

Know Before You Go

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Forest Service trip-planning page for national forests and grasslands. It points visitors to safety tips on getting lost, weather, water, ticks, fire smoke and wildlife such as bears, snakes and mountain lions.

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Enjoy the Outdoors

Your national forests and grasslands provide a natural arena for a wide variety of fun and exciting outdoor activities. Some sites require a modest recreation fee to help provide the services and facilities at the site. To help you get the most of our your experience, read these helpful tips:

- Camping
- Driving
- Electric Bicycle Use
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Mountain biking
- Off-highway vehicle touring
- Recreation Fees and Passes
- Responsible recreation
- Shooting
- Tree-cutting
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems, or Drones
- Wildflowers
- Wildlife photography

Stay Safe

The beauty and peacefulness of the forest may make you feel carefree, but you must remain vigilant for potentially dangerous situations.

- Caves
- Crime
- Food
- If you get lost
- Mines
- Safety
- Smoke/fire
- Sun Safety
- Ticks
- Trees

- Water safety

Brave the Elements

The weather can change suddenly and dramatically. Be prepared by monitoring weather conditions before you set out for the day.

- Avalanches
- Floods
- Hail
- Heat
- Heat.gov - National Integrated Heat Health Information System
- Hurricanes
- Hypothermia
- Lightning
- Tornadoes
- Wind

Respect Wildlife

We share the outdoors with a variety of animals who make the forest their home. Remember, these are not pets. Keep a safe distance from them and be careful not to disturb their habitat.

- Bats
- Bears
- Mountain lions
- Snakes

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