

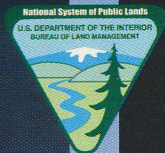
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Arizona Wilderness

The Call of Adventure



Arizona



Outdoor enthusiasts might be defined as those who hear and respond to the call of adventure in wide open spaces. Following the call yields experiences and benefits that refresh the body, mind, and spirit. But with the call of adventure comes the call for responsibly pursuing the adventure.

A Call for Understanding

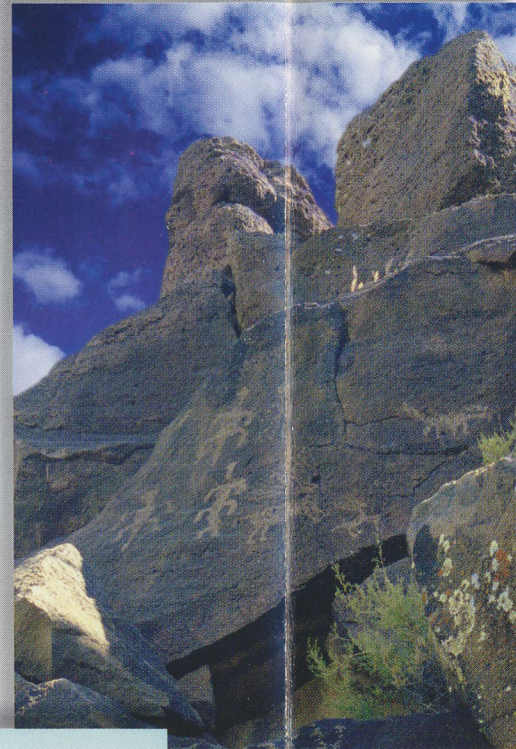
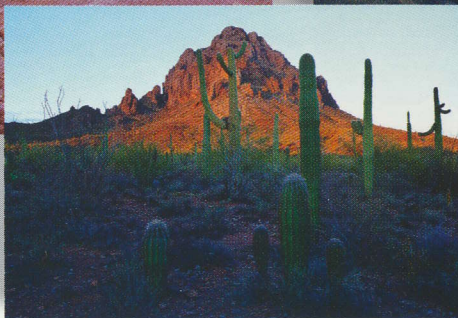
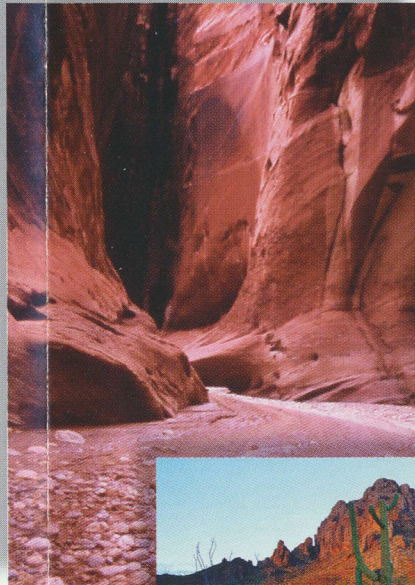
The word "wilderness" means many different things to many people. In 1964, when the Wilderness Act was passed, Congress and the President described wilderness as lands that appear to be natural, where human changes are essentially unnoticeable; lands that offer places of solitude or outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined kinds of recreation; lands large enough to preserve; and, lands that may contain scientific, scenic, or historical values. They are words that continue to speak to us today, because wilderness has many callings. For some it is an attitude, an escape to solitude. For others, wilderness is a place to see birds, trees, and flowers. For still others, wilderness is any piece of untouched land.

A Call for Preservation

"In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the

Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness."
- The Wilderness Act of 1964 -

Today, more than ever before, we are acutely aware of our need to find relief from the hustle and bustle of our 21st century lives. As the Southwest becomes one of the nation's fastest growing regions, and in particular as Arizona becomes increasingly developed, concerns are growing about the population explosion and the impacts of so many people on the environment. How will



subdivisions and freeways eventually affect the existing wild settings that call people to make this landscape home?

Working with the public, elected officials, agencies, and organizations, in 1984 and 1990, Congress and the President designated 1.4 million acres of public lands across Arizona as 47 wilderness areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). These wilderness

designations help maintain Arizona's biodiversity, preserve natural areas, provide for primitive recreation, and offer opportunities for scientific and historic research.

A Call for Respect

Arizona's wilderness is calling you to an adventure! Enjoy scenic places like the red rock sandstone bluffs and arches of the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness on the Arizona-Utah border; the rugged mountain ranges of the Sierra Estrella

Wilderness just 15 miles from metropolitan Phoenix; the Cerbat Pinnacles in the Mount Tipton Wilderness, only 25 miles north of Kingman; and the meandering Bill Williams River in the Rawhide Mountains Wilderness southeast of Lake Havasu City. The adventure is also calling you to places like Baboquivari Peak

Wilderness some 50 miles southwest of Tucson, and the only major peak in Arizona that requires technical climbing ability to reach its summit. Adventure awaits you at Fishhooks Wilderness 30 miles northwest of Safford, named for the three hook-shaped canyons in the center of the area; and the Muggins Mountain Wilderness just 25 miles east of Yuma, where its majestic cluster of peaks are exceptionally scenic in the region.

When visiting these areas, some basic guidelines must be followed. Always use common sense and be responsible for your safety.

- Practice *Leave No Trace* principles of outdoor ethics. Education is key to preserving the health of Arizona's lands. Log onto www.lnt.org when planning your trip into wilderness.
- Motorized vehicles, bicycles, hang gliders, motor boats, and aircraft are not allowed within a wilderness area, unless permitted by the BLM.
- Check first with the BLM office managing the wilderness area you plan to visit regarding any permit or registration requirements.
- Before bringing any pets along, talk with the local BLM office managing the wilderness area you wish to visit. While pets are welcome in most areas, some may disturb wildlife and other visitors. Keep pets under control.
- Check for any seasonal campfire restrictions. Wood for campfires is limited to dead and down materials. Live vegetation cannot be cut.
- Hunting and fishing are allowed under state and local laws.

- Hobby rock collecting is allowed, as long as you collect reasonable amounts by non-mechanical means. Vertebrate fossils can only be collected with a BLM permit. You may not collect rocks in wilderness areas that are part of a National Monument designation.
- Horses or other recreational livestock may require a special permit. In some cases, you may be required to pack in weed-free feed.

To respect existing uses and valid rights, Congress set guidelines allowing some activities to continue within wilderness areas, such as livestock grazing, wildlife management, and mining, if claims were properly filed and a discovery of a valuable mineral deposit was made before the date of wilderness designation. A mining plan of operations must be approved by the BLM. Other activities and facilities such as roads, power lines, timber cutting, and permanent structures are normally prohibited.



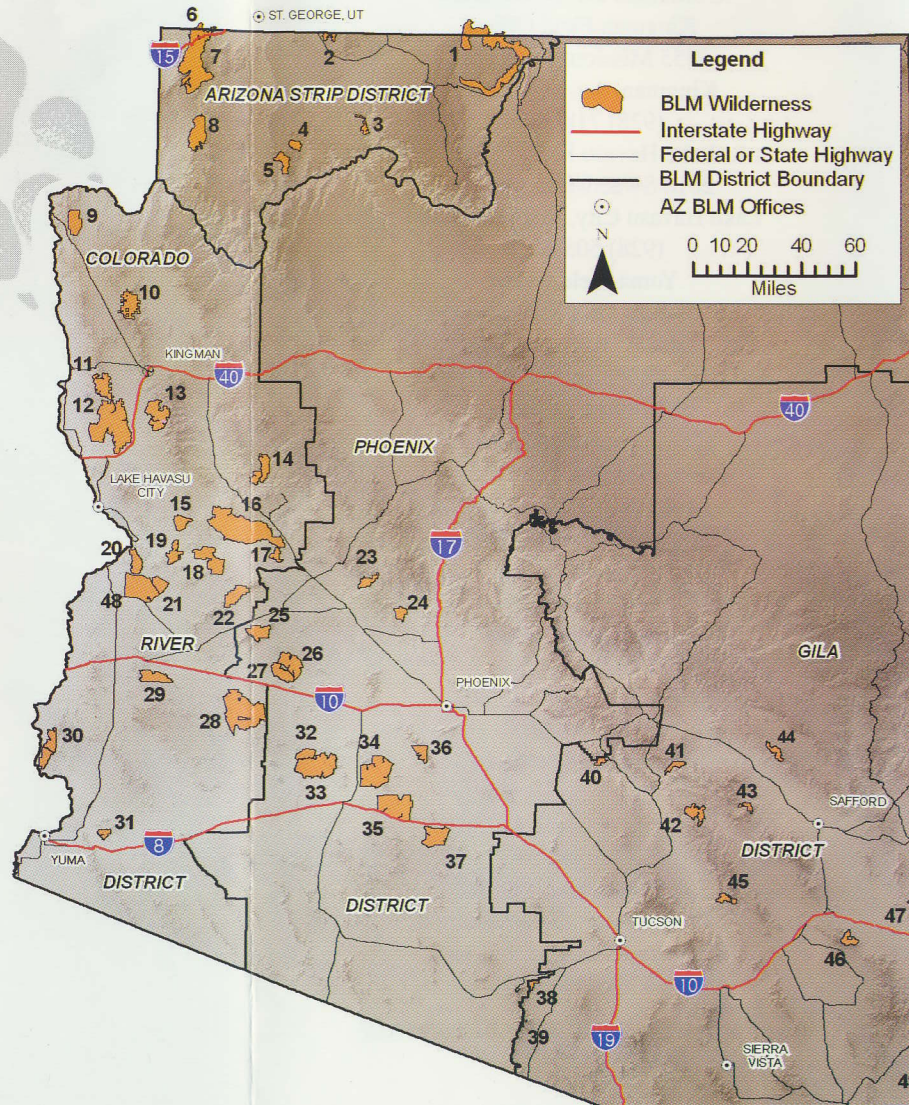
BLM Arizona Wilderness

- 1) Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs
- 2) Cottonwood Point
- 3) Kanab Creek
- 4) Mount Trumbull
- 5) Mount Logan
- 6) Beaver Dam Mountains
- 7) Paiute
- 8) Grand Wash Cliffs
- 9) Mount Wilson
- 10) Mount Tipton
- 11) Mount Nutt
- 12) Warm Springs
- 13) Wabayuma Peak
- 14) Upper Burro Creek
- 15) Aubrey Peak
- 16) Arrastra Mountain
- 17) Tres Alamos
- 18) Rawhide Mountains
- 19) Swansea
- 20) Gibraltar Mountain
- 21) East Cactus Plain
- 22) Harcuvar Mountains
- 23) Hassayampa River Canyon
- 24) Hells Canyon
- 25) Harquahala Mountains
- 26) Hummingbird Springs
- 27) Big Horn Mountains
- 28) Eagletail Mountains
- 29) New Water Mountains
- 30) Trigo Mountain
- 31) Muggins Mountain
- 32) Signal Mountain
- 33) Woolsey Peak
- 34) North Maricopa Mountains
- 35) South Maricopa Mountains
- 36) Sierra Estrella
- 37) Table Top
- 38) Coyote Mountains
- 39) Baboquivari Peak
- 40) White Canyon
- 41) Needle's Eye

- 42) Aravaipa Canyon
- 43) North Santa Teresa
- 44) Fishhooks
- 45) Redfield Canyon
- 46) Dos Cabezas Mountains
- 47) Peloncillo Mountains

Wilderness Study Areas

- 48) Cactus Plain
- 49) Baker Canyon



A Call for Support

Every federal agency that manages wilderness lands needs help to carry out programs and activities. Answer the call to assist others by serving as a trailhead contact or lending a hand with a community education session. Participate in wilderness patrols. Aid researchers by conducting water quality sampling, wildlife monitoring or fire history studies. Get your hands dirty performing trail maintenance. Volunteer opportunities are a call for your support.

So, Where Do I Call?

To learn more about wilderness areas managed by the BLM, you can call any BLM office, log onto our web site, write, or visit any of our offices, as listed on the back panel. You may obtain brochures and maps for many areas at no cost or for a nominal fee.

*"We need wilderness whether or not we ever set foot in it. We need a refuge, even though we may never need to go there... We need the possibility of escape as surely as we need hope."
- Edward Abbey*

Shhhhhh... Can you hear it? Listen carefully. It's in the whispers of the wind as it blows across the landscape... the crunch of the earth's soil beneath a pair of hiking boots... the far off hoot of a night owl welcoming dusk's moon.

It is the call of Arizona's wilderness.

"It's so quiet, you can hear the grass grow," as someone's grandfather most certainly used to say. And, that's exactly the point. No bumper-to-bumper traffic, three-story shopping malls or cappuccino drive-thrus found here. Instead, Arizona's wilderness offers visitors the chance to leave the city behind; maybe for an afternoon; maybe the weekend; or, maybe even a week.

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