



Big Rocks Wilderness

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Size: 12,997 acres

Elevation: 5,200 - 7,000 feet

Designation: Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2004)

Directions

The Big Rocks Wilderness is in central Lincoln County, NV, north of Federal Highway 93. Access to this wilderness area from Caliente, NV, is via Federal Highway 93 westbound for approximately 30 miles. Turn right onto BLM Road 2201 northbound. The road is distinguished by a turnout. This dirt road runs along the western, northern, and eastern boundary of the Big Rocks Wilderness. It is a maintained road only up to the southern boundary.



Area Description

The Big Rocks Wilderness encompasses the southern-most portion of the North Pahroc Range. The topography of the area includes steep-sided mountains, several high walled canyons, and areas covered with large jumbles of boulders. One of these boulder-strewn areas is known as Mecca, by the rock climbing community. The wilderness area is composed of mainly volcanic deposits resulting in large boulder fields of welded tuff that have weathered into unusual rock formations. There are also areas of basalt and limestone. This area is rich in rock art, but please remember that these are monitored archeological sites so do not touch or disturb them.

Vegetation ranges from desert brush and grasses at lower elevations to pinyon pine and juniper stands at middle and upper elevations. Spring flowers can include prickly pear cactus and cholla. Remember that cutting or removing vegetation is not permitted. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down material. Many animals can be seen in this area, however the most notable are the raptors.

Recreational Opportunities

Recreational opportunities include climbing, bouldering, camping, hiking, backpacking, hunting, and horsebackriding. Little Boulder Spring hiking trail is two miles long and begins on the east side of the wilderness area. This trail winds its way up to a peak with views of the South Pahroc Range. You will encounter ponderosa pine, and interesting jumbles of boulders along the trail. There are excellent opportunities for solitude in Big Rocks Wilderness area, particularly among the boulder fields, or within one of the canyons leading off of the mountain range.

If carrying feed for horseback riding, it needs to be certified weed free. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed under state and local laws within the wilderness area. Remember when camping that it is limited to 14 days and campsites are primitive. Please help preserve Nevada's fragile environments, park your vehicle and set up camp in previously used sites. Impact to the area can be minimized by practicing Leave No Trace ethics.

Mechanized and motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED in a wilderness area.

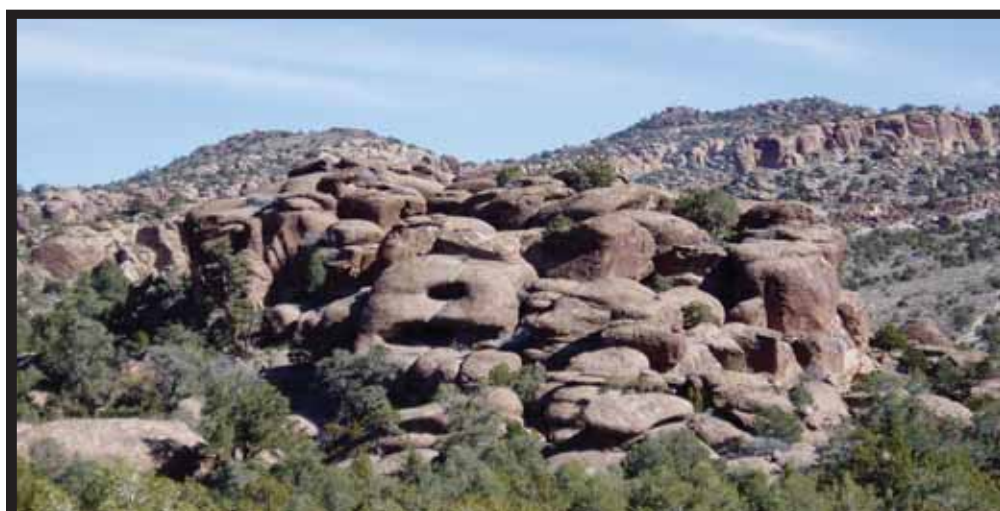
Additional Information

- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" or "Closed Route" are placed at various intervals. Obey all posted signs.
- Vehicles can be parked outside the wilderness boundary.
- Pets are allowed, but please keep your pets under control at all times.
- Removal, disturbance, or attempting to remove archaeological materials is a felony.
- Contact Ely or Caliente BLM Offices for current road conditions and hazards.



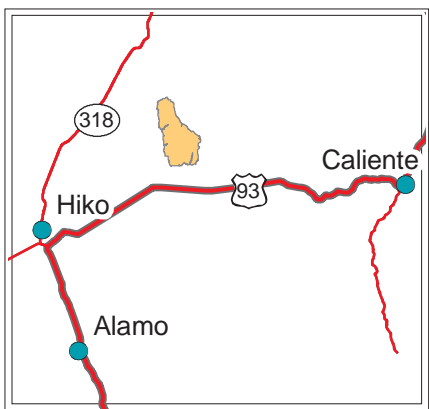
Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Wheatgrass Spring, and Pahroc Spring
BLM 1:100,000 Map: Caliente



Big Rocks Wilderness Area

115°0'0"W 114°59'0"W 114°58'0"W 114°57'0"W 114°56'0"W 114°55'0"W 114°54'0"W 114°53'0"W



Legend

- City
- ◆ Highest Point in Wilderness
- - - Little Boulder Springs Trail
- ~ Route: 4WD or better
- - - Route: ATV
- Wilderness Area
- Land Managed by BLM
- Private Land
- Trailhead



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