INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

ASHLEY National Forest

AT A GLANCE

The Ashley National Forest spans the northeastern part of Utah (1,287,909 acres) and a portion of western Wyoming (96,223 acres).

TOTAL ACRES
1.4 M

IN UTAH **90%**
IN WYOMING **10%**

The Ashley National Forest is home to the highest peak in Utah, Kings Peak, and is best known for the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. It also includes the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness Area, and the Green River.

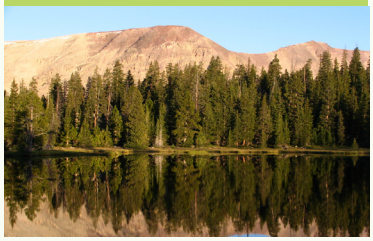
The Ashley sees many visitors from the Wasatch Front and Denver areas. Some discover it while en route from Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon via Highway 191.

The Ashley National Forest provides numerous recreational trails for activities like hiking and cross-country skiing. Some are marked with interpretive signs to educate visitors about the Forest. Other trails lead to Wilderness areas or are designated for snowmobiling and OHV (off-highway vehicle) use.

Ute Mountain Lookout Tower on the Ashley National Forest was rededicated in 2014.

The Forest has emphasis areas in recreation, grazing, and timber. It has also focused on the issues of OHV management and stabilizing irrigation reservoirs in Wilderness areas.

THE FOREST RECIEVES ABOUT
295 THOUSAND
VISITORS EACH YEAR



FOREST LANDSCAPE

The Ashley's landscape ranges from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from about 6,000 to 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak. The Forest provides healthy habitat for deer, elk, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and trophy-sized trout. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Green River, High Uintas Wilderness, and Sheep Creek National Geological Area are just some of the popular attractions.

REMARKABLE FEATURES

The Ashley National Forest features Kings Peak (the highest peak in Utah), Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Flaming Gorge-Uintas National Scenic Byway, and Green River Corridor (a world-class fishery).

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Looking over Flaming Gorge Recreation Area.

RECREATION

About 295 thousand visitors come to Ashley each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities such as boating, hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

DIVERSITY AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Topographical diversity and intensive land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

LAND OWNERSHIP

The Ashley National Forest encompasses 1,384,132 acres (1,287,909 in Utah and 96,223 in Wyoming) and is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

WILDERNESS

Kings Peak, the highest mountain peak in Utah, is within the 276,175 acres of the High Uintas Wilderness Area managed by the Ashley National Forest. People visit the High Uintas in search of experiences defined by its wild character. Expect the challenges and risks of changing weather, rugged terrain, and high altitude. Plan your trip and ensure someone outside your group knows your route and timeline. Water in the Wilderness is plentiful but unsafe to drink without treatment due to giardia, cryptosporidium, and other waterborne microbes.

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The Ashley National Forest has an abundance of wildlife, including bighorn sheep.

WATER

The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California.

RANGE

Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season.

TIMBER

Timber is managed in harmony with other resources to ensure a continuing supply and a quality environment.

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