

Clover Mountains Wilderness

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Size: 85,784 acres

Elevation: 3,000 - 7,555 feet

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

Directions

The Clover Mountains Wilderness is located in southern Lincoln County approximately 12 miles south of Caliente, Nevada in the western Clover Mountains. Access to the wilderness area from Caliente, Nevada is State Highway 317 which will take you to the western boundary of the Clover Mountains Wilderness.



Area Description

The Clover Mountains, an ancient volcanic center, is today a rewarding destination for a weekend escape. The geologic events have created rock outcrops of rhyolite in natural hues of pink, yellow, red, orange, and brown as well as twisting canyons and perennial waters. High in the mountains live old-growth stands of ponderosa pine and quaking aspen both of which are uncommon in this part of Nevada. Ash, cottonwood, quaking aspen, and other riparian vegetation thrive along Cottonwood Creek, one of the longest pristine year-round streams in southern Nevada. The southern portion of the wilderness area extends into the Thule Desert and is vegetated with sagebrush, joshua trees, and yucca. Remember that cutting or removing vegetation is not permitted. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down material.

Mule deer, desert bighorn sheep, mountain lion, bobcat, badger, peregrine falcon, prairie falcon and golden eagle have all been seen in the area. The lower regions of the area provide important habitat for kit fox and numerous species of reptiles. Sensitive species likely to be found in the wilderness area include the Pallid bat, California myotis, and banded Gila monster.

Cultural resources within the Clover Mountains Wilderness include petroglyphs, pictographs, and a historic cabin in Cottonwood Creek. Historical sites in the area include Kiernan Ranch and Post Office located on the boundary near the mouth of the Cottonwood Canyon, along with Bradshaw Ranch, approximately three miles east of Elgin.

Recreational Opportunities

Hiking, camping, climbing and rock scrambling, as well as horseback riding are outstanding due to the variety of scenic topography, which creates numerous routes, trip lengths and challenges. Solitude is achievable on the forested slopes or in one of the many canyons. 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.

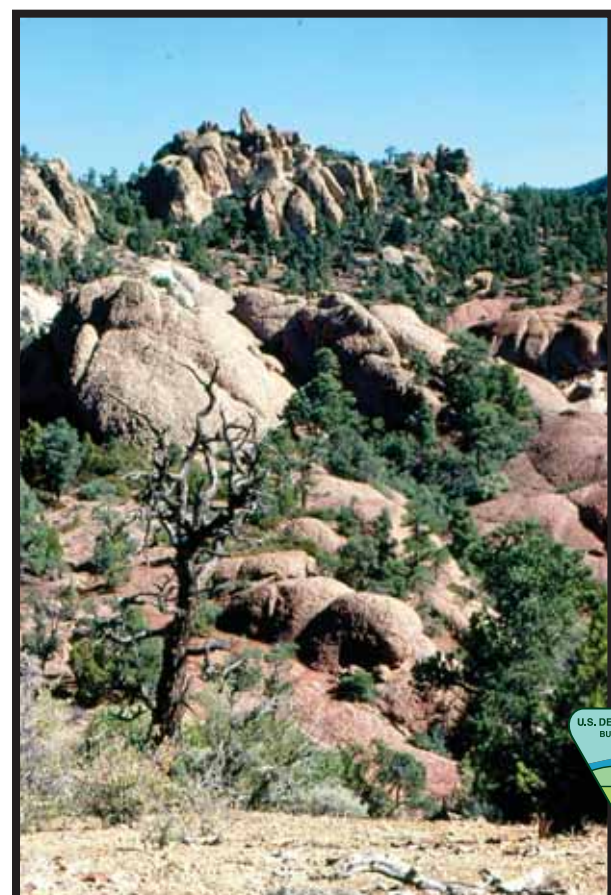
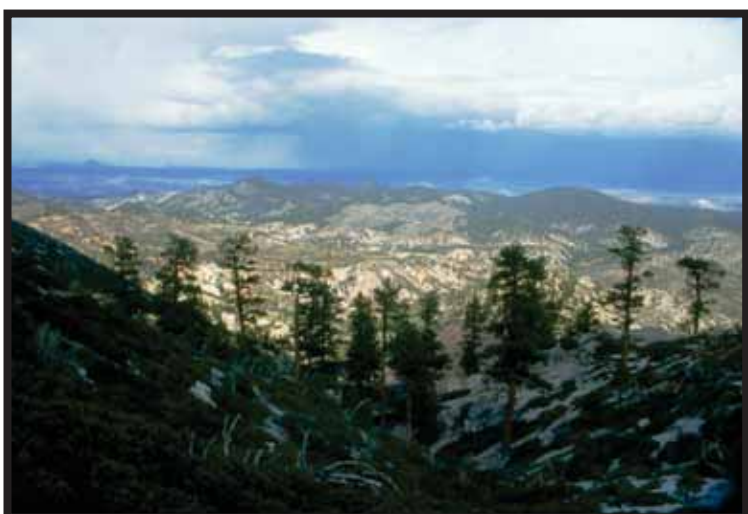
Mechanized and motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED in a wilderness area.

Additional Information

- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" or "Closed Route" are placed at various intervals.
- 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 Offices for current road conditions and hazards.

Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Elgin NE, Ella Mountain, Fife Mountain, Bunker Peak, Elgin, Leith, Garden Spring, and Jacks Mountain
BLM 1:100,000 Maps: Clover Mountains



Clover Mountains Wilderness Area



Legend

- City
- ◆ Highest Point
- Route: 4WD or better
- Route: ATV
- Wilderness Area
- Water
- Land Managed by BLM
- Private Land



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