



San Lorenzo Canyon

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge and Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office.



Welcome to San Lorenzo Canyon

San Lorenzo Canyon is jointly managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management as a primitive recreation area. There are no restrooms or drinking water. All trash must be packed out!

Millions of years of Earth's history unfold in San Lorenzo Canyon, a picturesque area of sandstone cliffs, arches and hoodoos. The whimsical sculpted sandstone and mudstone give clues to past geologic upheavals.

Not only a destination for hikers, the Canyon offers outstanding opportunities for photographers.



Visitor Information

For public safety and habitat protection, honor all **"Area Closed"** boundary signs. Pets must be on a leash or under control. Visitors are prohibited from being under the influence of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances.

Use caution when walking on roads. Yield to approaching vehicles.

Observe wildlife from a safe distance. Young animals should be left alone.

Help protect resources. All plants and wildlife in the canyon are protected and it is illegal to remove them.

High clearance or 4-wheel drive vehicles **are** recommended.



Vandalizing, defacing or removing scientific, cultural, or historical items is prohibited and it is illegal to gather or collect.

The canyon can flood in rain events. Please pay attention to the weather.

Primitive camping is allowed.

Horseback riding is allowed.

Follow BLM rules and regulations for camping on public lands. For more information, www.blm.gov/visit/san-lorenzo-canyon

Be aware that cell phone service is limited.

Flora and Fauna

While exploring this unique canyon, you may encounter species such as New Mexico whiptail lizard, mule deer, desert bighorn sheep, Gambel's quail and desert willow, cholla and yucca.



*Top, Hoodoos
in San Lorenzo
Canyon.
Right, Desert
willow.
Top right, Desert
bighorn.
Bottom left,
Angular
unconformity rock
formation.*

USFWS photographs
except desert willow, BLM

Map to San Lorenzo Canyon

Southbound on Interstate 25, exit at mile marker 163 (San Acacia). Turn left at the stop sign and proceed over I-25. Turn right on the east frontage road, which is immediately past the I-25 northbound exit. Proceed approximately 2.3 miles to the second road that tunnels under I-25 (County Rd. 94). Turn right through the tunnel, and then veer to the right on to the unpaved road and drive an additional 2 miles to the San Lorenzo Canyon sign. Turn right and continue approximately 2.5 miles up the wash to the canyon.* Follow the directional signs.

Northbound on Interstate 25, exit at mile marker 156 (Lemitar). Turn left at the stop sign and immediately right onto the west frontage road and proceed approximately 4.6 miles to the San Lorenzo Canyon sign. Turn right at the sign and continue approximately 2.5 miles up the wash to the canyon. Follow the directional signs.

* A 4 wheel drive vehicle is highly recommended for the final 2 miles.

