

# Wilderness Wise

## Know Before You Go

This area was designated as "wilderness" by Congress to provide you and future generations with the benefits of an enduring primitive resource that is unimpaired by human civilization.

Expect to encounter the challenges and inherent risks of mountain weather, wild and rugged terrain, wildlife, and other natural hazards. Your safety is your responsibility. Be prepared!

## What Is Wilderness?

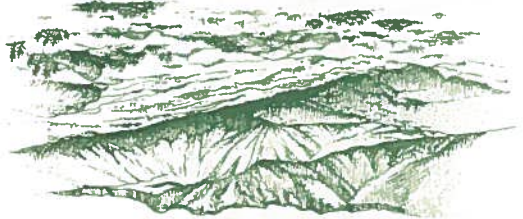
### Many Lasting Things

Wilderness areas are designated by Congress to protect places with unique character from an ever-expanding human civilization. They are managed to preserve natural conditions and their "wildness" and to provide opportunities for primitive or unconfined recreation.

Wilderness areas offer sanctuary for wildlife, protect watersheds, and are living links to the past. They preserve a piece of a lost landscape and are places of great ecological, historical, scientific, geological, recreational, and spiritual value to many Americans.

### Wilderness Is

## America's Enduring Resource



# Welcome to the Wild

## High Uintas Wilderness

**Location**  
Northeastern Utah  
Summit and Duchesne Counties

**Access**  
17 Developed Trailheads  
545 Miles of Designated Trail

**Season**  
Late June-Mid September  
Passes May Remain Snowbound

**Weather**  
30-70 Degrees (F)  
Frequent Rain, Occasional Snow

**Use**  
Moderate to High  
High on Weekends & Holidays

**Difficulty**  
Moderate to Severe  
Rugged Terrain, High Altitude

**Restrictions**  
Special Restrictions Apply  
See Below for More Information



The High Uintas Wilderness comprises the wild core of the massive Uinta Mountains and is one of the nation's most outstanding wildlands. At 456,705 acres, it is a vast landscape characterized by high peaks, countless lakes, dense forests, and a unique alpine ecosystem. The High Uintas Wilderness was added to the National Wilderness Preservation System by Congress in 1984 under the Utah Wilderness Act and is administered jointly by the Ashley and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests.

The Uinta Mountains were carved by glaciers from an immense uplift of ancient Precambrian rock, now exposed as colorful quartzite, sandstone, and shale. The main crest of the range runs west to east for more than 60 miles, rising over 6,000 feet above the Wyoming and Uinta Basins to the north and south. Broad secondary ridges extend north and south from the crest of the range, framing glacial basins and canyons far below.

This rugged expanse of peaks and flat-top mountains is the largest alpine area in the Intermountain West and is the setting for Kings Peak, the highest peak in Utah. The Uintas are home to 75% of Utah's bird species and a variety of other wildlife. They form the headwaters of Utah's major rivers and produce 90% of its in-state water supply.

# HIGH UINTAS WILDERNESS

"To secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness..."

Wilderness Act of 1964



# LEAVE NO TRACE

## Outdoor Ethics

### PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE

"Know before you go!" Learn everything you can about the area you plan to visit and the regulations for its use.

### TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

Use established campsites and trails, where available. Avoid sites just beginning to show impacts. Keep campsites small and at least 200 feet from water, occupied campsites, and trails.

### DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

"Pack it in, pack it out!" Bury human waste in a cathole 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water. Wash yourself and your dishes at least 200 feet from water.

### LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Do not damage, deface, or remove natural objects or cultural artifacts. Leave them for others to enjoy. Don't build structures, dig trenches, or alter natural features.

### MINIMIZE USE & IMPACTS OF FIRE

Use a lightweight stove, instead of a fire. If you build a fire, use only small dead wood found on the ground and use existing fire rings.

### RESPECT WILDLIFE

Watch wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow it. Seal food tightly all times or consider leaving them at home.

### BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

Don't let your fun disturb others. Preserve the natural quiet. When you meet horses on the trail, step off the downhill side and speak softly until they pass.

Please help us protect the High Uintas Wilderness... LEAVE NO TRACE!



# RESTRICTIONS

## High Uintas Wilderness

To protect natural resources and the wilderness experience, the following are **PROHIBITED** within the High Uintas Wilderness:

Groups exceeding 14 persons and/or 15 head of stock. Groups exceeding this size must divide into separate parties and remain at least one mile apart at all times.

Camping within 200 feet of any occupied campsite, designated trail, or water source.

Failing to properly dispose of all garbage (pack it out and leaving human waste in an exposed or unsanitary manner (bury it)).

Building a campfire or collecting firewood within 1/4 mile of lakes closed to these activities (see trailhead bulletin or website).

Restraining a saddle or pack animal for longer than one hour within 200 feet of a water source or tying an animal directly to a tree for more than one hour. Animals must be moved sooner if damage to the tree, soil, or vegetation is occurring.

Shortcutting a switchback in a trail.

Damaging any natural feature. This includes, but is not limited to: falling or damaging trees, trenching, and vandalism.

Building any structure or improvement. This includes, but is not limited to: hitchhairs, composite furniture, shelters, signs, and rafts.

Using motorized equipment or mechanized transportation. This includes, but is not limited to: bicycles, game carts, and chainsaws.

### NOTICE

Violations are punishable by a maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or six months imprisonment (Title 16 USC 551). Other regulations may apply. Please read all trailhead bulletins. For more information, contact the Ashley National Forest at (435) 789-1181 or the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests at (801) 999-2103.

Please help us protect the High Uintas Wilderness... RESPECT RESTRICTIONS!



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