

The Potholes Recreation Site, located 12 miles up Escalante Canyon, offers picnic tables and shade shelters with several designated overnight camping sites nearby.

CAUTION: Hidden currents found in the potholes formations can catch and keep you underwater, regardless of river flows or your swimming skills. Jumping and diving in the potholes is prohibited.

Help Protect Your NCA

- Pack out all trash and dog waste.
- Tread Lightly and Leave No Trace.
- Stay on designated roads and trails.
- Check kiosk and website information for any seasonal/temporary restrictions and closures; review regulations posted at specific sites.
- Drive and ride carefully and courteously. There are several blind corners on the NCA's roads; ranching operations use the roads as well. Please drive slowly.
- Use designated and existing campsites and park in designated parking areas; do not disturb additional areas.
- When camping in the Wilderness, campsites should be at least 200 feet (75 paces) from water to protect fragile, ephemeral desert water sources.
- Use camp stoves for cooking. If a warming fire is needed, use a firepan and pack out ashes.
- On the river, use a portable toilet system and pack out the waste.
- In other areas, dispose of human waste by digging a shallow "cat hole" at least 200 feet from water and trails. Do not burn your toilet paper (this may cause a wildfire). Pack out toilet paper.

Be Prepared

Dominguez-Escalante NCA is a rugged and remote landscape. It can be unforgiving of any carelessness. To prepare for your visit to the NCA, always:

- Carry a map, compass, extra water, food and first-aid kit.
- Wear seasonally-appropriate clothing and consider the potential for extreme temperature variation (day and night).
- Tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return.
- Carry a gallon of water per person, per day.
- Use sunscreen and a hat.
- Wear sturdy footwear and watch where you step.
- Be aware of fire danger and be careful with any type of flame.
- Be alert for flash floods in canyon bottoms.
- Water is not always available to treat for drinking; untreated water may not be safe to drink.
- Carry insect repellent to fend off the biting gnats between May and August.
- Avoid entering the seasonal pools that may exist in the canyon bottoms between April and July; sunscreens and lotions can pollute these ephemeral waters.
- Be aware that the soil type in the NCA is mostly clay and can quickly become impassable in wet weather – even for four-wheel-drive vehicles.

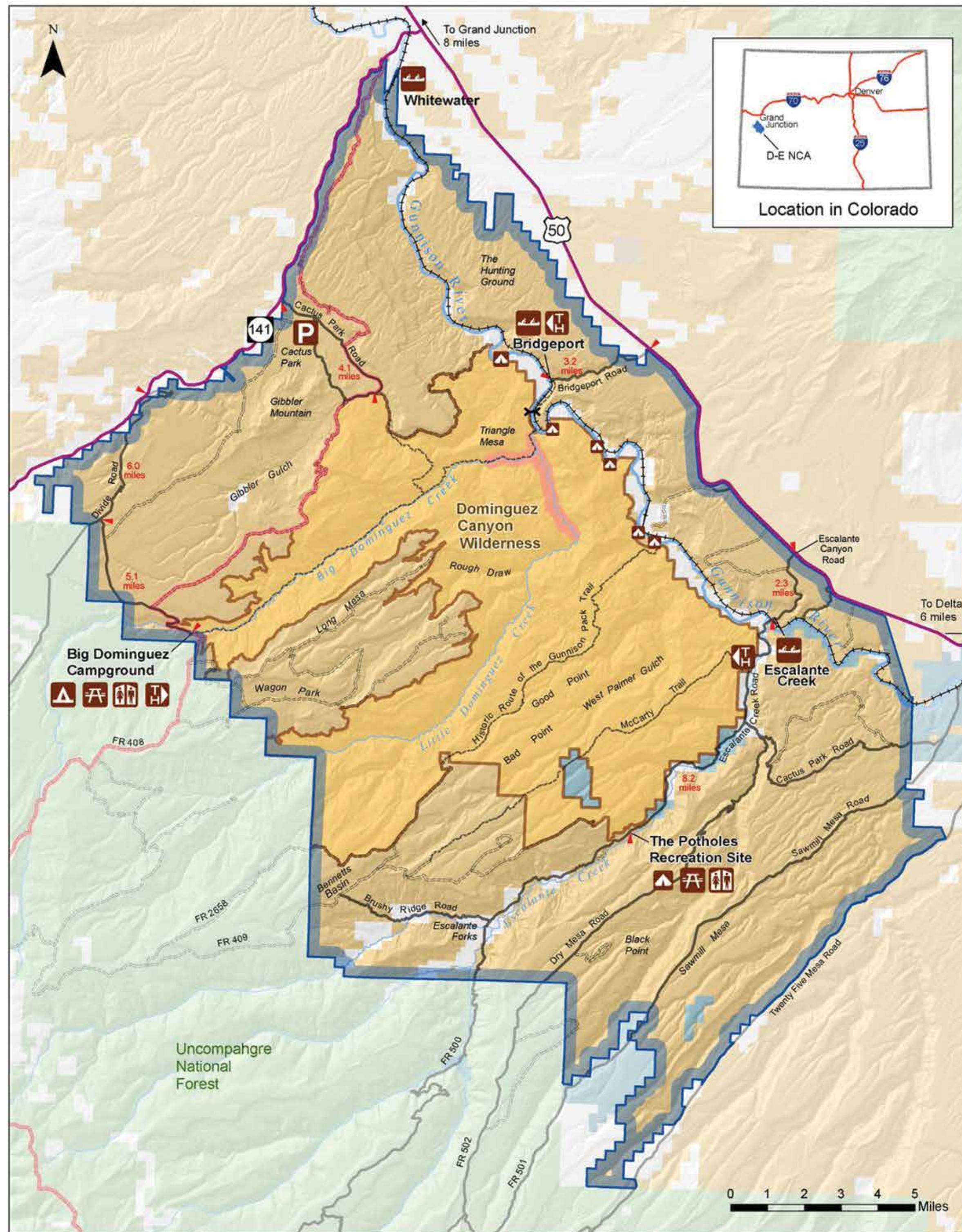
Leave What You Find

Dominguez-Escalante NCA has a rich cultural history that archaeologists are still studying. Paleontologists have also uncovered scientifically important dinosaur fossils in the NCA.

The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 prohibits removing, disturbing or defacing archaeological sites or artifacts on federal public lands without a permit. Violations can result in a \$20,000 fine and imprisonment for up to two years. The Paleontological Resources Protection Act of 2009 extends similar penalties to protect vertebrate paleontological resources.



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Legend

- Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area
- Dominguez Canyon Wilderness
- Land Ownership
 - BLM
 - State Wildlife Area
 - National Forest
 - National Park or Monument
 - Private Land
 - Area Limited to Day Use Only
- Primitive Campsite
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Parking Area
- Trailhead
- Boat Launch
- Foot Bridge
- State or US Highways
- Maintained Road
- Primitive Road
- Trail
- Tabeguache Trail
- Railroad

Note: This map does not show many miles of existing routes. Travel is legal on existing routes, until final route designations are made through the Resource Management Planning Process. Travel Management maps showing existing routes are available through the Dominguez-Escalante NCA website.

Restrictions

- No bicycles or motorized vehicles within Dominguez Canyon Wilderness.
- Fire pans and washable, reusable toilet systems or landfill approved bag systems required for river campsites.
- Big and Little Dominguez Canyons are managed as Day-use Only areas (see map).

Please Respect All Restrictions and Practice Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics

