

Carson National Forest Fact Sheet

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Geography:

How many acres comprise the Carson National Forest?

1.5 million acres

How many acres comprise Wheeler Peak Wilderness and what is the elevation of Wheeler Peak?

19,000 acres and 13,161 feet and is part of the Sangre do Cristo Mountains, Southern part of the Rockies.

How many acres comprise Latir Peak Wilderness?

20,000 acres

How many acres comprise the Cruses Basin Wilderness?

19,000 acres

How many acres comprise Pecos Wilderness on the Carson National Forest?

24,735 acres

What is the elevation of Picuris Peak?

10,801 feet

What is the elevation of Pueblo Peak?

12,305 feet



Hiking Information:

How many miles of trails are on the Carson National Forest?

Approximately 330 miles

What is the easiest and closest hiking trail near Taos?

Devisadero Loop (Trail #108), 5 mile loop,

Located 3 miles from Taos on Highway 64 East.

What are the most asked about trails on the Carson National Forest?

Wheeler Peak #67 and Williams Lake Trail #62

What should I do in order to be prepared to hike Wheeler Peak?

Wheeler Peak is the highest peak in New Mexico (13,161 feet), it is best to be acclimated to high altitude (hiking above tree line and along exposed ridges). Weather can change rapidly, especially during the summer monsoon months (late June to early August). Make sure to take plenty of water, raingear and wear layers of clothing.

Camping:

Where can I disperse camp on the Carson National Forest?

Dispersed camping can be anywhere in the Carson National Forest, 100 feet from river/streams, roads and trails for a maximum of 14 days.

How long can I camp in a developed campsite?

Maximum number of days is 14.

Where are the nearest dump stations for RV's?

Red River, Taos Valley RV Park, and Taos RV Park

