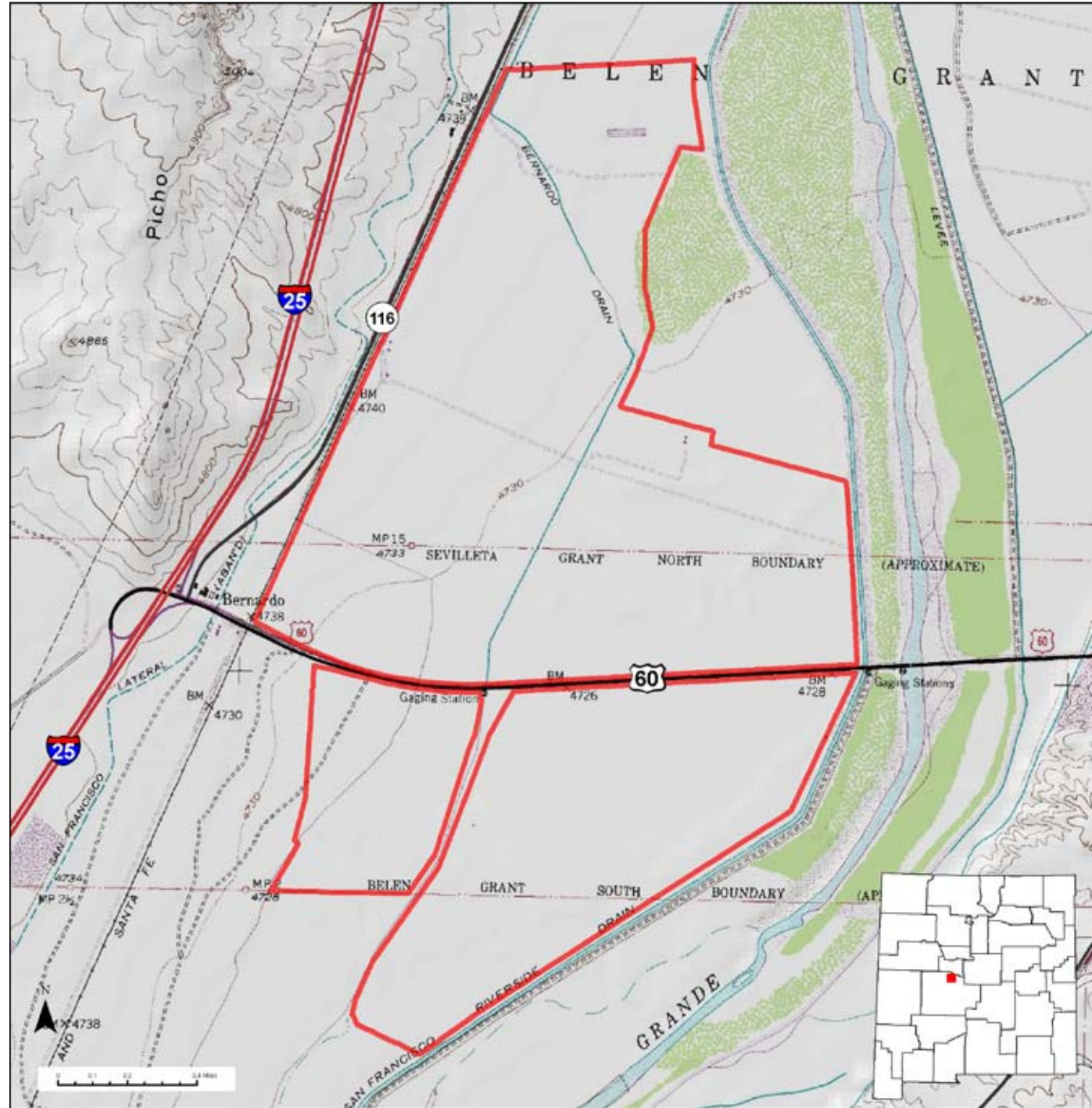




Bernardo Wildlife Area



Location: Part of the Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex, Bernardo Wildlife Area is located between Belen and Socorro between I-25 and the Rio Grande.

Total Acreage: 1,675 acres.

Purchase: Bernardo Wildlife Area was purchased in 1971 to provide habitat and food for wintering waterfowl.

Description: The area contains mostly flat croplands. In the late fall and winter, fields are flooded for waterfowl to roost in.

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 various waterfowl, sandhill cranes, and possibly deer and bald eagles. Good binoculars are important. The best time to view wildlife is at dawn or dusk.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Auto tour route <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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hunting ✓ Fishing <p style="text-align: center;">Closures</p>	<p>Hiking-Hiking is allowed only on the auto tour route, parking areas, and to-and-from the viewing platforms.</p> <p>Bicycling-Not allowed.</p> <p>Horseback Riding-Not allowed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Yes <p style="text-align: center;">Facilities</p>	<p>Camping-Not allowed.</p> <p>Hunting-Waterfowl hunting allowed during open seasons.</p> <p>Fishing-Fishing is allowed April 1-August 31.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rest rooms ✓ No camping ✓ No drinking water <p style="text-align: center;">Fees</p>	<p>Closures-Access is restricted to the auto tour route, trails, and viewing facilities only. Users of the tour route, trails, and viewing facilities do not need a license or validation.</p> <p>Facilities-Bernardo Wildlife Area has rest rooms but not drinking water.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No <p style="text-align: center;">Motorized Vehicles</p>	<p>Fees-Hunters and anglers must have appropriate licenses and permits. Wildlife viewers and photographers do not need a license or validation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Not allowed beyond the auto tour route <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>Motorized Vehicles-Not allowed beyond auto tour route.</p>