

McKenna Peak Wilderness Study Area

What is a Wilderness Study Area?

A Wilderness Study Area (WSA) is a parcel of public land, found during a nationwide inventory process in the late 1970s, to contain wilderness characteristics including size, natural appearance, and outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation or solitude. There may also be 'supplemental values' such as geology and archaeology, for example. The designation of a WSA served to identify areas for Congress to consider adding to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Until Congress determines otherwise, these areas are managed by the Bureau of Land Management to protect these unique characteristics.

Why McKenna Peak?

McKenna Peak WSA contains several intriguing features including McKenna Peak rising 1000 vertical feet, Spring Creek Basin with its wild horse Herd Management Area, and Brumley Point. Highly eroded Mesa Verde sandstone and Mancos shale badlands are exposed by deep canyons, gently rolling mesas, and twisting arroyos. These features expose the geologic processes and natural history of the area, including fossil marine invertebrates found in the sedimentary strata. The diversity of topography and vegetation provide for outstanding recreation opportunities such as hiking, hunting, wildlife viewing, and nature and landscape photography.

Visit with Respect:

This area is special, so we need your help to protect it. Take only photographs and memories, leaving artifacts and other natural items where you found them for others to enjoy. This area is closed to motorized vehicles. Please use trails, sandy, or rocky places when walking or riding your horse. If these surfaces are not available, spread out and avoid newly impacted areas. When camping, look for already established campsites.

Know Before you Go:

Be sure you know the area and what hazards to expect. Bring adequate food, water, and equipment-including a map or compass and know how to use them. It can be difficult or impossible to call for help, so let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. Always pack out everything you packed in, and enjoy your experience.

Total area: 20,712 acres
 Elevation: 6,300 to 8,600 feet

The Access Points identified on this map are not signed or designated trailheads. Instead, they represent a few possible points of access to the WSA. There are no planned or maintained trails within the WSA. However, this map is a GeoPDF and is intended for use in Avenza's PDF Maps APP available for Android and IOS devices. When used with Avenza's Map app, you can locate yourself within the map area for navigational purposes. Please refer to the AvenzaMaps web site for more information about using the APP.

PLEASE DO NOT

- Construct new trails.
- Use bicycles or motorized vehicles (including OHVs) in the area.

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- BLM Field Office Areas Boundary
- Wilderness Study Area
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- State, County, City: Recreation Areas
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Scale: 1:30,000

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

0 0.5 1 2 Kilometers

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