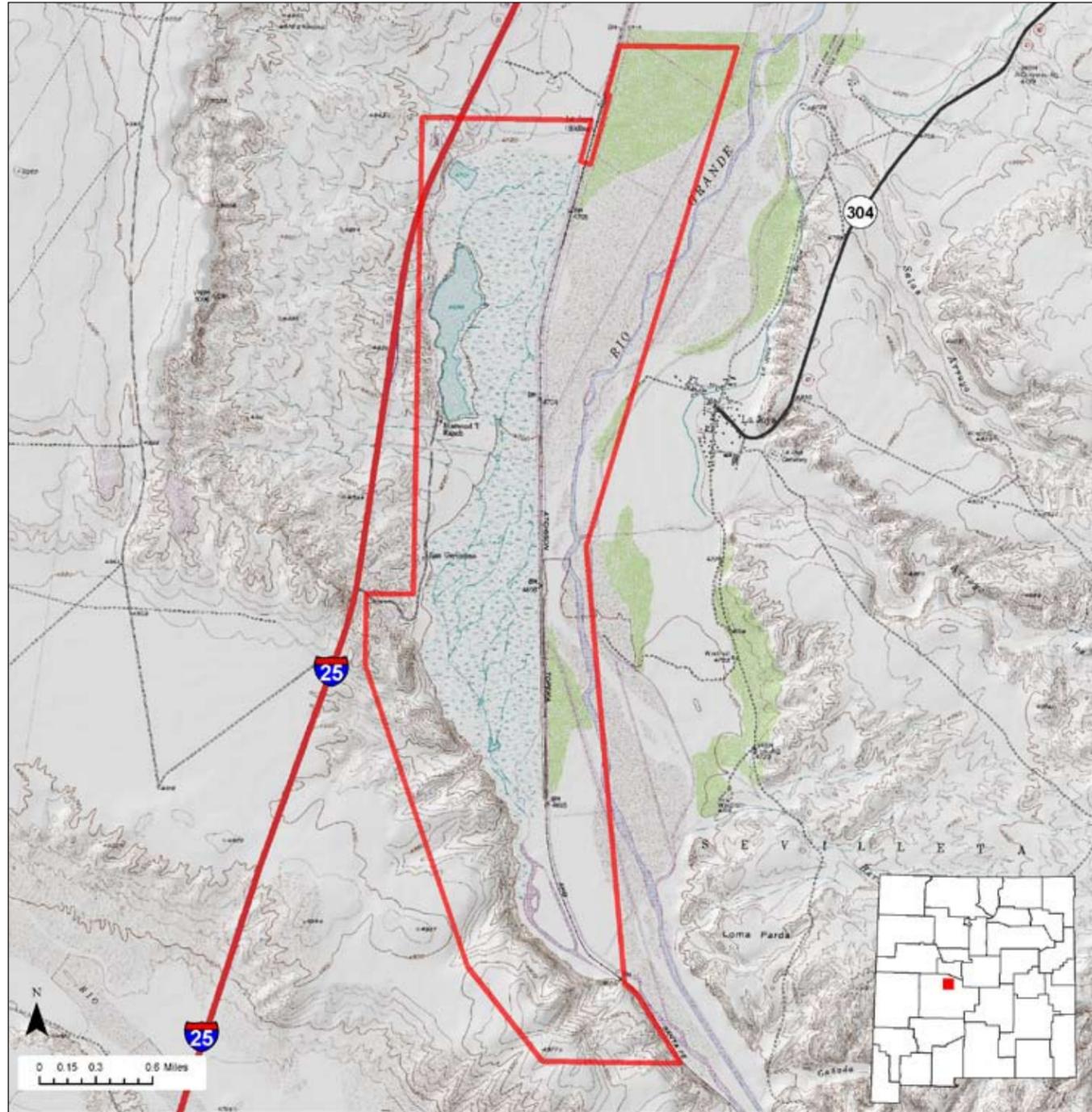




# La Joya Wildlife Area



**Location:** La Joya Wildlife Area is located about 20 miles north of Socorro.

**Total Acreage:** 3,405 acres.

**Purchase:** La Joya Wildlife Area was purchased in various parcels through 1940 to provide habitat for waterfowl, sandhill cranes, shorebirds, and songbirds.

**Description:** The La Joya Wildlife Area contains ponds, canals, drains, and crop fields along and adjacent to the Rio Grande.

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

GAIN Activities	What to See, Do, and Learn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Wildlife Viewing</li> <li>✓ Photographing</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wildlife Viewing</b>-Wildlife watchers may see various waterfowl, songbirds and quail. Good binoculars are important. The best time to view wildlife is at dawn or dusk. Allowed March 15-August 31.</p> <p><b>Photographing</b>-The best time to photograph wildlife is at dawn or dusk. A telephoto lens is important. Allowed March 15-August 31.</p> <p><b>Hiking</b>-Hiking is the best way to see wildlife at the La Joya Wildlife Area or other wildlife management areas. Allowed March 15-August 31.</p> <p><b>Bicycling</b>-Allowed only on established roads. Allowed March 15-August 31.</p> <p><b>Horseback Riding</b>-Allowed March 15-August 31.</p> <p><b>Camping</b>-Not allowed.</p> <p><b>Hunting</b>-Waterfowl hunting allowed during open seasons.</p> <p><b>Fishing</b>-Allowed March 15-August 31.</p> <p><b>Closures</b>-La Joya is closed to wildlife viewing, photographing, hiking, bicycling and horseback riding September 1-March 14.</p> <p><b>Facilities</b>-La Joya Wildlife Area does not have rest rooms, camp sites or drinking water.</p> <p><b>Fees</b>-Hunters and anglers must have appropriate licenses and permits. Wildlife viewers, photographers, hikers, and horseback riders do not need a permit or validation unless they go off open roads in which case they would need a valid license or permit. See the Department's website <a href="http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us">www.wildlife.state.nm.us</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Motorized Vehicles</b>-Not allowed off open roads.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hiking</li> <li>✓ Bicycling</li> <li>✓ Horseback Riding</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hunting and Fishing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Hunting</li> <li>✓ Fishing</li> </ul>	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No rest rooms</li> <li>✓ No camp sites</li> <li>✓ No drinking water</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Yes</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motorized Vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Not allowed off open roads</li> </ul>	

**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.**