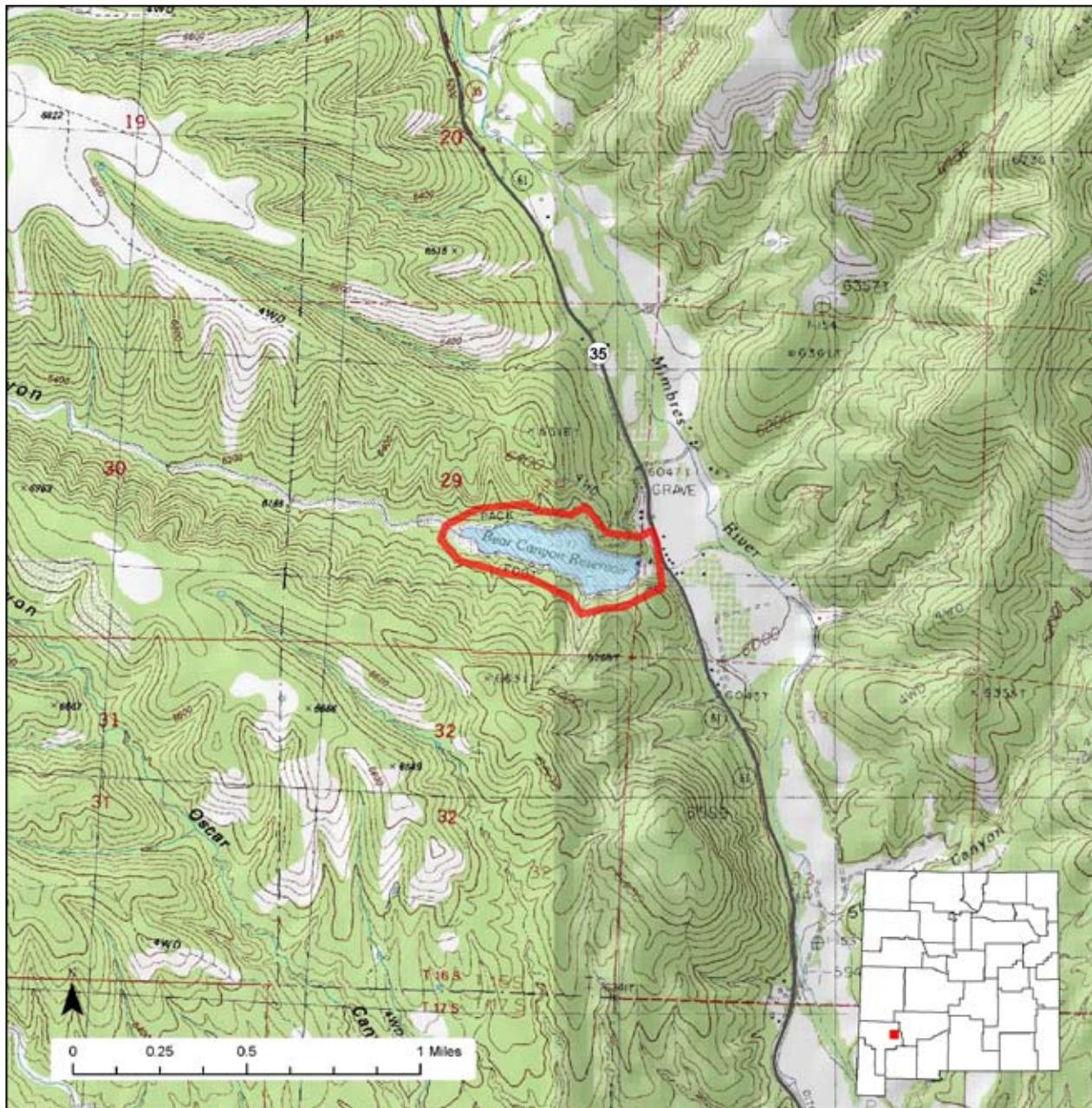




Bear Canyon Wildlife Area



Location: The centerpiece of Bear Canyon Wildlife Area is Bear Canyon Reservoir, a 25-acre lake in Grant County. Access is via Highway 35, northeast of Silver City.

Total Acreage: 75 acres.

Purchase: The Bear Canyon was purchased in 1949.

Description: This small property provides fishing access and habitat for wildlife. The reservoir is located in a steep-sided rocky canyon on the Mimbres River. It sits at 6,000 feet in elevation and is surrounded by pinon, juniper, and oak vegetation.

Detailed Maps:

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

- ✓ Wildlife Viewing
- ✓ Photographing

Access

- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Bicycling
- ✓ Horseback Riding
- ✓ Camping

Hunting and Fishing

- ✓ No hunting opportunities
- ✓ Fishing

Closures

- ✓ No

Facilities

- ✓ Rest rooms
- ✓ Primitive camping
- ✓ No drinking water

Fees

- ✓ Yes

Motorized Vehicles

- ✓ Not allowed beyond the roadway and parking area

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.

What to See, Do, and Learn

Wildlife Viewing-Wildlife watchers may see deer, elk, and other wildlife year-round. Good binoculars are important. The best time to view wildlife is at dawn or dusk.

Photographing-The best time to photograph wildlife is at dawn or dusk. A telephoto lens may be important.

Hiking-Hiking is the best way to see wildlife at Bear Canyon year-round or other wildlife management areas.

Bicycling-Allowed only on established roads.

Horseback Riding-Horseback riding is allowed year-round however opportunities are extremely limited.

Camping-Camping is allowed in designated areas.

Fishing-Year-round fishing is allowed in Bear Canyon Reservoir for stocked rainbow trout and some warm-water species.

Hunting-There are no hunting opportunities at Bear Canyon.

Closures-Bear Canyon Wildlife Area is open year-round.

Facilities-Bear Canyon has rest rooms, primitive camping, but no drinking water.

Fees-Fishermen must have appropriate licenses and permits. Wildlife viewers, photographers, hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders must have a valid license or permit. See the Department's website www.wildlife.state.nm.us for more information.

Motorized Vehicles-Not allowed beyond the roadway and parking area.