

SEPTEMBER PAPNM PAINTOUT SCHEDULE 2010--

Please send any questions to PAPNM Paint Out Coordinator: paintouts@pleinairpaintersnm.org

If you have a favorite place to paint please consider hosting an outing. Just contact me and let me know when and where.

Also, please consider purchasing a current New Mexico road map to assist you in your travels. All attempts are made to give clear and accurate directions. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

And, remember to carpool as often as you can.

September 2010

Saturday, September 4th—*La Luz Trailhead, 8:30 AM*

Sunday, September 12th— *Open Space Visitor Center, 9 AM*

Saturday, September 18th—*Villanueva State Park, 9 AM*

Saturday, September 25th—*El Malpais Nat'l Monument, 9 AM*

Monday, September 27th—*Pilar, 9 AM*

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH— LA LUZ TRAILHEAD, 8:30 AM

Meet at 8:30 AM at the parking lot by the trail head. There are nice views near the parking lot and along the trail. Vault type restroom facilities are available.

Directions—

From north or southbound I-25 in Albuquerque:

1. Take Tramway east to Forest Rd. 333, which is the La Luz Trail and Juan Tabo Picnic Area turnoff
2. Turn east at Forest Road 333.
3. Follow the signs and continue up the Road until you come to a right turn that has stone pillars.

Just beyond is the parking lot.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH— OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER

If you missed the opening reception then this is your opportunity to come and paint as well as take in the *Little Gems* show and *A View with Room* Exhibition. The Visitor Center is open from 9 AM to 5 PM. Feel free to come and paint during the times they are scheduled to be open. Let's plan to meet by 9 AM since it's especially lovely in the morning but other times will be nice also.

Directions—

The Open Space Visitor Center is east of Coors Blvd. at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd. between Montano Blvd. and Paseo del Norte.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, VILLANUEVA STATE PARK, 9 AM

Villanueva State Park is a small park nestled between high red and yellow sandstone cliffs along the Pecos River and the old Spanish village of Villanueva. Visitors can access multiple viewpoints by way of a footbridge across the river. Fishing and rafting, dependent upon water level, are two popular activities. The number of camp sites is somewhat limited.



photos courtesy Marti Niman

Directions—Villanueva State Park is accessible by both I-25 and I-40...

From Santa Fe or Las Vegas, exit I-25 at the Ribera exit (# 323). Go south on NM 3 approximately 15 miles to the park.

From Albuquerque, go east on I-40 approximately 12 miles past Clines Corners to Exit # 230. Head north on NM 3 approximately 32 miles.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH—EL MALPAIS NATIONAL MONUMENT, 9 AM

El Malpais National Monument offers numerous opportunities for painting sites. After meeting at the Ranger Station at 9 AM where we can obtain information about the area we can choose from various locations to set up and paint. Sites include the La Ventana Natural Arch, the Sandstone Bluffs and the Narrows Picnic Area. There are picnic tables and pit toilets at these sites. At the Sandstone Bluffs there is a gravel road that leads to a spectacular overlook of the lava flows in the area. Check at the Ranger Station about the condition of this road. Bring water and a sack lunch.



National Park Service Photo

Directions—Take I-40 west approximately 72 miles to Exit 89. Turn south on Rt. 117 and it is approximately 9 miles to the BLM Ranger Station where we will meet at 9 AM. The additional painting locations are further south from the Ranger Station.

Monday, September 27th—PILAR, 9 AM

Let's meet at the Visitor Center parking lot at the junction of NM Route 68 and NM 570 in Pilar at 9 AM. Artists may want to carpool to places along the river since parking is scarce in Pilar. There is a nice view of the river from the Visitor Center near the bathrooms. You may prefer to drive west on 570 where there are 6 campgrounds located along the Rio Grande River in the Orilla Verde Recreation Area. You may park in the day use areas for \$3. You may find a few pull off spots along 570 without paying a fee. Be sure you respect the privacy of the residents of Pilar if you chose to paint in the village itself.



photo by Elaine Koehler

Directions—

From the south check your map and follow Rt. 68 from the Santa Fe area north to the junction with NM 570.

From the north take NM 68 south of Taos approximately 12 miles to the junction with NM 570.