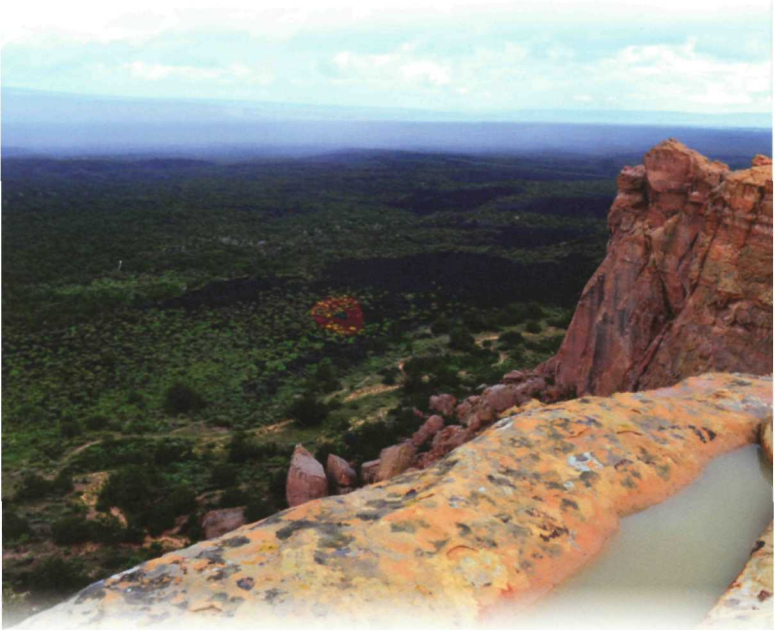




## El Malpais National Monument

# Rivers of Ancient Fires



An overlook in El Malpais, Spanish for “the badlands”.

The National Park Service and you preserve and protect the El Malpais National Monument wild landscape. Discover the complex geologic history and unique ecosystems. People have been adapting to and living in this seemingly desolate terrain for generations.

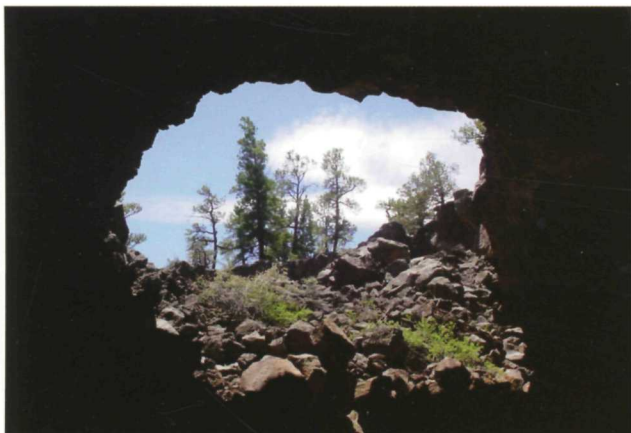
Explore the Wilds of Nature

Solitude, recreation, and discovery await at El Malpais National Monument. Experience hiking trails, scenic drives, and wild caves. The high desert environment creates seasonal changes with opportunities to see a diversity of wildflowers and migratory birds. Drastic weather changes from monsoon rains to winter snows can occur throughout the year.



## Discover a Cave

Visit with a park ranger at the El Malpais Visitor Center for a free permit and information about caving safety and softly. Over 400 lava tube caves have been discovered underneath extensive lava flows across the monument. Be sure to obtain a list of the current open caves.



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## Directions

Plan your visit at the El Malpais Visitor Center, Exit 85 off I-40 in Grants, NM. Open 8 am - 5 pm, 7 days a week. Closed Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1. Park and area information, park store, picnic tables, restrooms, exhibits, and theater are available.



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For park information:

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