



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
National Landscape Conservation System

IRONWOOD FOREST NATIONAL MONUMENT

Location

The Ironwood Forest National Monument is located 25 miles northwest of Tucson, and about one hour by highway south of Phoenix.

Brief Description

This 129,000-acre national monument contains a significant system of cultural and historical sites covering a 5,000 year period. It possesses one of the richest stands of Ironwood trees in the Sonoran Desert, and encompasses several desert mountain ranges including the Silver Bell, Waterman and Sawtooth, with desert valleys in between. Three areas within the monument, the Los Robles Archeological District, the Mission of Santa Ana del Chiquiburitac and the Cocoraque Butte Archeological District are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Access

There are two main access points - Interstate 10 at Avra Valley Road, and Interstate 10 from the Marana Road Exit, west on Trico-Marana Road, then west-northwest on Silver Bell Road. Entry from the Red Rock exit off of Interstate 10, southwest on Sasco Road, may require fording the Santa Cruz River; a high-clearance four-wheel drive vehicle is recommended.

Permits Required

No permits are required for visitors. Permits may be required for special or commercial activities or large group events.

Recreational Opportunities

The monument offers visitors many opportunities for viewing wildlife, and spring wildflowers. Other activities include camping and hiking. Taking your vehicle off roads or trails is prohibited.

Facilities

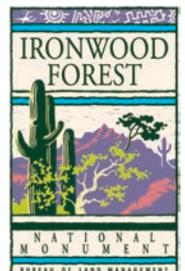
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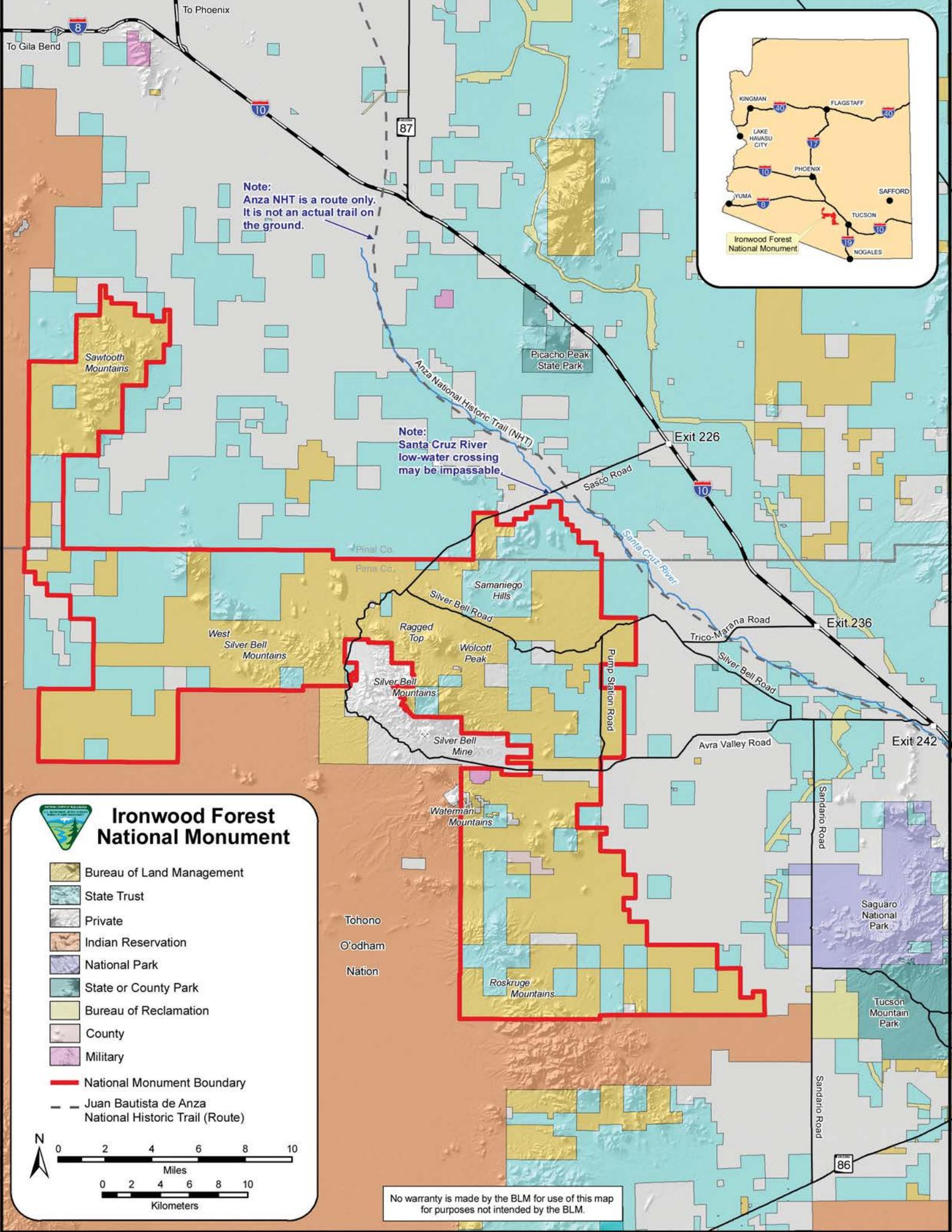
Safety

Potential hazards include rugged and unmarked roads, mine shafts, poisonous reptiles and insects, extreme heat and flash floods. Bring plenty of water and gasoline and stay on main roads. Be aware that smuggling and illegal immigrant activity is common in this area because of the monument's proximity to the international border.

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the ground.

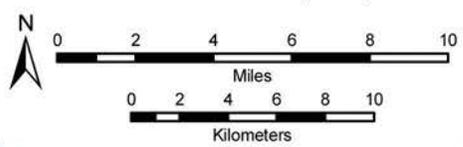
Note:
Santa Cruz River
low-water crossing
may be impassable.



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- Bureau of Land Management
- State Trust
- Private
- Indian Reservation
- National Park
- State or County Park
- Bureau of Reclamation
- County
- Military

- National Monument Boundary
- Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (Route)



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