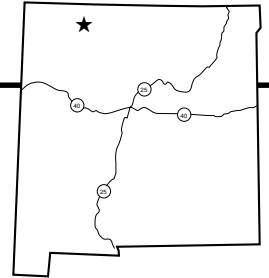
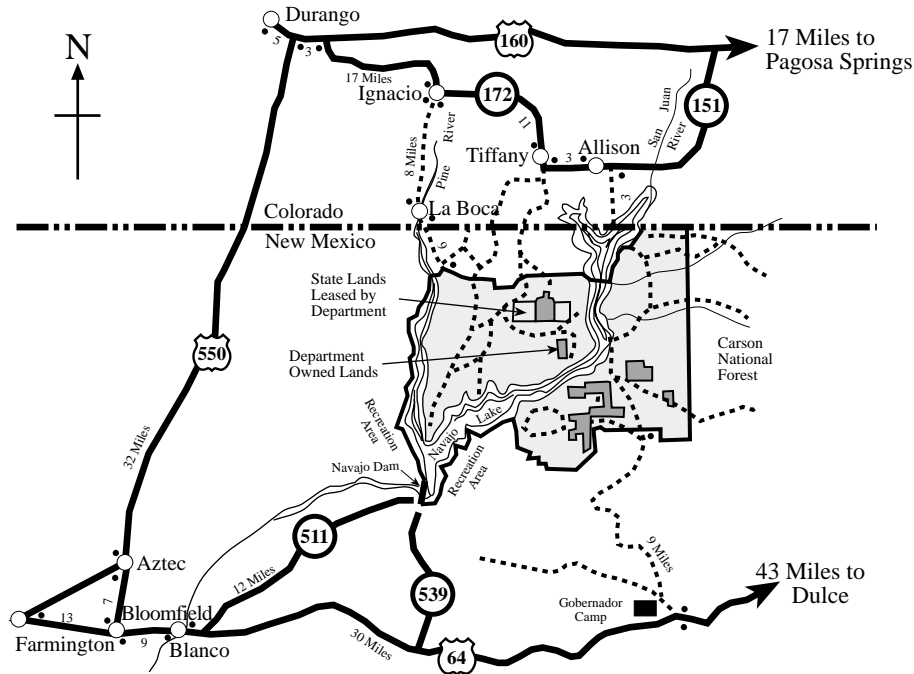




# State Wildlife Areas



## Navajo Dam Wildlife Area



A large lake has been created since 1960, where there once was a canyon. Navajo Dam, authorized by the Colorado River Storage Act of April 11, 1956, has backed up water for miles along the deep-cut course of the San Juan and its tributaries. The explorer will find coves and sheer sandstone bluffs, with a jumble of rock-ridged mesas above, studded with piñon and juniper.

To lessen the impact on fish and wildlife, various public and private lands outside the lake boundaries were incorporated into a cooperative management area by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Game and Fish.

The game department was deeded 3,785 acres of private land by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Much

sagebrush and piñon-juniper cover was removed so the range's capacity to support game could be improved. It was reseeded with grasses, legumes and browse. A number of watering areas, erosion control dams, spreader dikes, and fences were also built.

Today one may find deer there, and an opportunity to fish more remote sections of Navajo. Large-mouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, brown and rainbow trout, and kokanee salmon round out the catch.

The State Park Division operates large recreational facilities, with boat launching facilities, marina, and campgrounds, on the Pine River arm and at Sims Mesa, and just below the dam at Cottonwood Campground.

Hunting	Fishing	Boat Ramp	Camp Sites	Picnic Tables	Toilets
Allowed on adjacent State Trust Land	Allowed on adjacent State Trust Land	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes