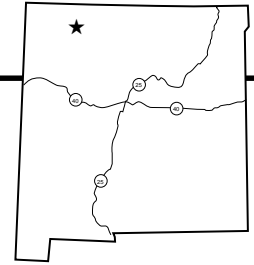
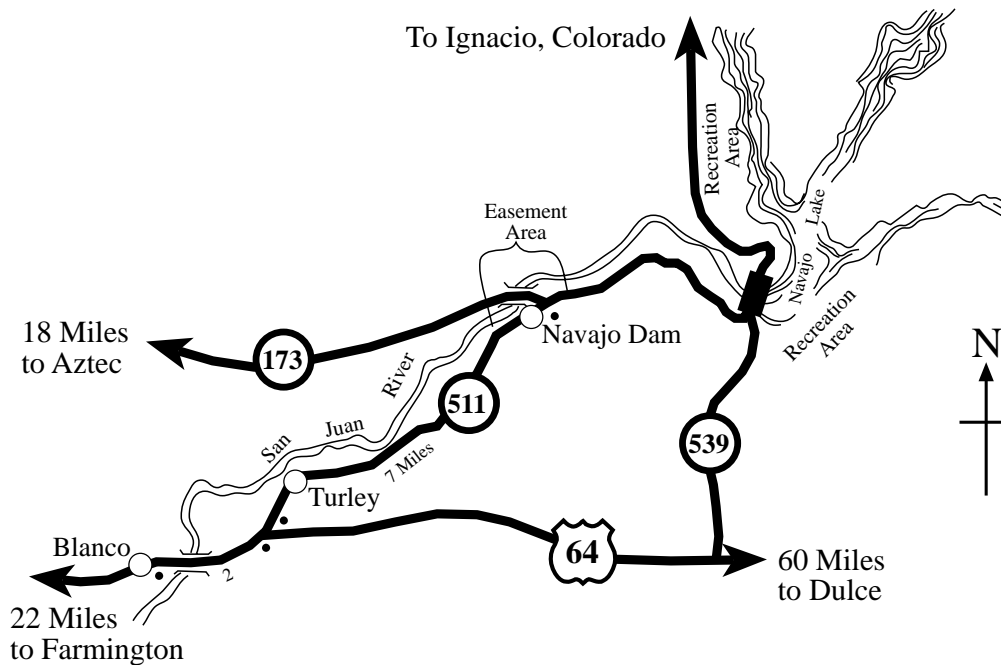




State Wildlife Areas



San Juan Fishing Easement



Water rolls out from deep within Navajo Lake into the San Juan River at a steady 44 degrees or so — creating the state’s finest trout fishery. Rainbows, browns and cutthroats feed well among the rocks and riffles and grow year-round.

Following the completion of the dam in 1960, the Department of Game and Fish in 1966 obtained a perpetual fishing easement from Damco Inc. at a cost of \$42,500. This includes access to the water and 50 feet of stream frontage along a six-mile stretch of river, above and below the Aztec bridge.

Immediately upstream, the department has an additional one mile of stream, leased from the State Land Commission. And for the first 3.75 miles below Navajo

Dam, the river is managed as a trophy trout water, with special fishing rules and a 20-inch minimum fish size, as it rolls through state park land.

The San Juan is rimmed by sandstone cliffs on the north and rolling hills and flat mesas on the south. Cottonwoods and willows grow in patches along the river, with juniper and pinon nearby, and sage grows nearly to the water’s edge at the 5,600 foot elevation.

Fish management includes trophy rules for angling (barbless, artificial flies or lures), a catch-and-release section just below the dam, and annual measuring of fish in the river. Rainbows, browns and cutthroats are also stocked periodically.

Hunting

No

Fishing

Yes

Boat Ramp

No

Camp Sites

No

Picnic Tables

No

Toilets

Yes