

# Wilderness.net's Dos Cabezas Mountains Wilderness Fact Sheet

## Introduction

The United States Congress designated the Dos Cabezas Mountains Wilderness in 1990 and it now has a total of 11,700 acres. All of the wilderness is in Arizona and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

## Description

Sculpted with steep slopes and granite outcroppings, the rugged and remote Dos Cabezas Mountains rise in elevation from 4,080 feet to 7,587 feet on Government Peak, in the southeast corner. Seasonal waterfalls tumble down boulder-strewn Government Peak, creating pools that invite a dip. Two other peaks rise above 7,000 feet. From the high elevations, you'll be rewarded with outstanding views of Sulphur Springs and San Simon Valleys and the faint outlines of numerous mountain ranges in the distance. Several springs attract an abundance of wildlife, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, mountain lions, golden eagles, and bald eagles. The endangered peregrine falcon migrates through the area. In Buckeye Canyon the beautiful collared lizard suns itself on desert-hot rocks. Mountain shrub, desert shrub, and riparian vegetation cover the Wilderness. Average annual temperatures range from 40.9 to 73.5 degrees Fahrenheit, reaching as high as 95 in mid-summer and dropping as low as 27 degrees in mid-winter. This area also receives 14.18 inches of rainfall and 8.6 inches of snowfall, annually. There is a total of 4 miles of trail in Dos Cabezas Mountains Wilderness.

## Leave No Trace

How to follow the seven standard Leave No Trace principles differs in different parts of the country (desert vs. Rocky Mountains). Click on any of the principles listed below to learn more about how they apply in the Dos Cabezas Mountains Wilderness.

1. [Plan Ahead and Prepare](#)
2. [Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces](#)
3. [Dispose of Waste Properly](#)
4. [Leave What You Find](#)
5. [Minimize Campfire Impacts](#)
6. [Respect Wildlife](#)
7. [Be Considerate of Other Visitors](#)

For more information on Leave No Trace, [Visit the Leave No Trace, Inc. website.](#)

## Area Management

The Dos Cabezas Mountains Wilderness is part of the 110 million acre National Wilderness Preservation System. This System of lands provides clean air, water, and habitat critical for rare and

endangered plants and animals. In wilderness, you can enjoy challenging recreational activities like hiking, backpacking, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, horse packing, bird watching, stargazing, and extraordinary opportunities for solitude. You play an important role in helping to *"secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness"* as called for by the Congress of the United States through the Wilderness Act of 1964. Please follow the requirements outlined below and use Leave No Trace techniques when visiting the Dos Cabezas Mountains Wilderness to ensure protection of this unique area.

Unless otherwise specified, no motorized equipment or mechanical transport, with the exception of wheelchairs, is allowed. This is generally true for all federal lands managed as designated wilderness.

## Links to Other Websites

[Safford Field Office](#)

## Links on Wilderness.net

[National, Regional and Local Wilderness Organizations \(NGOs\)](#)

A listing of societies, organizations, coalitions and other wilderness-related advocacy and stewardship groups.

[Career and Volunteer Opportunities](#)

A listing of sites providing information about wilderness- and environmentally-related career and volunteer opportunities.

## Applicable Wilderness Law(s)

Law	Date	Acreage Change (in acres)
<b>Public Law 101-628</b>	<b>November 28, 1990</b>	<b>11,998</b>
Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 - Public law 101-628 (11/28/1990) To provide for the designation of certain public lands as wilderness in the State of Arizona		

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