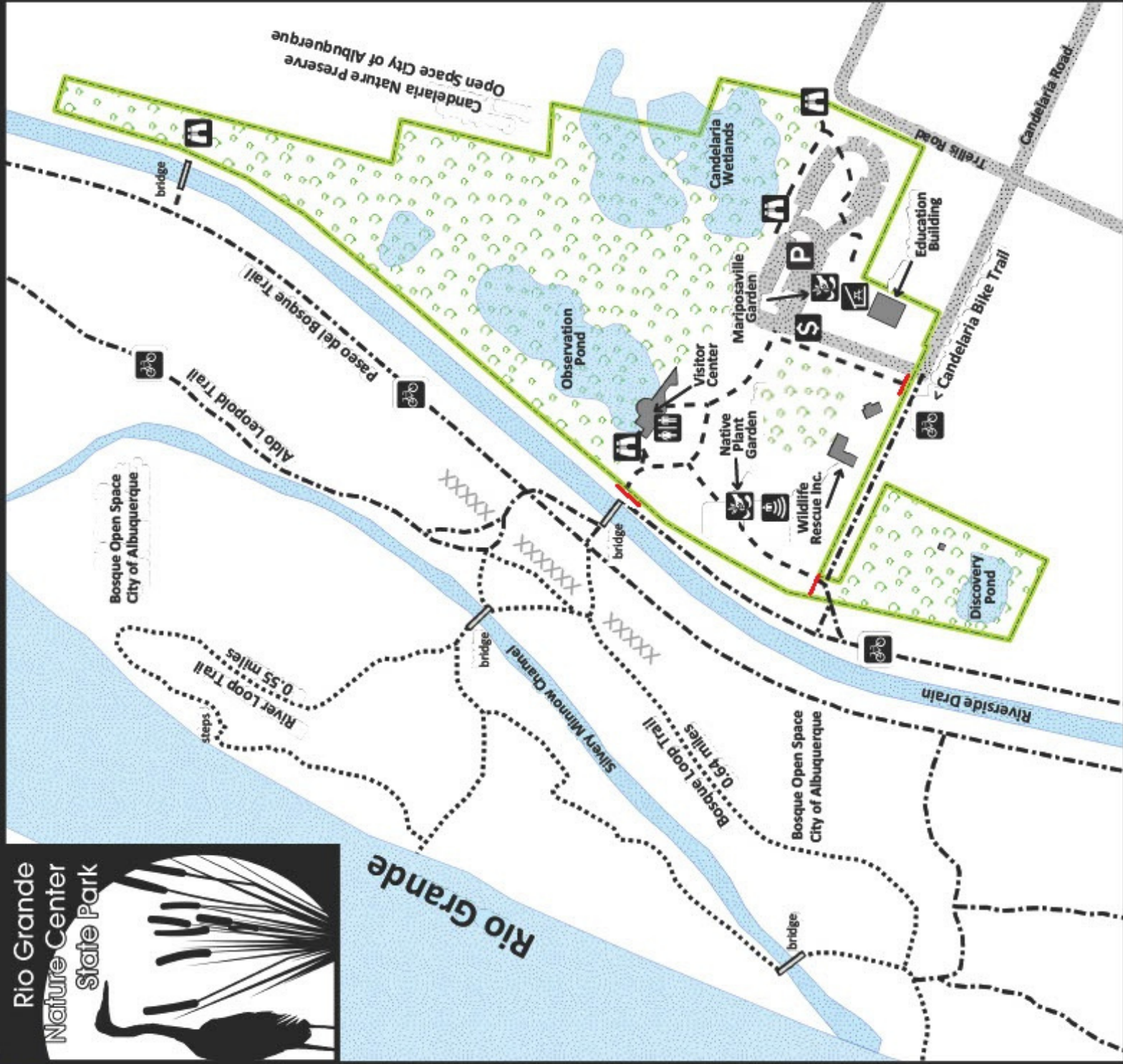
Parking Fee (all year):

Motor Vehicles.....	\$5
FRGNC Members.....	Free
NM Resident School Bus.....	Free
Non-Resident School Bus.....	\$15
Commercial Charter Bus.....	\$50

Bike Racks Available.

2901 Candelaria Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Rio Grande Nature Center State Park



Pay station to Visitor Center 0.1 mile
 Pay station to the Rio Grande 0.4 mile
 North to Montano Rd Bridge 1.1 mile
 South to I-40 Bridge 2.3 mile

0.25 mile
 0.40 kilometer

North arrow pointing North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W).