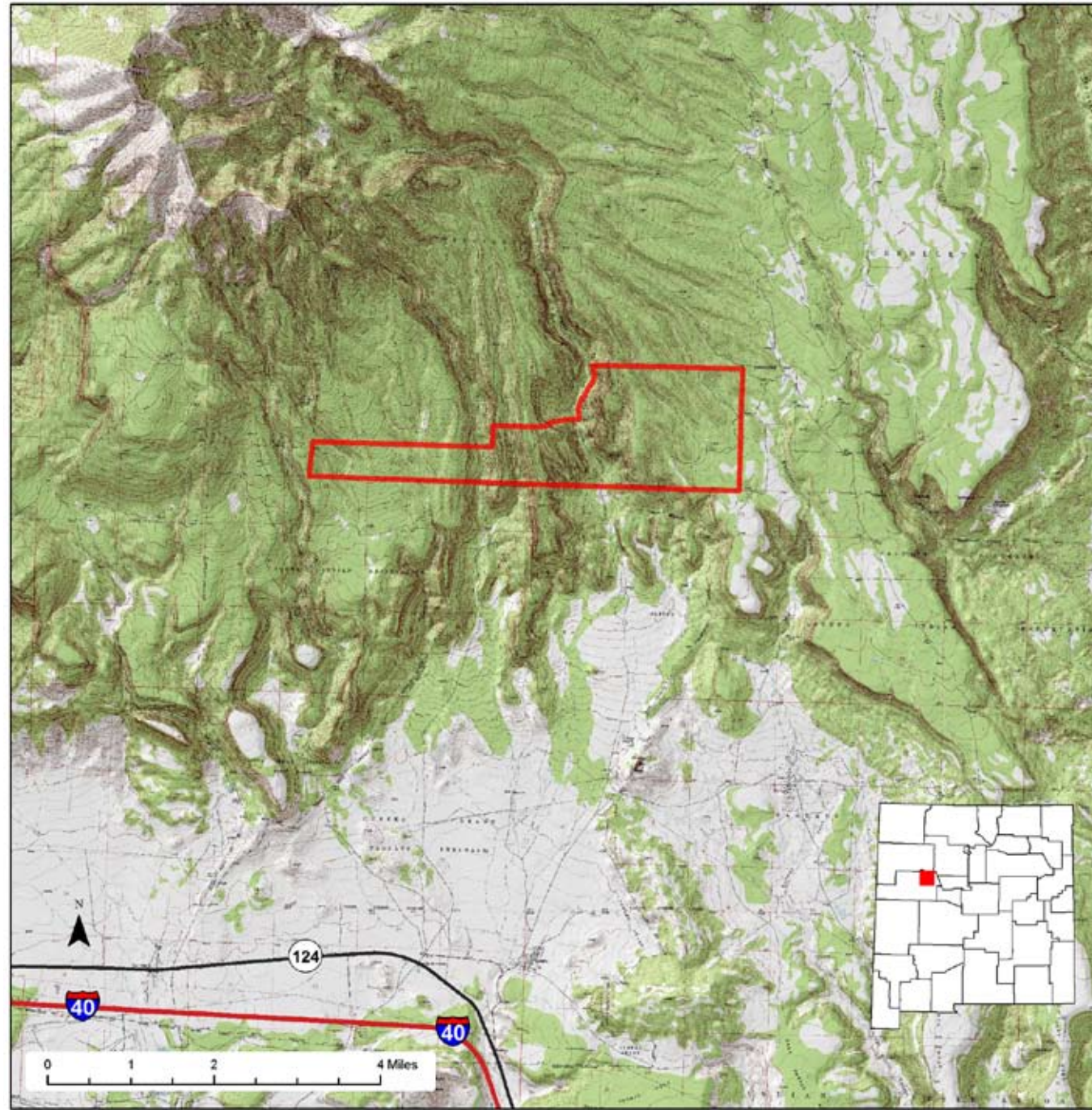




Water Canyon Wildlife Area



Location: Water Canyon Wildlife Area is located about 50 miles northwest of Albuquerque.

Total Acreage: 2,840 acres.

Purchase: The Water Canyon Wildlife Area was purchased in 1953 to improve winter range for turkey and provide public access to big game hunting.

Description: This property sits on the side of the now dormant volcano, Mount Taylor. Its vegetation is a mixture of pinon, juniper, and mixed grasses and forbs.

For More information: More information about hunting, fishing and other activities, may be found on the Department's website: www.wildlife.state.nm.us/.

GAIN Activities	What to See, Do, and Learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wildlife Viewing ✓ Photographing <p style="text-align: center;">Access</p>	<p>Wildlife Viewing-Wildlife watchers may see deer, elk, turkey, and other wildlife and is allowed year-round except during established deer and elk hunts. Good binoculars are important. The best time to view wildlife is at dawn or dusk. Allowed year-round except during established deer and elk hunts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hiking ✓ Bicycling ✓ Horseback Riding <p style="text-align: center;">Hunting and Fishing</p>	<p>Photographing-The best time to photograph wildlife is at dawn or dusk. A telephoto lens may be important.</p> <p>Hiking-Hiking is the best way to see wildlife at Water Canyon Wildlife Area or other wildlife management areas. Allowed year-round except during established deer and elk hunts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hunting ✓ No fishing opportunities <p style="text-align: center;">Closures</p>	<p>Bicycling-Allowed only on established roads. Allowed year-round except during established deer and elk hunts.</p> <p>Horseback Riding-Horseback riding is allowed year-round except during established deer and elk hunts. Licensed hunters may however ride during their hunts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Yes <p style="text-align: center;">Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No rest rooms ✓ No camp sites ✓ No drinking water 	<p>Camping-No camping is allowed except licensed hunters may camp during their hunt.</p> <p>Hunting-Hunting is allowed by licensed and permitted hunters for deer, elk, bear, turkey, and small game. Coyote, rabbit, and Himalayan tahr hunting is allowed January-March, but dog use is not allowed.</p> <p>Fishing-No fishing opportunities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Yes <p style="text-align: center;">Fees</p>	<p>Closures-Water Canyon Wildlife Area is open year-round except during established deer and elk hunts.</p> <p>Facilities-Water Canyon Wildlife Area does not have rest rooms, camp sites, or drinking water.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Not allowed beyond the roadway and parking area <p style="text-align: center;">Motorized Vehicles</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>For more information on hunting and fishing rules and seasons, please read current hunting or fishing Rules and Information Booklets available on the Department's website, at Department offices, or from license vendors state-wide.</p> </div>	<p>Fees-Hunters must have appropriate licenses and permits. Wildlife viewers, photographers, hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders must have a current GAIN Permit and a Habitat Management and Access Validation.</p> <p>Motorized Vehicles-Not allowed beyond the roadway and parking area.</p>