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GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS



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Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, containing 533 acres, was established on November 16, 1907. The cliff dwellings offer a glimpse into the homes and lives of the Indians who lived there from the 1280s through the early 1300s. Perhaps looking much as it did when inhabited, the monument is surrounded by the Gila National Forest and lies at the edge of the Gila Wilderness, the nation's first designated wilderness area.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

With prior arrangements, guided tours of the monument are conducted, but the trail is always open to self-guided tours. During the summer months, campfire programs are also available. The one-mile Loop Trail is open every day of the year except December 25 and January 1. The self-guided, one-mile Loop Trail leads to and through the Cliff Dwellings. The trail is steep and you should wear substantial shoes with good soles. The adjacent Gila Wilderness and Gila National Forest has over 350 miles of wilderness hiking and riding trails. Summer Hours: VC-8-5, CD-8-6. Winter Hours: VC-8-4:30, CD-9-4. • Superintendent, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, Route 11, Box 100, Silver City, NM 88061, (505) 536-9461 or (505) 536-9344.