

Wellsville Mountain

WILDERNESS

LEAVE NO TRACE



PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies. Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use. Visit in small groups when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups. Repackage food to minimize waste. Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging. Be prepared to spend extra nights out if weather makes the washes and roads impassable.



TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

Durable surfaces include established trails, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow. Good campsites are found, not made. Do not build structures or furniture, dig trenches or alter natural features. Avoid sites beginning to show impacts.



DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Pack it in, pack it out! Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter including aluminum and cigarette butts. Bury human and pet waste in a cathole 6-8 inches deep and at least 300 feet away from water. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Pack out toilet paper.



LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Preserve the past: examine and enjoy, but do not remove or modify cultural or historic structures or artifacts. Do not climb into ruins, and do not lean or stand on any walls. Leave cultural and historic structures and artifacts, rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them for others to enjoy.



PROTECT WATER RESOURCES

Water is scarce. Camp at least 300 feet from springs to protect watersheds and wildlife habitats. Wash yourself and your dishes at least 300 feet from water and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.



MINIMIZE USE AND IMPACTS OF FIRE

Campfires are not prohibited within the Wilderness, but using a light weight stove is easier and reduces your impact. If you do start a campfire use only "dead and down" wood and use small diameter sticks for fuel so that they burn completely. Do not start fires in alcoves or overhangs.



RESPECT WILDLIFE

Watch wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behavior, and exposes them to predators and other dangers. Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely. Control pets at all times, or leave them at home. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young or winter.

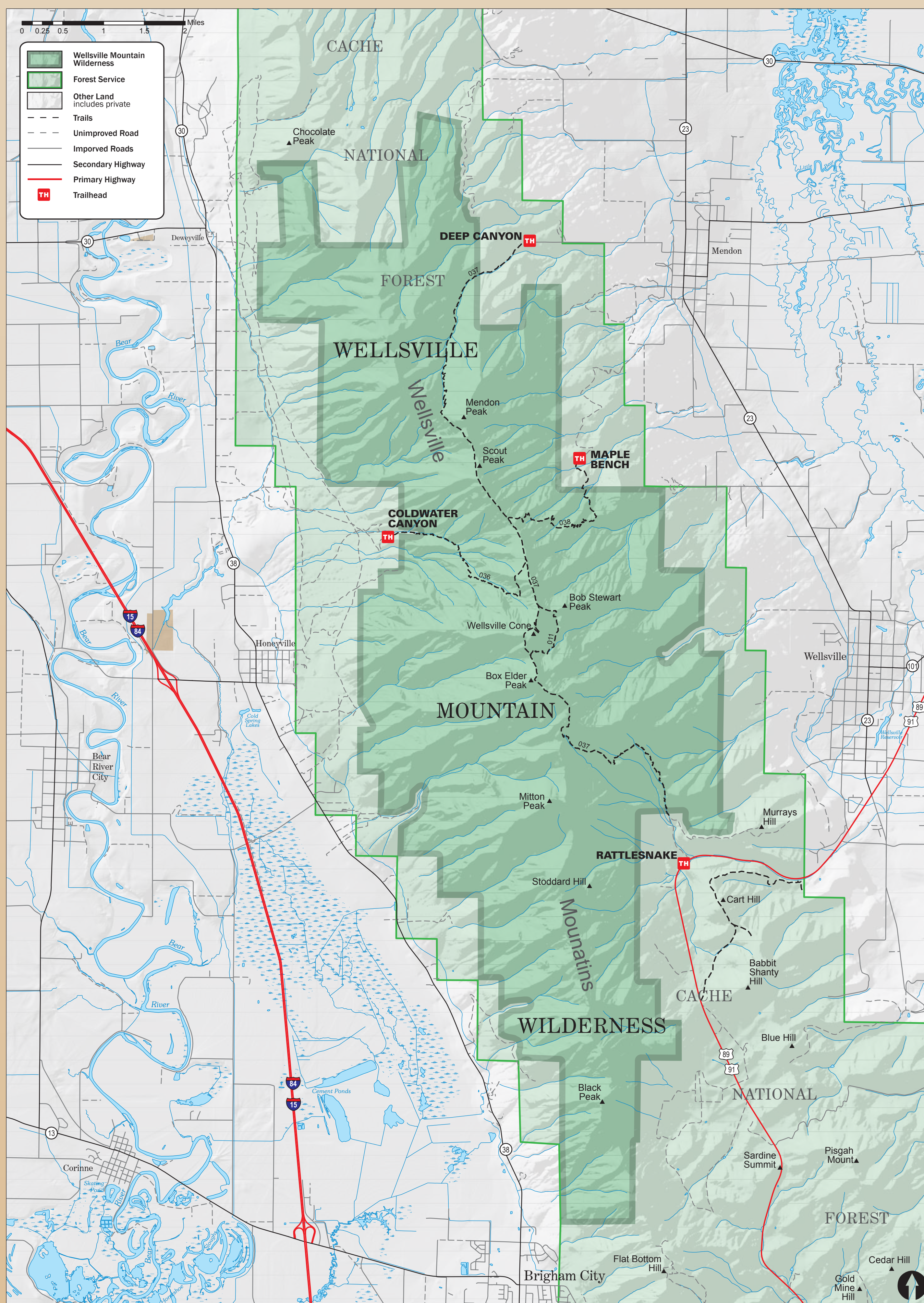


BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail. Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock. Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitor's site and sound. Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid using loud voices and making loud noises.



The Wellsville Mountain Wilderness is located along the steep north-south oriented ridge of the Wellsville Mountains, and encompasses extremely rugged and picturesque terrain. The mountains are one of the narrowest and steepest ranges in the Rockies, averaging about five miles wide at their base and rising to well over 9,000 feet. Canyons cut into the mountains from the east and west. The water that runs out of the mountains is enough to supply many small Utah communities. Once devastated by overgrazing, the wilderness is on the road to recovery, and now supports populations of deer, moose, mountain lions, raptors, and the occasional Rocky Mountain goat.



WHAT IS WILDERNESS?

Wilderness areas are lands designated by Congress to remain undeveloped and natural. Wilderness may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value. Wilderness can mean many different things to many people, but the Wilderness Act of 1964 provides a common definition for designated areas. A key word in this definition is untrammeled, which is defined to mean uncontrolled, unrestricted, or not modified by humans. It means Wilderness is unlike any other land in the nation, where humans are merely visitors and natural forces are allowed to dominate in order to preserve natural conditions.

REGULATIONS

To protect natural resources and the wilderness experience please follow these regulations within the Wellsville Mountain Wilderness:

- Group size is limited to 10 people and 14 head of stock. Groups larger than established limits may be allowed under permit on a case-by-case basis.
- Stay limit is 14 days in a 30 consecutive day period. Maximum length of stay at individual campsites is 3 consecutive nights.
- Pack out all garbage. Bury human waste in a cathole.
- Shortcutting a switchback in a trail is prohibited.
- Do not damage any natural feature and or other government property. This includes, but is not limited to: falling or damaging trees, trenching, and vandalism.
- Building any structure or improvement is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: hitching rails, furniture, shelters, meat poles.
- Motorized equipment or mechanized transportation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: bicycles, game carts, and chainsaws.
- Weed free hay required.

Please help us protect the Wellsville Mountain Wilderness . . . **RESPECT RESTRICTIONS.**



Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

