



Mormon Mountains Wilderness

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Size: 157,230 acres

Elevation: 2,200 - 7,414 feet

Designation: Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act (2004)

Directions

The Mormon Mountains Wilderness is located in southern Lincoln County with a portion in northeastern Clark County, approximately 60 miles from Las Vegas. Access to the southern portion of the Wilderness is from Glendale, Nevada 10 miles east on Interstate 15 to exit 100 (Carp Rd.).

Area Description

The Mormon Mountains region is a land of mountain ranges and canyons that offer colorful geology, majestic wildlife, and amazing archaeological sites. It is beautiful country where one can escape the fast city life. The wilderness contains rolling bajadas speckled with cholla, yucca and Joshua trees, and intricately carved canyons forested with pinyon pine and juniper. Higher up are the jagged mountain peaks topped with stands of old-growth ponderosa pine.

The Mormon Mountains Wilderness provides important habitat for a variety of wildlife. The low elevations provide habitat for the desert tortoise, the banded Gila monster, the white bearpoppy, Clark mountain agave, desert banded gecko, the sidewinder and the long-nosed leopard lizard. Higher in the mountains, it's possible to spot desert bighorn sheep, and a bobcat or mountain lion. An impressive variety of raptors live in the area: golden eagle, ferruginous hawk, red-tailed hawk, prairie falcon, Cooper's hawk, northern harrier, merlin and American kestrel.

The geologic story of the Mormon Mountains includes ancient seas depositing sediments across what is now Nevada. These sediments collected seafloor life and turned them into fossils, which can now be found in the limestone hills of Mormon Mountains. The mountains give a bird's-eye view of nature's erosional forces at work.

Throughout the Mormon Mountains region are some of the most amazing and valuable prehistoric sites in Nevada. In these areas are literally thousands of archaeological sites that offer telling glimpses into the lives of people who lived in the area hundreds and thousands of years ago. The explorer might find petroglyphs, pictographs, agave roasting pits, prehistoric camp sites, rock shelters, grinding stones and other evidence of past lives.

Recreational Opportunities

The rocky cliffs, narrow drainages and rolling bajadas provide numerous opportunities for solitude in the Mormon Mountains Wilderness. Hiking opportunities include two unmaintained trails: Moapa Peak Trail (3.2 miles one way) and Hackberry trail (1.8 miles one way). Other recreational opportunities include camping, backpacking, hunting and horsebackriding. If horseback riding in the area you may need to carry feed. Hay should be certified weed free. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed under state and local laws within the wilderness. Remember camping is limited to 14 days and campsites are primitive. Remember that cutting or removing vegetation is not permitted. Gathering wood for campfires, when permitted, is limited to dead and down material. Please help preserve Nevada's fragile environments, park your vehicle and set up camp in previously used sites. Impact to the area can be minimized by practicing Leave No Trace ethics. The Moapa Peak and Hackberry Spring trails are unmaintained, and offer exciting hiking opportunities.

Mechanized and motorized vehicles are NOT PERMITTED in wilderness.

Additional Information

- Signs indicating "Wilderness" and "Closed Road" are placed at various intervals.
- Vehicles can be parked outside the wilderness boundary.
- Pets are allowed, but please keep your pets under control at all times.
- Removal, disturbance, or attempting to remove archaeological materials is a felony.
- Retrieving game or checking traps may only occur by foot or horseback within wilderness.
- Contact the Caliente BLM Field Office for current road conditions, and hazards.



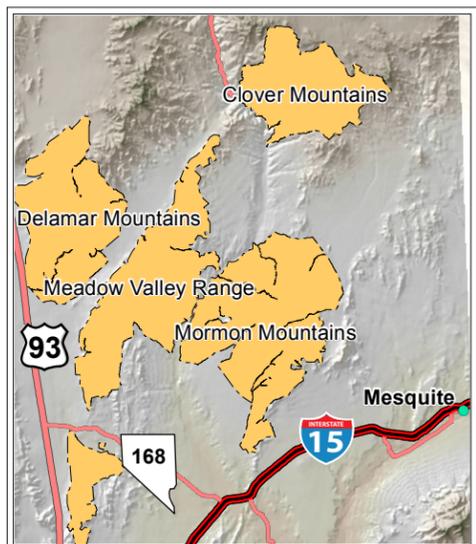
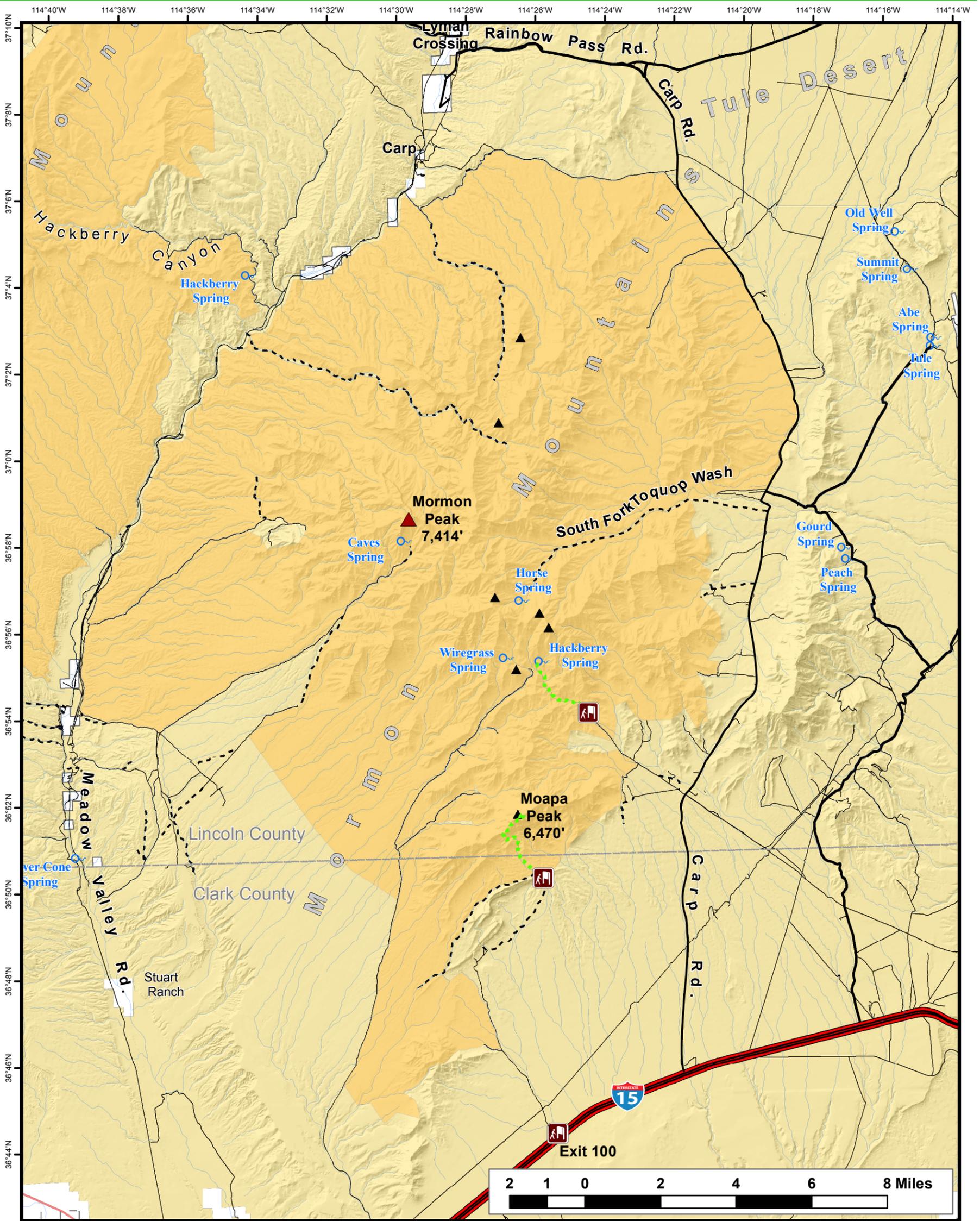
Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Vigo, Carp, Toquop Gap, Rox, Rox NE, Moapa Peak NW, Davidson Peak, Rox SE, and Moapa Peak

BLM 1:100,000 Maps: Clover Mountains and Overton



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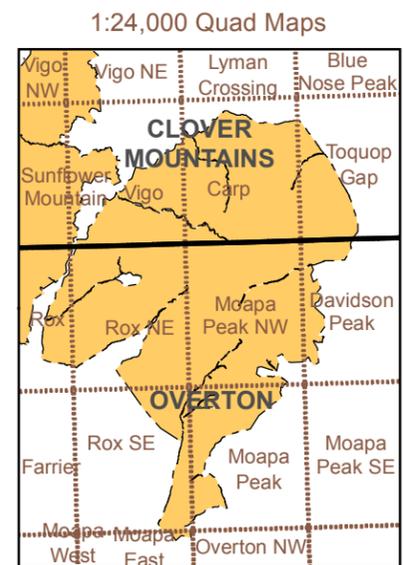
Legend

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- ▲ Highest Point in Wilderness
- Kiosk
- - - - Hiking Trail
- Main Routes
- Route: 4WD or better
- Route: ATV
- BLM Wilderness
- Land Managed by BLM
- Private Land



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