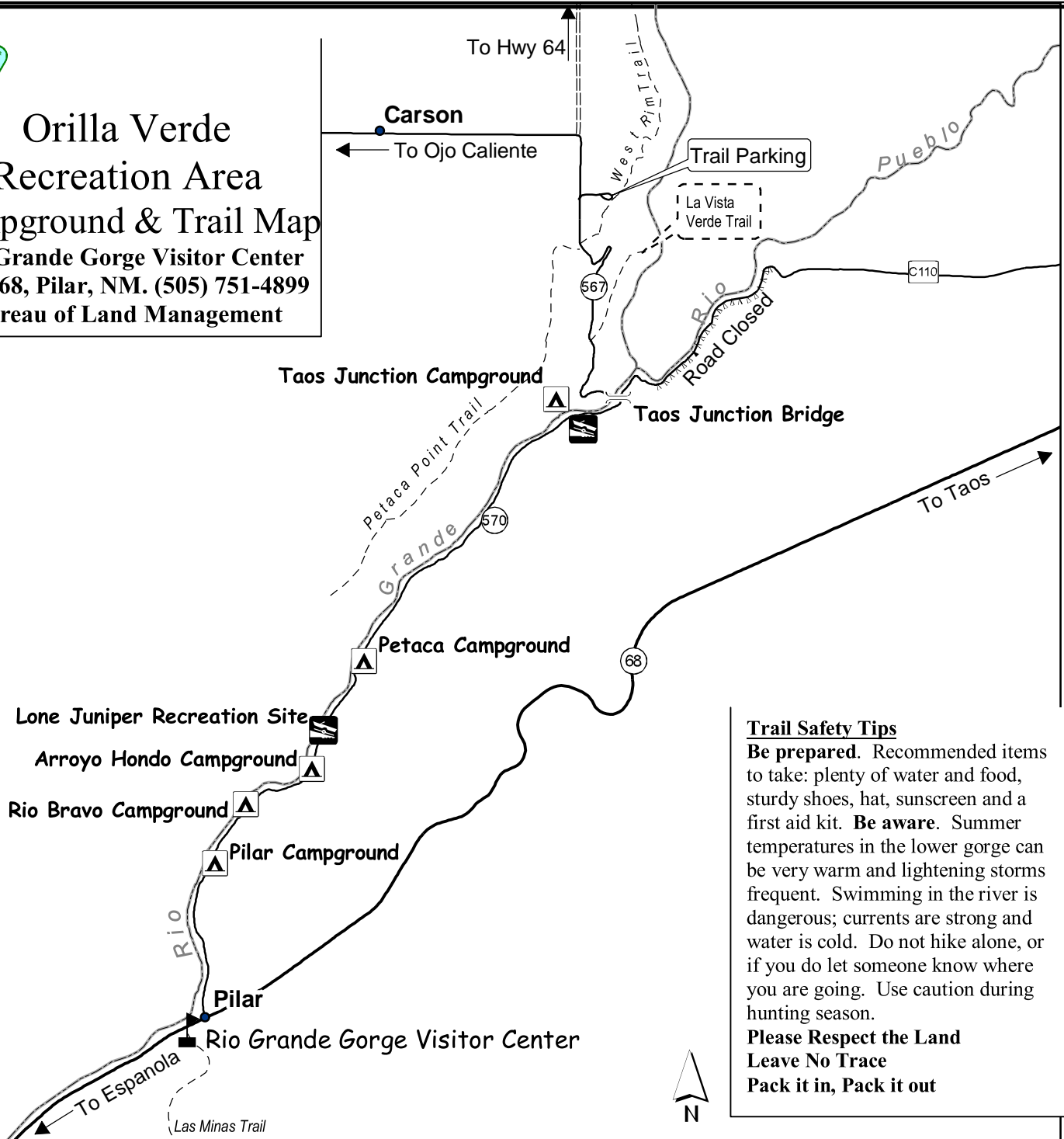




**Orilla Verde
Recreation Area
Campground & Trail Map**
Rio Grande Gorge Visitor Center
Hwy 68, Pilar, NM. (505) 751-4899
Bureau of Land Management



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 lightening storms frequent. Swimming in the river is dangerous; currents are strong and water is cold. Do not hike alone, or if you do let someone know where you are going. Use caution during hunting season.
Please Respect the Land
Leave No Trace
Pack it in, Pack it out

West Rim Trail

- North end located at rest area, west of Rio 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 Sangre de Cristo Mts.

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 Rio Grande Gorge, Arroyo Petaca, and Sangre de Cristo Mts.
- Trail ends at the confluence overlook of Arroyo Petaca and Rio Grande above the Petaca campground.

La Vista Verde Trail

- Located on Hwy 567, 0.5 mile west of Taos Junction Bridge.
- 1.25 miles one way.
- **EASY**
- Wonderful views of the Rio Grande Gorge.
- Turn around point at the overlook.

Las Minas Trail

- Located at the Rio Grande Gorge Visitor Center.
- 0.5 miles one way, trail continues on old mine road which is not maintained or signed and leads on to private property.
- **MODERATE** to first overlook, **DIFFICULT** beyond.
- Nice views of Pilar and the Rio Grande; higher points offer more expansive views of surrounding mountains.