Know Before You Go

Recommended Trail Users

All trails are limited to non-motorized users.

Designated Trails

The desert environment is fragile. Use only trails that are signed and marked as shown on this brochure.

Camping

Primitive dispersed camping is allowed in Zone 4, at least 25 feet from designated trails, and 200 yards from cultural sites. Remember to practice minimum impact camping to protect fragile resources.

Campfires

Campfires are permitted only in Zone 4, but discouraged. Use existing fire rings when possible and/or chose a durable site. Fire restrictions may apply at anytime.

Gate

Leave gates as you find them. If open, leave open. If closed, leave closed.

Livestock

Grazing occurs on public lands. Watch for and avoid livestock. Do not harass. Slow down and let them get out of the way.

Fees and Permits

A Special Recreation Permit (SRP) is required for all commercial or competitive use, vending, and organized group activities or events on BLM managed lands.

Guiding Services

All commercial guides and outfitters must maintain a current SRP to conduct business on BLM managed lands. If you would like to take a commercially guided trip, please contact the Field Office for a list of current permittees.

Private Property

No recreational uses are authorized by BLM on private lands. Permission to enter private lands is at the discretion of the landowner.

Trail Etiquette

Bicyclists must yield to equestrians and hikers. Hikers must yield to equestrians.

Trailheads

The reserve has three designated trailheads; please park at designated trailheads only.

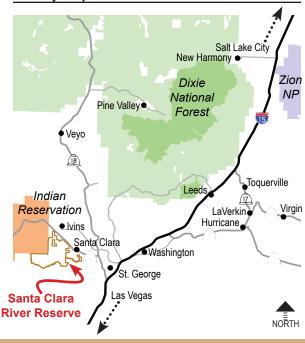
Trash

There is no trash collection in the area. Do not burn, bury, or put trash in toilets. Please "Pack It In - Pack It Out."

Emeraencies

Call 911 for life threatening emergencies. For search and rescue assistance and other law enforcement issues call Washington County Sheriff (435) 634-5730.

Vicinity Map



Directions

From Washington County

From Interstate 15 Exit 6, turn north on Bluff Street. Turn left on State Route 8 (Sunset Blvd). Continue on Sunset Blvd as it turns into Santa Clara Drive. Continue 0.5 miles past the Jacob Hamblin Home and turn left onto the gravel road that leads to the Tukupetsi Trailhead. Or travel 3.2 miles past the Jacob Hamblin Home and turn left on the gravel road that leads to the Anasazi Valley Trailhead.

To reach the Cove Wash Trailhead, turn left on Gates Lane just before reaching the Jacob Hamblin Home. At 0.4 miles turn left. At 0.7 miles turn right. Pass the water tank, and at 1.3 miles turn right. Follow the road around to the left and park in the trailhead at 1.5 miles.

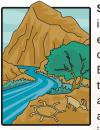
For more information about Santa Clara River Reserve and other recreation sites contact:

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Welcome



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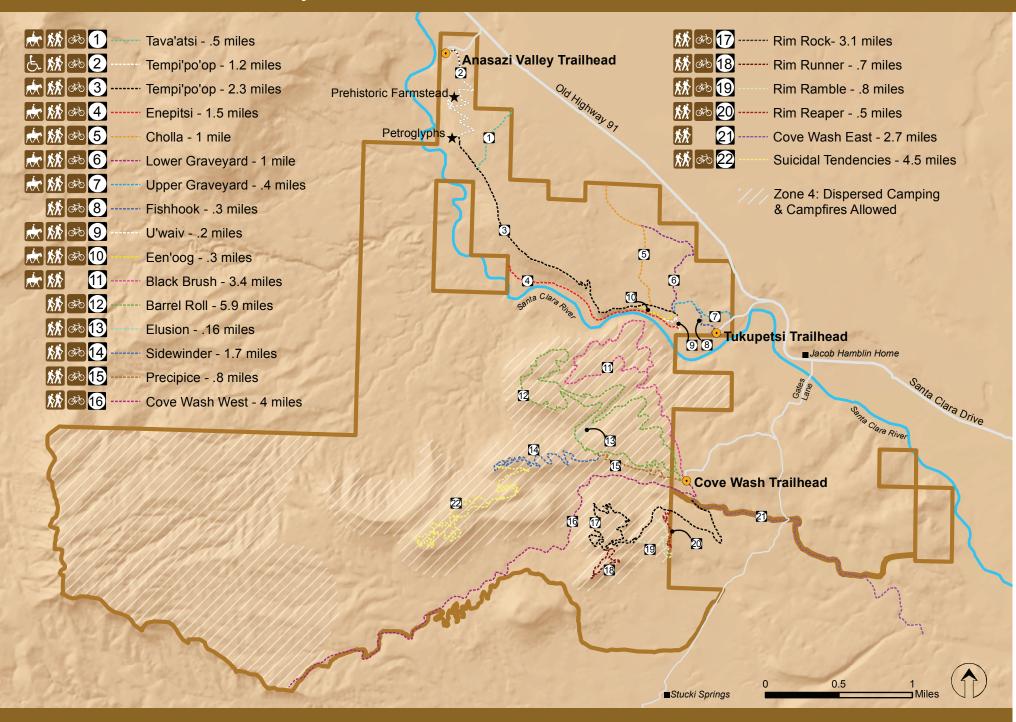
is located in southern Utah's desert environment. Comprised of 6,500 acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Reserve protects open space, archaeological and natural resources, and recreational opportunities important to local communities.

Contained within the Reserve is the 1,645 acre Santa Clara/ Land Hill Area of Critical Environment Concern, which contains numerous prehistoric sites and vital riparian habitat. The Reserve is also home to many plant and animal species unique to the Mojave Desert. BLM, together with the cities of Ivins and Santa Clara, developed management strategies that allow for visitor experiences while protecting these valuable resources.

Numerous trails in the Reserve take visitors to evidence of prehistoric Ancestral Puebloan and Southern Paiute cultures, rich riparian areas, and scenic vistas. Please respect and appreciate this special public use area.



Santa Clara River Reserve Trail System



Know Your Limits » The desert is a land of extremes: sun, heat, cold, and water. Never venture further than what your knowledge, experience, and supplies can handle. Be prepared, and know what to do in the event of lightning, flash flooding, a medical emergency, or other life threatening event.

Discover and Enjoy



Take Photographs

Photograph petroglyphs, native plants, and scenic desert vistas.



Observe Wildlife

Look for raptors such as the red-tailed hawk and golden eagle as well as migratory birds.



Wander along the shady Santa Clara River; visit prehistoric archaeological sites; or explore the more isolated backcountry.



Ride mountain bike trails that require intermediate riding skills (most trails are rated More Difficult).



Saddle Your Horse

Start a ride from the Tukupetsi Trailhead, which accommodates small horse trailers.

Respect and Protect

These public lands illuminate our nation's heritage—from ancient American Indian campsites, to the homes of pioneer settlers. But our cultural resources are at risk from theft and vandalism, natural deterioration, and accidental damage by visitors.

Please remember that taking artifacts is illegal. Observe, sketch, or photograph objects of interest, but leave them undisturbed.

Find Your Way

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