



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Valle de Oro

National Wildlife Refuge

About the Refuge

570 acres, located five miles south of downtown Albuquerque on the Rio Grande.

Significance

- Partnership opportunities with educational institutions and resource agencies.
- Educational opportunities for urban youth.
- Trail connection with the Bosque, Rio Grande and 2nd Street.
- Enhanced public recreation.
- Preservation of open space in metro-Albuquerque.
- Ecotourism opportunities that support the local economy.
- Demonstration area for restored riparian habitat.
- Water use for on-site restoration and Rio Grande environmental flows.
- Valle de Oro NWR is a flagship project of the [Middle Rio Grande Conservation Initiative](#).



The Future of Albuquerque's first urban refuge

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, the Southwest's first urban refuge, will serve as an urban oasis for both wildlife and people on a former dairy farm just a few miles south of New Mexico's largest metropolitan area. The refuge will fulfill the goals of President Obama's [America's Great Outdoors](#) initiative to work with community partners to establish a 21st century conservation ethic and reconnect people, especially young people, to the natural world.

[Urban refuges](#) such as Valle de Oro, offer unique environmental education and recreation opportunities in highly populated areas, while promoting the mission of the refuge system to protect wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

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Current Partners

- [Bernalillo County](#)
- [Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority](#)
- [U.S. Bureau of Reclamation](#)
- [The State of New Mexico](#)
- [Trust for Public Land](#)
- [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/Walmart/Wells Fargo Bank](#)
- [Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge](#)
- See our [many other partners](#)

How to Get Involved

- Attend monthly [open house events](#).
- Join the [Friends of Valle de Oro](#).
- Like us on [Facebook](#).
- Contribute to the [planning](#) efforts.

