

Hunting on public land

Colorado Parks and Wildlife sets and enforces hunting rules and regulations across the state. These rules and regs apply to hunting on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands.

In the San Juan National Forest, hunting in the Weminuche, Lizard Head, and South San Juan Wilderness is closed to motorized vehicles and equipment, including chainsaws, OHV's and mechanized vehicles, bicycles and deer carts. You must be prepared to remove your game on foot or horseback.

You must have permission to hunt on tribal lands. Crossing permits are required to cross over tribal lands to access Forest Service lands. The headquarters for the Southern Ute Tribe is in Ignacio 970-563-0126.

Private land does not have to be posted with "NO HUNTING" signs to be off limits. If you do not have permission from the landowner to hunt on private land, you are trespassing and can be prosecuted. If it is necessary to cross private land to get to public lands, you must still get permission from the landowner to cross. County roads are usually open to public use, but many dirt roads and two-tracks in the area may be private.

To help you locate the area you plan to hunt and determine ownership and legal access, order maps online at www.SJMA.org or visit one of our Forest Service Ranger districts or BLM offices.



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online map
store

Firearms

- **May not** be discharged in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or across or on a road or body of water, or into or inside a cave.
- In motor vehicles, firearms must be fully unloaded and enclosed in a case.
- Do not use trees or vegetation as targets. Targets must have a hillside or mound of dirt behind them.

Firearms on OHVs

- **Must be** fully unloaded in both the magazine and chamber. **Muzzle Loaders** are unloaded when the primer has been removed.
- **Must be** fully enclosed in a hard or soft case. Cases with open ends or sides are prohibited, including archery cases.

OHVs

OHV registrations are \$25.25 and may be obtained from:

- **Colorado Parks & Wildlife**
Durango Office 970-247-0855
online at cpwshop.com
- **Mancos State Park**
Mancos 970-882-2213
- **Navajo Lake State Park**
970-883-2208

Out-of-state residents who bring OHVs into Colorado must purchase a Colorado Non-Resident OHV permit.



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Hunting Guide

In case of emergency, call 911

San Juan National Forest Headquarters
Durango Colorado
(970) 247-4874

Dolores Public Lands Office
Dolores, CO
(970) 882-7296

Columbine Ranger District
Bayfield, CO
(970) 884-2512

Pagosa Springs Ranger District
Pagosa Springs, CO
(970) 264-2268

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/SanJuan/> or
www.facebook.com/sanjuannationalforest

Setting up Camp

*Camping outside of developed campgrounds (dispersed camping) is allowed off many San Juan National Forest roads. Check the Motor Vehicle Use Map for exemptions and restrictions. No permit is required.

***Please** use previously used camping areas.

*Camp a minimum of 100 to 200 feet from lakes, ponds, streams, and trails, and do not dig trenches around your tent.

***You must: keep vehicles within 300 feet of Forest System Roads.**

*Personal property cannot be stored or cached on National Forest land.

*Camping on the National Forest is limited to no more than 28 days within any 60 day period.

*After 14 continuous days in one location you must move greater than 3 air miles.

*On BLM Tres Rios Field Office lands, after 14 days you must move greater than 30 miles and not return for 30 days.

*On the BLM Tres Rios Field Office lands, a campsite may not be left unattended for longer than 48 hours.

*Do not park your vehicle in areas posted as off-limits to parking.

Trash and Sanitation

*Do not burn trash. Pack out all trash. Do not **bury** food, leftovers, or even cooking grease as bears and other critters may quickly dig it up.

*Dig a 6" to 8" deep "cat hole" for human waste, 200 feet from water. If there are several people in your camp, dig a latrine 200 feet from water. Fill in and cover when you leave.

***Do not use soap or any other chemicals in streams or lakes to clean personal items.**

Fires and Firewood

- * A firewood permit is not necessary to gather wood for your campfire on the Forest or BLM. Gathering dead and down wood for your campfire is allowed.
- * Buy firewood locally to prevent spreading pests and diseases.
- * Cutting live trees for tent poles, hanging racks and firewood is prohibited.
- * Campfires must be attended at all times. Keep a shovel and bucket of water close by. Douse and stir your fire until cool to the touch before leaving it.
- * Use a propane camp stove for cooking whenever possible. During fire restrictions this may be the only option.
- * **NO fireworks ever.**

PLEASE:

Respect road closures. Closures prevent resource damage, protect wildlife habitat, and prevent travel during unsuitable conditions. Deeply rutted, impassable roads can result from driving in unsuitable conditions.

Ask yourself, "Am I going to be able to get out on this road if rain or snow comes in unexpectedly?" If the answer is no, you may want to choose another route or park your vehicle where the good road ends. The FS and BLM do not plow roads or tow stuck vehicles.

Livestock

- ◇ Leave gates as you find them, open or closed.
- ◇ Only certified weed-free hay and feed can be brought onto the National Forest for stock animals.
- ◇ Do not tie pack animals directly to trees without tree-saver straps or other means.

After the Hunt

Follow access regulations for your area. See the **Motor Vehicle Use Map** for road and OHV trail access, and observe Wilderness regulations.

San Juan NF MVUM maps



You must make a reasonable attempt to track and kill an animal you wounded. If the animal goes on private property, you must contact the landowner or person in charge before pursuing it.

It is against the law to waste game meat in Colorado. If you are primarily interested in a trophy, you must still take care to properly pack out the meat for human consumption.

Hides, legs, gut piles, etc. should be left scattered in the field, well away from any camp areas, trails and roadsides.

Be aware of the image you present to the general public when you transport your game. Conspicuously displayed carcasses can be offensive to others.

All trash, spent shell casings, temporary and personal items, tree stands or tripods must be removed from the public lands.

Outfitter Guides

Permitted outfitter guides may have assigned campsites and drop camps. To find out if an outfitter guide is permitted, check with a local FS/BLM office or the Colorado Outfitters Association. office@coloradooutfitters.org

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