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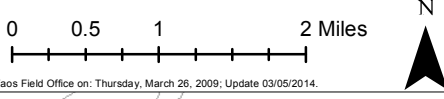
**Río Grande del Norte National Monument**  
**Lower Gorge (Orilla Verde)**  
*Showing Area Closed to Hunting & Shooting*  
**Open Year Around!**  
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**Legend**

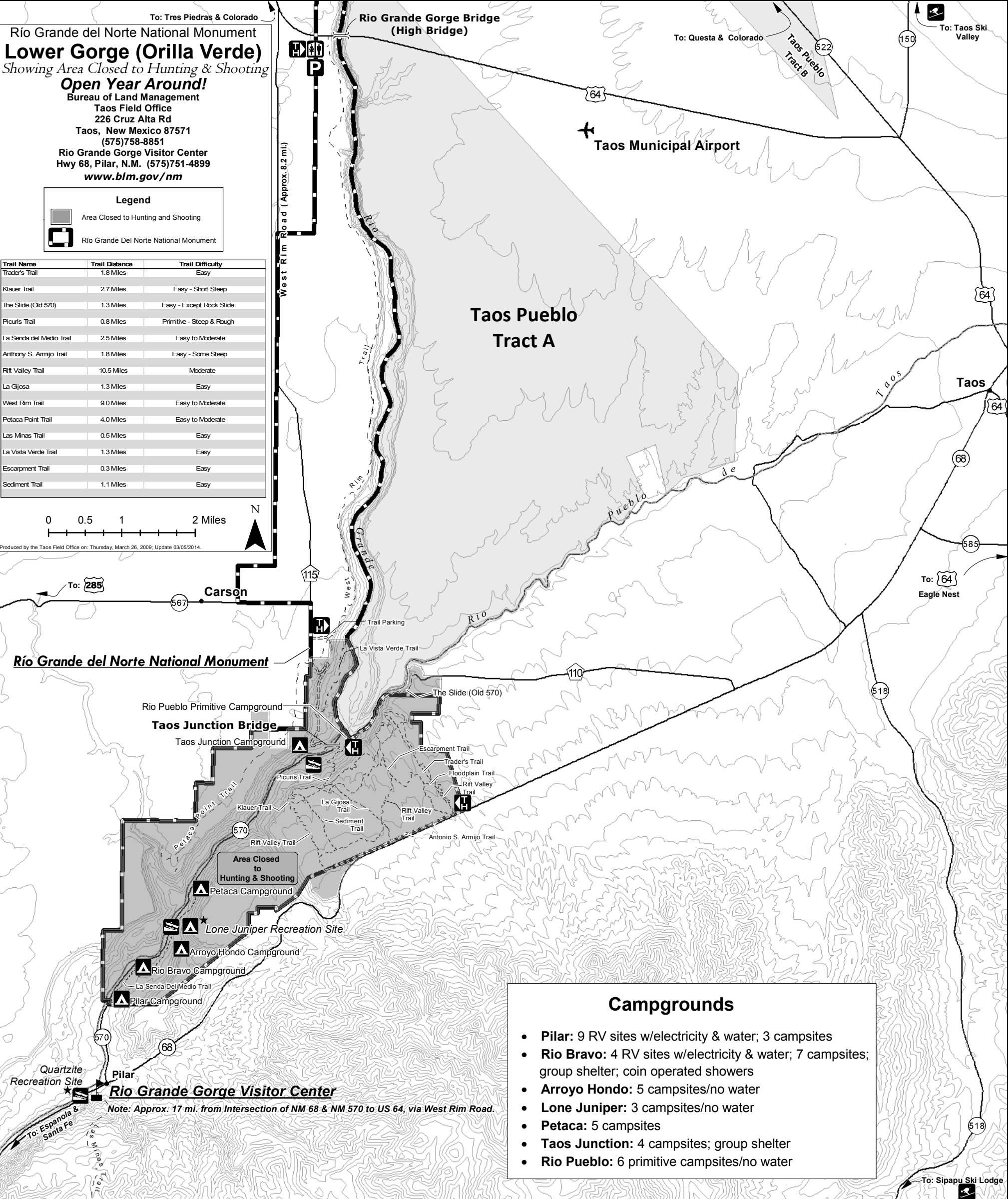
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Trail Name	Trail Distance	Trail Difficulty
Trader's Trail	1.8 Miles	Easy
Klauer Trail	2.7 Miles	Easy - Short Steep
The Slide (Old 570)	1.3 Miles	Easy - Except Rock Slide
Picuris Trail	0.8 Miles	Primitive - Steep & Rough
La Senda del Medio Trail	2.5 Miles	Easy to Moderate
Anthony S. Armijo Trail	1.8 Miles	Easy - Some Steep
Rift Valley Trail	10.5 Miles	Moderate
La Gijosa	1.3 Miles	Easy
West Rim Trail	9.0 Miles	Easy to Moderate
Petaca Point Trail	4.0 Miles	Easy to Moderate
Las Minas Trail	0.5 Miles	Easy
La Vista Verde Trail	1.3 Miles	Easy
Escarpment Trail	0.3 Miles	Easy
Sediment Trail	1.1 Miles	Easy



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**Campgrounds**

- **Pilar:** 9 RV sites w/electricity & water; 3 campsites
- **Río Bravo:** 4 RV sites w/electricity & water; 7 campsites; group shelter; coin operated showers
- **Arroyo Hondo:** 5 campsites/no water
- **Lone Juniper:** 3 campsites/no water
- **Petaca:** 5 campsites
- **Taos Junction:** 4 campsites; group shelter
- **Río Pueblo:** 6 primitive campsites/no water

**Lower Gorge Trails**

**West Rim Trail**

- North end located at rest area, west of Río Grande Gorge "High Bridge" on US 64
- South end located on Hwy 567 on west mesa top above Taos Junction Bridge
- 9 miles one-way
- **Easy to moderate:** excellent mountain biking
- Trail runs along the west rim of the gorge with amazing views of the Taos Plateau and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains

**La Vista Verde Trail**

- Located on Hwy 567, 0.5 miles above Taos Junction Bridge
- 1.25 miles each way
- **Easy**
- Wonderful views of the gorge

**Petaca Point Trail**

- Located on Hwy 567 on mesa top above Taos Junction Bridge
- 4 miles one-way
- **Easy to moderate**
- Spectacular views of the Río Grande Gorge, Arroyo Petaca, and Sangre de Cristo Mountains
- Trail ends at the confluence of Arroyo Petaca and Río Grande, overlooking Petaca campground

**Taos Valley Overlook Trails**

- Located on NM 68 between mile markers 35 & 36 south of Taos
- System of six interconnecting trails offering nearly 20 miles of hiking/mountain biking/horseback riding trails
- **Easy to Moderate**
- Spectacular views of the Taos Plateau, Gorge, and surrounding mountains

**The Slide (Old 570)**

- Located from end of county road 110 leading to Taos Junction Bridge
- 1.3 Miles one way
- **Moderate**
- Scenic Views of the Río Pueblo

**Picuris Trail**

- Located east of Taos Junction Bridge
- 0.8 miles one-way
- **Difficult**
- Follow old stock route to east rim of gorge
- Spectacular views

**Las Minas Trail**

- Located on Hwy 68, at Río Grande Gorge Visitor Center
- **Easy**
- Wonderful views of the Río Grande Gorge
- Turn around point at the overlook
- 0.5 miles one way, primitive beyond

**La Senda del Medio Trail**

- Begins at Pilar campground follows east side of Río Grande and links Pilar, Río Bravo, Arroyo Hondo, Lone Juniper and Petaca campgrounds
- 2.5 miles one way
- **Easy to moderate**
- Scenic views of river and gorge

**Trail Safety Tips**

**Be prepared.** Recommended items to take: plenty of water and food, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen and a first aid kit. **Be aware.** Summer temperatures in the lower gorge can be very warm and lightning storms frequent. Swimming in the river is dangerous; currents are strong and water is cold. Let someone know where you are going, do not hike alone.

Use caution during hunting season. **Please respect public, private and tribal lands. Leave no trace. Pack it in, Pack it out**

**All trails Non-Motorized Use**  
**PETS MUST BE LEASHED**  
**FIREWORKS PROHIBITED**

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