



Travel Map and Visitor Guide



BLM

King Mountain
Special Recreation
Management Area

King Mountain

This area includes approximately 12,000 acres of public land and is home to a variety of wildlife. The area is open for outdoor recreation activities such as camping, hunting, wildlife viewing, hiking and mountain biking. The mountains vary in elevation ranging from 7,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level, and offer outstanding panoramas of the surrounding valleys and mountains.

Vegetation includes sagebrush, pinyon-juniper and gamble oak in the lower elevations; with aspen, lodgepole pine and alpine meadows in the high country. Water is found in several perennial streams, ponds and springs, but may be scarce during dry years.

History of the Area

Public access to the King Mountain Area was provided in 1993 by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in a conservation partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation through the acquisition of private lands along the north slopes of King Mountain. Trails and roads within the King Mountain Area are managed for non-motorized travel such as hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking. Please respect private land and stay on the roads and trails when traveling through these areas.



Hunting and Fishing

King Mountain is in Game Management Unit 26. All removal of game is subject to the State of Colorado hunting and fishing regulations. Game species include: deer, elk, mountain lion, black bear, grouse and rabbit. Stocked trout are found in the ponds west of the Highway 131 Trailhead.

Call 1-800-332-4155 (State-wide)

You can stop game poaching!

Operation Game Thief

Emergency 911
Routt County Dispatch (970) 879-1090
Eagle County Sheriff Dispatch (970) 479-2200
Colorado State Patrol (Craig) (970) 824-6501

In Case of an Emergency:

Colorado State Parks Registration Unit
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125
(303) 791-1920

Off Highway Vehicle Registration

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 947-2920

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 947-2800
Fax (970) 947-2829

Bureau of Land Management

For More Information or Comments Contact:

Outfitters and Guides

A BLM special use permit is required for providing any recreational service or facility on public land for a fee. Several outfitters are permitted to provide packing, drop camps, guiding and horse rental services. Outfitter guide permits do not grant them sole or exclusive use of public land, and they must not interfere with other lawful uses of public land.

Horse and Pack Animal Use

The corrals at the King Creek trailhead are available for public use. Construction of permanent corrals by visitors on public land is not allowed. Temporary livestock control structures must be dismantled after use. Use temporary electric fence, hobbles, pickets or highlines at camps to prevent damage to trees. Tie animals to trees only for short temporary stops. Feed brought onto public land must be certified weed-free hay, pellets or processed grain.

Wildlife Viewing

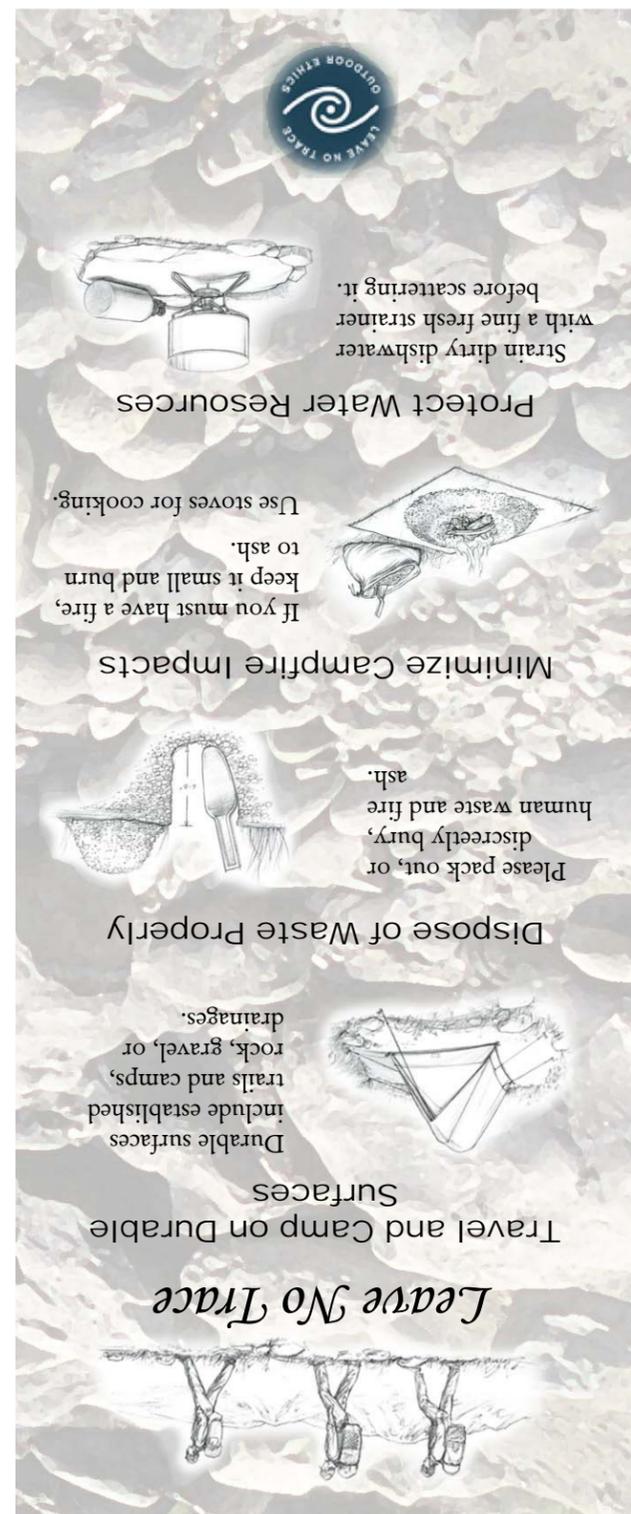
Wildlife encounters often occur in this area. A variety of habitats include: riparian, wetland, sagebrush, mountain brush, aspen, lodgepole pine and mountain meadow. A variety of raptors, song birds, predators mammals, reptiles and amphibians may also be encountered.

Camping

You may camp on public land in the area. The camping stay is limited from April 1 to August 31 to seven days; from September 1 to March 31, the stay is limited to 14 days. Campers must relocate at least 30 miles away and may not return within 30 days to a previous campsite. Personal property may not be left unattended on public land for longer than 24 hours. Do not block roads, trails or access to water. Construction of permanent camps or improvements is not allowed. Campsites must be cleaned up and all traces removed after use. Camps must be located at least 150 ft. from any perennial creek or stream, and at least 200 yards from any point source water such as a spring, pond or lake.

Other Public Land Uses

One of the main goals for managing resources on King Mountain is to ensure a healthy ecosystem. Timber products such as poles, posts or logs have been harvested by permit to



create openings in this dense forest and improve wildlife habitats. Livestock grazing is permitted on public land, and cattle may be encountered during the summer months. Forage is allocated between livestock and wildlife to provide adequate forage for deer and elk populations. Grazing seasons are set up to avoid conflicts with ground nesting birds and hunting.

Help Wanted

The BLM is reviewing management of public lands on King Mountain including access and travel restrictions. Your comments and suggestions are vital in planning future uses, visitor services and facilities, and regulations. Additionally, there are opportunities for volunteering for a variety of projects in the area. If you would like to be involved with future planning or become a volunteer, contact the BLM office.

Public Access

Only the roads and trails highlighted on this map may be used by the public to access public land. Other roads into the area **do not** have legal public access. The following are directions to the various trailheads:

- **Highway 131 Trailhead:** Take I-70 to the Wolcott exit and travel north on highway 131 about 30.5 miles. There is a parking area on the left.
- **King Creek Trailhead:** Take I-70 to Wolcott and travel north on highway 131 toward Toponas. Just before Toponas at the old school house, turn left and go west on Routt County Road 5. Travel approximately 2 miles and make a left on Road 5A. Travel south on 5A about one mile to the parking area.
- **Stifel Creek Trailhead:** Take I-70 to Wolcott and travel north on highway 131 to the Colorado River Road (Eagle County Road 301). Turn left and travel west on the Colorado River Road about 6 miles to Antelope Creek Road on the right. Turn right and travel 1.5 miles to the unimproved parking area.
- **Tepee Creek Trailhead:** Take I-70 to the Wolcott exit and travel north on highway 131 to the Colorado River Road. Turn left and travel west on the Colorado River Road about 7.5 miles to Tepee Creek Road (BLM 8570). There is an unimproved parking area and a bulletin board available at the trailhead.