



ACTIVITIES

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The term "free" in items listed below refers to the cost of the event. State Parks' admission for non-members of the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center is \$3 per vehicle.

Herbfest 2012

On Saturday May 12 and Sunday May 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center will present Herbfest, a springtime celebration benefiting the Nature Center.

For a detailed list of events click [here](#).

Herbfest is free; day-use fee \$3.

Events Overview

- Herbs, wildflowers, and native plants for sale
- Arts and crafts for sale
- Guided bird and nature walks
- Pollinator garden tours
- Live music
- Demonstrations: Composting, making newspaper seed pots
- Activities for kids, storyteller Natalee Roe
- Horticulturist Dr. Curtis Smith, "Herbs to Consider for New Mexico"
- Heads Up landscaper Richard Perce, "Xeriscape, not Zeroscape"
- UNM professor Dr. Cheo Torres, "Healing with Herbs and Ritual, a New Mexico Tradition"
- Dr. Larry Littlefield and Pearl Burns, "Wildflowers of the Sandias and the Manzanos"
- Raffle prize: Paired gift certificate, one night plus \$100, Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa

Saturday - 11 a.m.

Saturday - 1 p.m.

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Black-chinned hummingbird nestlings



WEEKEND BIRD WALKS

Enjoy a natural high when you join naturalists for a bird walk Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year.

- 8:00 a.m. May - August
- 8:30 a.m. September - November
- 9:00 a.m. December - February
- 8:30 a.m. March - April

SUNDAY NATURE WALKS

Take an insightful nature tour of the bosque with a volunteer naturalist.

- June - September at 10 a.m.
- October - May at 1 p.m.

MOON WALKS

Under the light of the full moon, the bosque comes alive with a cast of characters not seen during the day. Led by volunteer naturalists and Nature Center staff members, visitors listen for owls, watch for coyotes, and are alert to movement in the brush during these quiet walks. Reserve your place in advance (learn start time when you call 344-7240) and join others at the trail entrance by the parking lot.

2012 Dates

Jan. 8, Feb. 7, March 8, April 6, May 5, June 3, July 3, Aug. 1, Aug. 31, Sept. 29, Oct. 29, Nov. 28, Dec. 28

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