



Travel Map and Visitor Guide



BLM

Castle Peak Area

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You will find a variety of recreational opportunities on 119,631 acres of public land, including sightseeing, camping, horseback riding, hunting, hiking, four wheeling, motorcycle and ATV riding, and mountain biking.

The area is semi-primitive backcountry, with no visitor facilities. The landscape is mountainous and diverse, with open sagebrush parks, pinyon-juniper wooded hills, and high country with mountain meadows, spruce-fir and aspen forest. Elevation ranges from 6,200 ft. along the Colorado River to 11,275 at the top of Castle Peak.

The restrictions on motorized and mechanized vehicles protect erosive soils, wildlife, non-motorized recreation opportunities, scenic values, water quality, and cultural resources.

Please help protect your public lands so future visitors may have the same opportunities available to you today.



Special Recreation Management Areas

A Special Recreation Management Area near Bocco Mountain provides for Off Highway Vehicle riding. Designated ATV, motorcycle and mountain biking routes are available for a variety of skill levels. Contact the BLM for a map of this area.

Operation Game Thief You can stop game poaching! Call 1-800-332-4155 (State-wide)

Emergency 911
Routt County Dispatch (970) 879-1090
Eagle County Sheriff Dispatch (970) 479-2200
Colorado State Patrol (Craig) (970) 824-6501

In Case of an Emergency:

Colorado State Parks Registration Unit
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125
(303) 791-1920

Off Highway Vehicle Registration

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 947-2920

Colorado Division of Wildlife

<http://www.co.blm.gov/gsr/gshome.htm>

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 947-2800
Fax (970) 947-2829

Bureau of Land Management

For More Information or Comments Contact:

Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs)

WSAs are public land areas over 5,000 acres which are roadless, relatively undeveloped, and free of permanent improvements. They provide opportunities for solitude, primitive and unconfined recreation, and may contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value. The U.S. Congress will decide whether or not to designate the Bull Gulch and Castle Peak WSAs as Wilderness Areas. Until Congress decides, the Bull Gulch and Castle Peak WSAs are managed as to not impair their suitability for preservation as wilderness.

Therefore, all public lands in the Bull Gulch and Castle Peak Wilderness Study Areas are closed to all motorized and mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes and snowmobiles.

Fall Limitation

Between October 1 and April 30, all motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited on the following routes to reduce pressure on big game during hunting season. This does not restrict non-motorized travel.

1. Stagecoach Trail (Route #8535) and related spurs.
2. Domantle Road (Route # 8513) and related spurs.

Winter Limitation

Between December 1 and April 30, all motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited in the following areas to limit impacts to wintering big game and erosive soils. This does not restrict non-motorized travel, or any travel on county roads.

1. Cottonwood Creek
2. Red Canyon
3. Bocco Mountain
4. Domantle Boore Flats
5. Pisgah Mountain Windy Point Area
6. Black Mountain



Leave No Trace

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Durable surfaces include established trails and camps, rock, gravel, or drainages.

Dispose of Waste Properly

Please pack out, or discreetly bury, human waste and fire ash.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

If you must have a fire, keep it small and burn to ash. Use stoves for cooking.

Protect Water Resources

Strain dirty dishwasher with a fine fresh strainer before scattering it.

Camping

- You may camp on public land in the area. The camping stay is limited from April 1 to August 31 to seven days; from September 1 to March 31, the stay is limited to 14 days. Campers must relocate at least 30 miles away and may not return within 30 days to a previous campsite.
- Personal property may not be left unattended on public land for longer than 24 hours.
- Construction of permanent camps or improvements is not allowed.
- Camps must be located at least 150 ft. from any perennial creek or stream, and at least 200 yards from any point source water such as a spring, pond or lake.

Prepare for Rough Roads and Trails

Road maintenance is infrequent. High clearance or four wheel drive vehicles are recommended for most roads which get hazardous or impassable when wet. Avoid traveling on roads when they are muddy to prevent road damage.

Public Access

- Use public access roads and trails to get to public land; roads across private land without public access are not shown on the Travel Map. All BLM land is open to public use if legally accessed. not allowed.
- Report any illegal posting or signing, or any other indication that public land is private property.
- Private land is NOT open to public use without the landowner's permission.
- It is your responsibility to know whether land is private or public.
- Private land is not necessarily posted or fenced.

Outfitter/Guide

Check to make sure that your outfitter/guide is permitted by the BLM to operate on public lands. A special permit is required to provide any commercial recreational service or facility, including hunting, touring, camps, horse rental or similar services. The permits do not grant sole or exclusive use, and permittees must not interfere with other lawful users.