





El Malpais

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EL CALDERON

One of the oldest eruptive centers in the monument, the El Calderon area offers above ground exploration of sinkholes, aspen groves, and lava trenches. Underground exploration takes you into Junction Cave, a 3,000 foot long lava tube. For safety take several light sources, boots, hat, gloves, and protective clothing to venture underground.

Heading west on SR 53, turn south soon after mile marker 66, approximately 20 miles from I-40. The first 1/4 mile is suitable for all vehicles. The remaining 2 miles requires high clearance. Travel in the El Calderon area is discouraged when roads are wet. Please stay on designated roads. For more information: National Park Service, El Malpais Information Center, 620 E. Santa Fe Ave., Grants, NM 87020.

-  ASPEN GROVES
-  = ROAD CLOSED
-  † PARKING LOT
-  * NPS GATE

