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Leave No Trace

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 CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS



DETAILS



- Drive only on designated routes; this includes mountain bikes.
- Do not collect or harass wildlife.
- Hunting is permitted and managed under the Nevada Department of Wildlife, (702) 486-5127.
- Camping is allowed for a maximum of 14 days in a 28-day period. Use non-vegetated areas when camping and follow "leave no trace" principles.
- Do not cut or damage live vegetation, including Joshua trees, for firewood. Bring your own wood for campfires.
- Observe seasonal fire restrictions. Never leave campfires unattended.

Rules and Outdoor Ethics

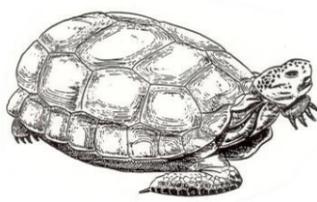
Welcome to Gold Butte National Monument

Inside the rugged, nearly 300,000-acre Gold Butte National Monument is an extraordinary variety of pre-historic, historic, geological, and biological treasures. The landscape reveals the story of human habitation over thousands of years, from the rock stories carved by ancient indigenous people to the remnants of Western mining and ranching heritage. Canyons and intricate rock formations sculpted through the millennia by wind and water offer a stunning backdrop and photographer's dream. Over 300 miles of designated routes provide the public access to a variety of Gold Butte's features.

Watch For

Desert Tortoise

The northern portion of the monument is critical habitat for the threatened desert tortoise. This area is important for the species' recovery. Desert tortoises spend much of the year in burrows away from harsh desert conditions. Please do not collect, touch, or harass them.



Las Vegas Bearpoppy

This rare member of the poppy family only grows in Southern Nevada on outcrops of gypsum. Their sulfur yellow flowers add to the palette of desert wildflowers in the spring. The soil crusts on top of the gypsum are very delicate and easily damaged.



Features of Interest

Whitney Pockets - *21 miles
 The most well-known and accessible of the Aztec sandstone formations in the monument, Whitney Pockets has a long history of pre-historic and historic occupation. Of note are the rock stories carved into stones by ancient indigenous peoples and structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

Devil's Throat - *28 miles
 An unusual geologic feature along the main Gold Butte road, Devil's Throat is a large, 100-foot-deep sinkhole that has been growing larger from underground water dissolving the minerals in the soil.

Gold Butte Townsite - *41 miles
 Building foundations and mining equipment for crushing ore are all that are left of the mining boom of the early 1900s at the Gold Butte Townsite. They are a reminder of the rich mining and ranching history of this area.

* Approximate miles from the intersection of State Route 170 & Gold Butte Backcountry Byway



Whitney Pockets

Safety Precautions

Be Prepared

Gold Butte is remote and rugged! There is no cellular phone service. The following will make your trip to Gold Butte safer and more enjoyable:

- Let family and friends know where you plan to go and when you plan to return.
- Weather is unpredictable, and temperatures range from over 100 degrees in summer to below freezing in winter. Flash floods are common. Wear protective clothing and bring plenty of sunscreen, even in the winter.
- Bring plenty of water. Gold Butte is very arid and receives only a few inches of rain per year – most of it can come all at once in the form of flash floods.
- Vehicles – Whitney Pockets is accessible by most vehicles. High-clearance, four-wheel drive vehicles are highly recommended in all other areas. Be prepared for road washouts, deep sand and gravel, and rock slides. Watch out for flash floods.
- Emergencies – if you have cellular phone coverage, dial 911; make sure you leave your name, license plate, location, and phone number with dispatch.

