



Bosque Vehicle Access Policy

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

MRGCD RULE NO. 32 – BOSQUE ACCESS POLICY

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Bosque Access Policy applies to MRGCD lands, including the adjacent levee roads and drains ("clear ditches") in the MRGCD Belen Division (Valencia County and northern Socorro County) and the Pena Blanca area (Sandoval County). Private and Indian lands are not covered by this Policy or by the MRGCD Permit.
- 1.2 The Bosque is a rare riparian forest that provides important wildlife habitat. Therefore, motor vehicle use of the Bosque is restricted to levee roads in order to reduce damage to soil, plants, and animals.
- 1.3 Individuals without motor vehicles are welcome to use the Bosque if they respect these Rules. With the support of the public, the MRGCD hopes that these rules will allow appropriate human uses of the Bosque to continue.

2. ACCESS

- 2.1 The MRGCD may close portions of the Bosque as needed for fire restrictions, restoration activities, facilities maintenance or other purposes, with little or no notice. No refunds will be given for closures.
- 2.2 Motor vehicle access to the levee roads next to the Bosque is open to any adult who:
 - a. Purchases a **non-transferable** annual Bosque Vehicle Access Permit which includes a Vehicle Sticker and key. (\$50)
 - b. Agrees to abide by all Bosque Access rules.
 - c. **Places the Vehicle Sticker on the corresponding vehicle in plain sight.**
- 2.3 Keys may not be duplicated for any reason. Lost keys may be replaced for \$50.
- 2.4 Permit covers children under the age of 18 only when accompanied by an adult.
- 2.5 Occupants of vehicles are the responsibility of the Permit holder.
- 2.6 Violation of the Bosque Access rules by the vehicle occupant may result in loss of the access permit and Bosque key.
- 2.7 Motor vehicle parking is available at bridges and at a few places along levee roads.
- 2.8 Permits are available for purchase at the following locations. Exact cash (\$50), check and credit card are accepted as payment.

MRGCD General Office: 1931 2nd St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm

MRGCD Belen Division Office: 25 General Baca Rd., Belen, NM 87002

Monday - Thursday, 6:30am - 3:30pm

MRGCD Cochiti Division Office: 31 Carro De Caballos, Pena Blanca, NM 87041

Monday - Thursday, 7:00am - 4:00pm

NOTICE:

This 2017 Bosque Access Permit will be valid from
January 1st, 2017 - March 31st, 2018

Beginning April 1st, 2018 Bosque Vehicle Access Permits will be issued on an annual basis from April 1st to March 31st.

The MRGCD General Office (1931 2nd St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102) will now be issuing Permits in addition to the Belen & Cochiti Division offices. **For hours of operation, accepted forms of payment and locations of the MRGCD Offices, refer to 2.8 on the previous page.** Please contact the MRGCD Engineering Department for comments regarding these changes (505) 247-0234.

BOSQUE ACCESS RULES

- Motor vehicles may not travel off of levee roads.
- **PARK AS TO ALLOW OTHERS TO PASS. MOTOR VEHICLES BLOCKING LEVEE ROADS WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.**
- **ALL GATES MUST BE IMMEDIATELY LOCKED AFTER THE PERMITTEE ENTERS OR LEAVES.**
- Access is limited to three (3) hours before sunrise to sunset. Access at any other time is by Special Use Permit only. Call the MRGCD, (505) 247-0234, for information.
- Licensed hunters may use shotguns and archery equipment, subject to applicable State laws and regulations. No other weapons or firearms are allowed.
- Paintball activities are prohibited.
- Due to highly flammable conditions, smoking is only allowed inside vehicles.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed on MRGCD property.
- Littering or dumping trash is strictly prohibited.
- Fires are only permitted in grills provided in developed park sites. Fireworks and explosive devices are prohibited.
- Wood cutting and removal of vegetation without an MRGCD permit, or defacement of the Bosque or MRGCD property is not allowed.
- Vehicle Permit sticker must be in plain sight and placed on the permitted vehicle.

Violation of these rules may result in loss of permit and be subject to prosecution under applicable local, state and federal laws.

Permittee and occupants release the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District from any and all claims for damage to property, personal injury, or death that may arise and agree to report any violation of these Rules to the MRGCD at (505) 247-0234.