



### PECOS WILDERNESS WEATHER

The average annual precipitation in the Pecos Wilderness is 34-40 inches. About half of the total comes from summer rains and half from winter snows. Average annual temperatures range between 80 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer to 20 degrees below zero in the winter.

Most people visit the Pecos Wilderness between July 4th and Labor Day. In late June and early September the weather is usually crisp and clear, and there are fewer people in the wilderness. July and August are rainy months with almost daily afternoon showers. Be prepared. Visitors should carry rain gear and a tent if staying overnight. Daytime temperatures in the summer are often in the 60's but can drop dramatically when a storm moves in. Nights are cold, occasionally below freezing. Snowfall usually begins in early October. The wilderness is open to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Beware; avalanche danger is significant during winter months.

**YOUR SAFETY** - Wilderness visitors need to remember that they are entering a rugged, natural landscape and must assume full responsibility for their own safety and well-being. The terrain may be rough and steep, and travel difficult. Trails may be poorly marked and hard to follow. Weather can change drastically in a very short time, especially at higher altitudes. Water can be hard to find. Rescue, if necessary, may be many hours, or even days, away. Always carry plenty of food and water, extra clothing, and a map and compass - and know how to use them. Notify someone of your planned itinerary, so they can try to locate you if your schedule is not met. Remind everyone in your party of the logistical problem posed by accidents that would only be a minor inconvenience at home. Count on no one but yourself.

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