

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Monument Designation

The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) was established by presidential proclamation of President William J. Clinton on June 9, 2000 in recognition of its remarkable ecology and to protect a diverse range of biological, geological, aquatic, archeological, and historic objects. The CSNM is part of the BLM's National Conservation Lands, preserving some of America's most spectacular landscapes. In 2009, the Soda Mountain Wilderness was designated by Congress, enhancing the protection of over 24,000 acres in the southern portion of the Monument.

Location

The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is situated where the Klamath, Siskiyou, and Cascade Mountain Ranges converge, setting the stage for a unique mixing of diverse habitats in a small area. CSNM is the first monument set aside solely for the preservation of biodiversity.

Trails

While set aside for its objects of biological interest, visitors are welcome to explore the monument. One of the easiest ways to explore CSNM is via the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) that runs some nineteen miles through the Monument.

Weather

From October to April, the Cascades and the Siskiyou wring moisture from Pacific storms, resulting in snow covered mountains in the higher elevations (above 3500 ft) to rain in the valleys. Snow can blanket much of the Monument's mountains well into May, limiting access to popular trails such as Pilot Rock, Hobart Bluff or parts of the Pacific Crest Trail well into late May or early June. Winter weather can vary greatly across the Monument, due to the diversity of aspect and elevation of the terrain.

From May - September, rainfall tapers off and a drying trend begins with warmer days. Summer months are normally warm and dry with daytime mountain temperatures reaching the 80's - 90's in mid-summer, while night time temperatures cool down to the upper 40's-mid 50's. Lower elevation south facing exposures have been known to reach 100 degrees and above some years.

Hunting

Hunting is a popular activity in the Monument. Hunting is regulated by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Camping

Developed camping is available at the Hyatt Lake Campground on a first-come, first-served basis. Dispersed backcountry camping is permitted throughout the Monument. Backcountry campers are asked to camp in existing sites and to use Leave No Trace principles. Dispersed camping is not allowed in Research Natural Areas, riparian and wetland areas, and archeological, cultural and historical sites.

Access

There are numerous access points into the monument; most are found along State Highway 66 east of Ashland and the Old Siskiyou Highway north of Ashland. Green Springs is a popular starting point for many visitors. From U. S. Interstate 5, take exit 14 at Ashland and head east on Hwy 66 for 17 miles until you reach the community of Green Springs. Information is available at the CSNM self service contact station located at the intersection of Hyatt Lake Road and Highway 66 in Green Springs.

Safety

The area is largely undeveloped and contains few established trails and numerous marked and unmarked roads. Watch for oncoming traffic on one-lane stretches. Unimproved roads may only be accessible to high clearance or 4-wheel-drive vehicles. Exploration of the Monument can require special planning and an awareness of the potential hazards. Depending on the type of trip, bring a good map, a compass, sun protection and plenty of water, food, and gasoline. Always let someone know your itinerary.

Regulations

Cross-country travel by bicycle or vehicle is prohibited. With limited exceptions, the removal of any monument features or objects is prohibited. Possessing or using mechanized or motorized equipment such as ATV's, game carriers, generators, wagons, carts, or bicycles is prohibited in the Soda Mountain Wilderness. Special recreation permits are required for organized groups. Please contact the district office for permit information.

Private Lands

Private lands are found within and surrounding the Monument. Please respect and avoid private property when exploring the Monument.



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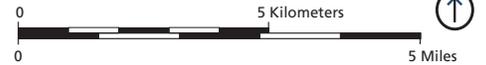
- Interstate
- Major Thru Paved Road
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
Generally Suitable for Passenger Cars
- Local Road
Inquire locally about conditions: 4WD or High-Clearance vehicles recommended

- Monument Boundary
- Campground
- Parking Area
- Picnic Tables

- Trailhead
- Trail Access
- Hiking Trail
- National Trail with mileages

- Federal property is in gray
- BLM Wilderness with Special Area
- BLM land inside monument
- BLM land outside monument
- Forest Service

Please respect the rights of private property owners by observing all posted signs.



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Winter road conditions:
Many roads in and adjacent to the monument are not maintained.

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Please be a responsible wilderness visitor and know the guidelines. www.blm.gov

