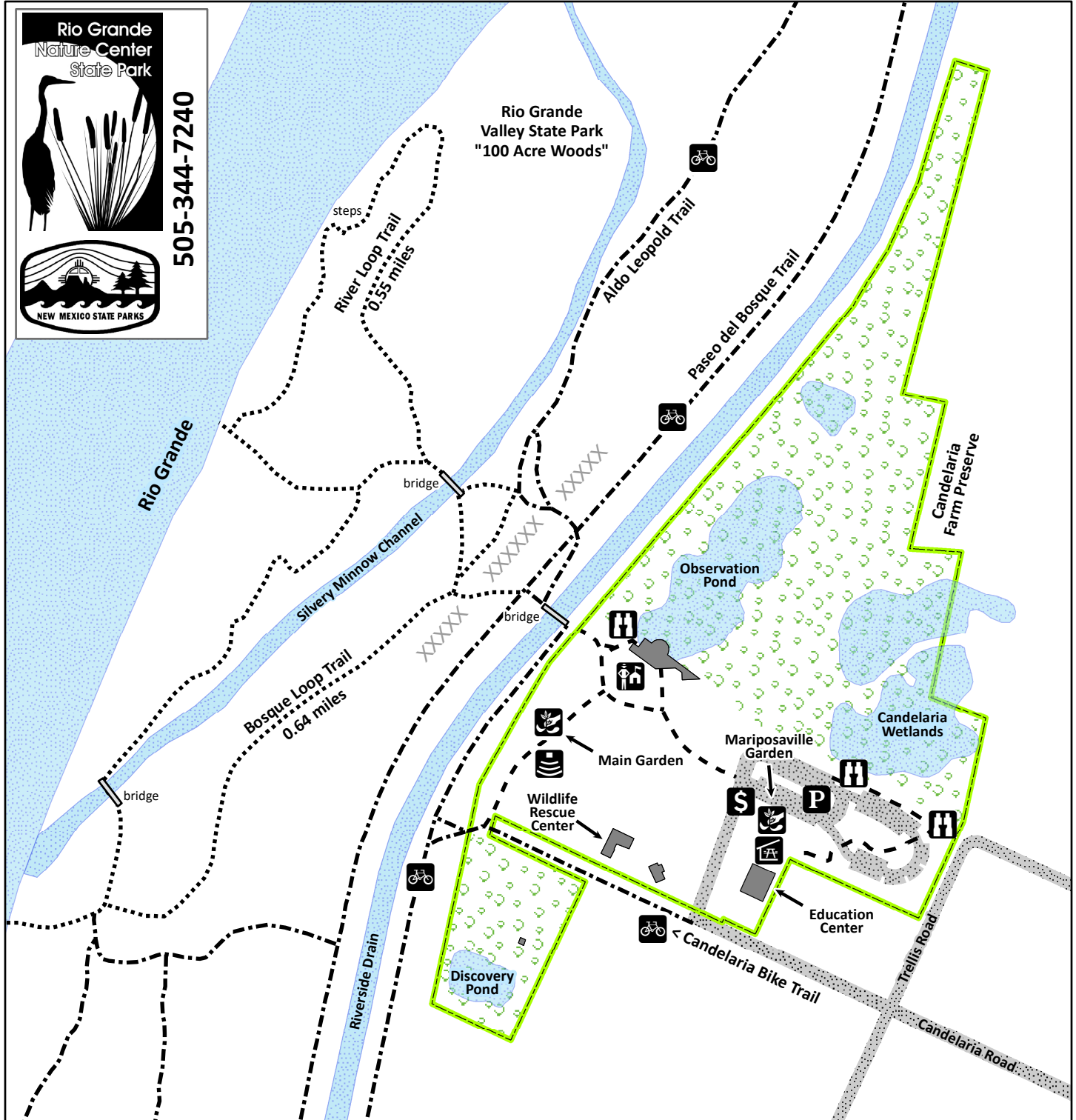


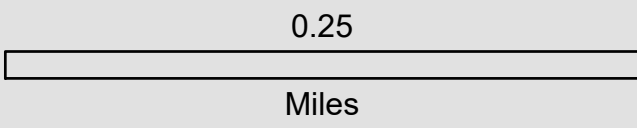
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NEW MEXICO STATE PARKS



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|----------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Visitor Center | Wildlife Viewing    | Bike Trail   | Park Boundary | Road/Parking Lot            |
| Pay Station    | Group Shelter       | Nature Trail | Water         | Jetty Jacks                 |
| Parking Area   | Outdoor Classroom   | Park Trail   | Building      | Wildlife Preserve-No Access |
| Gardens        | Dog and Bike Access |              |               |                             |



Parking Lot to Rio Grande: 0.5 mi.  
 From Visitor Center to River Loop Trail to Bosque Loop Trail and Back to Visitor Center: 1.6 mi.

# Rio Grande Nature Center State Park

Located on the central Rio Grande flyway, Rio Grande Nature Center State Park offers excellent bird watching throughout the year. Visitors from near and far have observed over 300 species of birds as well as other flora and fauna typical of our *bosque* ecosystem. In winter views might include Sandhill cranes at the river and porcupines in the trees; in summer lizards skitter across the trails and hummingbirds investigate flowering plants.

The Park's Visitors Center, designed by world-renowned local architect, Antoine Predock, is a destination for architecture fans from around the globe. It offers exhibits corresponding with special "apertures" or views onto bosque habitats as well as a glass-walled observation room with relaxing views of the Park's main pond. A speaker system transmits the real sounds of pond life into the room.

In addition to two beautiful demonstration gardens and several wildlife viewing areas, the Park provides access to miles of city-managed trails along and through the *bosque*, or riverside forest.

The park offers nature walks, bird walks, storytelling, monthly public programs, teacher workshops, and three annual family-friendly festivals. Trails, gardens, wildlife viewing blinds and hands-on exhibits are available to visitors who would like to explore on their own. Schools and other groups of all ages can schedule special *guided* programs at the Park (nature walks, pond investigations, and indoor programs on the habitat and creatures of the bosque).

## Pet & Bicycle Restrictions

Pet walking and bicycle riding are **not** permitted on the grounds of the Park, except for in the gravel parking lot. The City of Albuquerque Open Space Division permits leashed dog walking and bike riding on trails within and along the bosque (but outside the RGNCS). Visitors with Pets/bikes wishing to access City trails may reach them by taking the Candelaria access path between Candelaria Road and the Paseo del Bosque bike path.

## Fire Restrictions

The Rio Grande Nature Center State Park and the adjacent CABQ Open Space bosque are permanently under Stage One fire restrictions. There are **NO** places where smoking or fires are permitted in the bosque.



**Rio Grande Nature Center State Park:**  
<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/RGNC.htm>



**Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center:**  
The Friends is a non-profit which supports the mission of the RGNCS. For membership or other information please call 505-343-1373.  
<http://www.rgnc.org>



## FAST FACTS

### Park Hours

*Gate:* 8 AM - 5 PM daily  
*Visitor Center:* 10 AM - 5 PM daily  
*Nature Shop:* 11 AM - 3 PM (M - F)  
10 AM - 4 PM (Sa - Su)

### Phone

*Phone:* 505-344-7240  
*Fax:* 505-344-4505

### Address

2901 Candelaria Rd NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

### Day-Use Fee

Motor Vehicle	\$3
Van/school bus (8+ seats)	\$15
Professional tour bus	\$50
Bicycle-in or walk-in	free

*(Bike racks are available)*

**Camping** is **not** permitted

### Elevation

5,000 feet

### Average high/low temperature

January	53/25
April	75/42
July	96/66
October	75/44

### Average annual precipitation

8.73 inches