This Land is Your Land

This guide is provided as an introduction to the camping and picnicking opportunities in the National Forests of the Intermountain Region. More detailed information can be obtained from each National Forest office listed. Two key documents that you may wish to request are the “National Forest Visitor Map” and the “Travel Map” for the Forest you are interested in.

The Intermountain Region of the Forest Service encompasses National Forests in Utah, Nevada, southern Idaho, western Wyoming, and parts of Colorado and California. This Region boasts rugged mountains, fertile valleys, rivers, deserts, varied wildlife, campgrounds, wildernesses, adventure, solitude, and scenery enough to saturate your aesthetic cravings.

A National Forest is more than trees and camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. You can enjoy the magnificence of the mountains; the serenity of the wilderness; the thrill of skiing and kayaking; the miracles of spring flowers, baby animals, and majestic big game; the sound of birds; a camping trip; and the fun of a summer picnic in your National Forest—the Land of Many Uses.

So, leave your stress behind and spend time with nature. In a few hours from any place in the Intermountain Region you can pull into a National Forest campground. Pitch your tent and spend a great get-away weekend fishing for the big ones or dabble a hook in the stream, swimming, canoeing, and cooking over a campfire.

You want to go farther from civilization? Space for backpacking is almost limitless. Please consult Forest Service maps and handouts for information on where to go and how to get there.

Feeling adventurous? Some white water river running, big game hunting, winter camp outs and sports, mountain climbing, and horseback riding are challenges to be explored in your multiple-use National Forests.

For those who prefer a less robust trip, how about a scenic drive, photography excursion, bird watching, or a picnic? All these experiences— and more—await you.

Woodcutting, a popular family outing in the Intermountain Region, starts early in the summer and continues through the fall. Contact your local Ranger District for information and a woodcutting permit.

These suggestions only scratch the surface. When you play in a National Forest, let your imagination lead you to exciting (and safe) adventures in the out-doors.

Roads take you and bring you back from far-flung corners of your National Forests. Every road serves many users. Some roads invite you to enter the Forest while others, closed after timber hauling, mineral extraction, or other uses, ask you not to intrude. Often times these roads are closed to provide privacy and protection for animals. In the springtime, wild mothers prefer to give birth to their young away from the prying eyes of humans. Sometimes, the flowers and grasses need to grow untrampled by visitors. Closed roads invite you to explore on foot rather than in your vehicle.

As stewards of the National Forests, heed the “closed-road” signs, but follow and enjoy the open roads as they beckon you to outdoor adventures. Remember, 'Tread lightly, protect the earth, and have fun!'

Each generation becomes the custodian rather than the absolute owner of National Forest resources, and each generation has the obligation to pass this inheritance on intact. You and the Forest Service are partners in seeing that the National Forests fulfill and magnify the intent of their creation. Your partnership decrees the right to enjoy, but not destroy, any facet of the National Forest.

Forest Supervisors, District Rangers, their staffs, and volunteers, live and work in the National Forests. They will answer your questions, serve your needs when you visit a National Forest, and dedicate themselves to protecting these lands—your lands. So, as part owner in this public resource, you are challenged to protect and use wisely all facets of your National Forests.
Become a National Forest Volunteer

The Forest Service is looking for volunteers and has opportunities for almost everyone – retirees, professionals, housewives, students, and young people, as well as service clubs and organizations. If you like people and care about our country’s natural resources, the Forest Service needs your time and talents.

Some volunteers work full-time for several months, while others donate a few hours a day each week, or contribute a ‘one time’ service. Students may volunteer to earn college credits through a college-approved Intern program.

The Forest Service and the volunteer negotiate an agreement stating what responsibilities and benefits have been agreed upon. All volunteers are covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Federal Worker’s Compensation Act.

If you are interested in becoming a Forest Service volunteer, please contact a local Forest Service office. You may also access our volunteer directory on our web site at: www.fs.fed.us/r4/volunteer/index.html.

Wildfires:
We Can’t Stop Them Without Your Help

Carelessness – Wildland “Enemy #1.” Each year, the number of wildfires increase. Why? Because forest users—well meaning people—haven’t been careful when fire danger is high. You can be a part of the fire prevention team by knowing a few facts, and following a few simple rules:

● Don’t throw burning objects—like cigarettes or matches—from any vehicle.

● Parking over dry grass may cause a fire. Hot exhaust pipes, catalytic converters, and mufflers are as dangerous as a match.

● When you camp or walk through wildland areas, follow fire safety rules. Above all, never leave any fire until it is completely out.

● Learn the facts about fires: how they start, what conditions favor them.

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On a hot, dry day, two seconds of carelessness could destroy trees, brush, animals, homes, and lives. IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU . . . STOP AND THINK!

I Pledge to TREAD LIGHTLY on public and private lands by:

T ravelling only where motorized vehicles are permitted and never blazing my own trail.

R especting the rights of hikers, skiers, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.

E ducating myself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owners’ permission to cross private property.

A voiding streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife, and livestock.

D riving responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy my vehicle on wild lands.

Use the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) for some Forest Service Recreation Sites

Selected camp sites throughout the Intermountain and other Forest Service Regions are available for reservation. Campground reservations may be made by phone at 1-877-444-6777 or TDD 1-877-833-6777, or on line at www.reserveusa.com.

Over the phone, operators will either take your reservation for a specific site or help you find a site to your liking. A user fee and service charge can be made via major credit card or check.

Contact the Forest Service or NRRS for more information and to learn which facilities are included in this service.
Enjoy the

Ashley National Forest

The Forest

The Ashley National Forest includes 1,384,131 acres located in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. It falls into three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Forest elevations range from 6,000 to 13,500 feet.

Recreation Opportunities

There is a wide variety of recreation opportunities on the Forest including hiking and horseback riding in wilderness and backcountry; hunting big and small game; fishing in streams, rivers, lakes, and ponds; camping and picnicking; boating and floating; rock hounding; gathering forest products; and driving for pleasure. Scenery in the Uinta Mountains is outstanding. Major recreation attractions are the High Uintas Wilderness, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Sheep Creek Canyon Geological Area, and the Flaming Gorge-Utah National Scenic Byway.

The High Uintas Wilderness covers over 456,700 acres in the Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Elevations range from 8,000 to 13,528 feet atop Kings Peak, the highest in Utah. The Uintas defy the trend of most mountain ranges in North America by running east-west from Colorado to the Wasatch Mountains. The Wilderness is accessible from July through September. Numerous marked trails offer backpackers and horse packers wilderness adventure ranging from moderate to strenuous. There are numerous trailheads and campgrounds from which trips can begin. Visitors may arrange for horses, guides, and equipment with many concessionaires in the towns listed below.

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir extends almost 90 miles into Wyoming, offering great boating and fishing opportunities. Record breaking German brown trout, large lake trout, mackinaw, and rainbow trout are regularly taken from the waters of the reservoir. The Green River below the dam is a Blue Ribbon trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river for 7.3 miles from Flaming Gorge Dam to the Little Hole day-use area. River running this section of the Green River is another favorite pastime for visitors. Equipment is available from nearby concessionaires. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area is accessible throughout the year via paved roads. Visitor centers are located at Red Canyon and Flaming Gorge Dam.

Sheep Creek Canyon Geological Area is approximately five miles south of Manila, Utah, and is part of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. The spectacular canyon is filled with twisted, folded rock formations. During the first two weeks of September, kokanee salmon run from Flaming Gorge Reservoir to spawn the Sheep Creek.

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## ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

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- **21 = Wilderness access**
- **22 = Hiking trail**
- **23 = Geological area**
- **24 = Handicapped facilities**
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- **27 = Timbered setting**
- **28 = Open setting**
- **29 = Showers, open to non-campers ($2.00)**

### FOR MORE INFORMATION: If you would like more information or detailed maps of the Ashley National Forest, please contact one of the following:

- **FIRE HOLE:** Ashley National Forest, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, UT 84078, (435) 769-1181
- **BARNES:** Duchesne/Rosevelt Ranger Districts, 85 West Main, Duchesne UT 84021, PO Box 279, Duchesne, UT 84021, (435) 738-2482
- **RANGERS:** Vernal Ranger District, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal UT 84078, (435) 769-1181
- **FLAMING GORGE:** Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Intersection Highways 43 & 44, PO Box 279, Manila UT 84046, (435) 784-3445

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Gorge-Uinta National Scenic Byway, you pass through one of the richest areas for wildlife and their fossilized ancestors in the western United States. Visitors stopping in at any of the Byway's orientation centers, overlooks, or nature trails, can explore an unusual diversity of ecosystems both past and present.

Lodging is available in some of the canyons along the south slope of the Uinta Mountains and at the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Supplies and services, including restaurants, lodging, gas, and groceries, can be found in the towns of Duchesne, Roosevelt, Vernal, Manila, Dutch John, Green River, and Rock Springs, Utah.
Welcome to the
Dixie National Forest

The Forest

The Dixie National Forest occupies almost two million acres and stretches for about 170 miles across southern Utah. The largest National Forest in Utah, it straddles the divide between the Great Basin and the Colorado River. Forest elevations range from 3,100 feet near St. George, Utah, to 11,332 feet at Blue Bell Knoll on Boulder Mountain. The southern rim of the Great Basin, near the Colorado River, provides spectacular scenery. Colorado River canyons are made up of many-colored cliffs and steep-walled gorges.

The Forest is divided into four geographic areas: High-altitude forests in gently rolling hills characterize the Markagunt, Paunsaugunt and Aquarius Plateaus. Boulder Mountain, one of the largest high-elevation plateaus in the United States, is dotted with hundreds of small lakes 10,000 to 11,000 feet above sea level.

Forest precipitation ranges from 10 inches in the lower elevations to more than 40 inches per year near Brian Head Peak, which is 11,307 feet above sea level. At higher elevations, most of the annual precipitation falls as snow. Thunderstorms are common during July and August and often produce heavy rains. In some areas, August is the wettest month of the year.

Temperature extremes are impressive. Summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit near St. George, while winter lows can fall below -30 degrees Fahrenheit on the plateau tops.

Vegetation on the Forest grades from sparse, desert-type plants at lower elevations to stands of low-growing pinyon pine and juniper dominating mid-elevations. At higher elevations, aspen and conifers such as pine, spruce, and fir predominate.

Recreation Opportunities

Three National Parks and two National Monuments are adjacent to the Dixie National Forest. The scenic beauty for which these areas were set aside prevails over much of the Forest. Red sandstone formations of Red Canyon rival those of Bryce Canyon National Park. Hells Backbone Bridge and the view into Death Hollow are breathtaking.

From the top of Powell Point, it is possible to see for miles into three different states. Boulder Mountain, with its many lakes, provides opportunities for hiking, fishing, and viewing extraordinary scenery.

Forest visitors can enjoy camping, hunting, mountain biking, canoeing, viewing scenery, biking, horseback riding, and fishing in primitive settings. Others, who prefer more developed areas and less primitive conditions, can enjoy vehicle-based activities such as camping, picnicking, riding OHVs, gathering forest products, viewing interpretive exhibits, viewing scenery, pleasure driving, swimming and fishing. Opportunities for winter sports, such as sledding, skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling are available in many areas.
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FOREST SUPERVISOR
Dixie National Forest
1789 North Wedgewood Lane
Cedar City UT 84720
(435) 865-3700

Pine Valley Ranger District
196 East Tabernacle Street, Room 40
St. George UT 84770
(435) 652-3100

Cedar City Ranger District
1789 North Wedgewood Lane
Cedar City UT 84720
(435) 865-3200

Powell Ranger District
225 East Center Street
PO Box 65
Panguitch UT 84759
(435) 676-9300

Loa/Teasdale Ranger District
138 East Main
PO Box 90
Teasdale UT 84773
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Enjoy the Fishlake National Forest

The Forest

Rising as a green oasis in central Utah, the mountains and plateaus that form the Fishlake National Forest are vital resources for the intervening valleys. Water, recreation, wildlife, timber, grazing, geothermal energy, and minerals come from the Forest. Residents from surrounding areas and adjacent states visit the Forest for climatic relief in the summer and hunting in the fall.

The first unit of the Forest was reserved in 1899 by President McKinley to protect the watershed of Fish Lake and the Fremont River. In 1906 and 1907, Theodore Roosevelt established the Beaver, Fillmore and Glenwood Forest Reserves in response to petitions from local citizens. Over grazing of the mountains by transient bands of sheep was crowding out the domestic stock belonging to valley residents. Over grazing also damaged watersheds, resulting in flash floods that inundated towns at the mouths of canyons and slilted in irrigation works necessary for farming the arid valleys.

The 1,461,228-acre Fishlake National Forest of today lies mainly in Beaver, Millard, Piute, Sevier, and Wayne counties. There are over 78,000 acres of private and State land within the boundaries of the Forest.

Recreation Opportunities

The mountains and plateaus of the Forest provide a wide variety of scenery and climatic zones. Much of the Forest's lower elevation land is covered with sagebrush, pinyon pine, and juniper trees, while red-rock desert can be found in the southeast corner. At higher elevations, meadows are interspersed with bands of aspen and conifer. Here, there are over 70 perennial streams and about 60 lakes and reservoirs enhancing recreational experiences and providing enjoyable camping spots. Crowning the Forest is the alpine zone of the Tushar Mountains where peaks exceed 12,000 feet elevation, and the stark terrain and wide vistas make for a visual feast.

The Fish Lake-Johnson Valley is a 13,700-acre area that houses 2,500 acres of lake and 670 acres of reservoir. Mackinaw, splake and several species of trout can be caught year-round. A full range of public services and facilities are available from resorts at Fish Lake. The Tushar Mountains contain several loop roads with opportunities for camping, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and sight seeing. The remainder of the Forest offers a wide variety of landscape and solitude for those who want to get away.

Utah is famous for big game hunting and the Fishlake is home to one of the largest deer and elk herds in Utah.

About 2,400 miles of roads, mostly unpaved, provide access to nearly all of the Forest. High clear-
ance vehicles are desirable to traverse most of them. A few roads, such as the highway to Fish Lake, are paved so passenger vehicles can easily travel them.

Use on the 1,920 miles of trails varies from infrequent to heavy on the Fish Lake shore trail, which is one of two National Recreation Trails on the Forest. The other is the Skyline Trail in the Tushar Mountains, which offers an alpine setting amid peaks over 12,000 feet. The Forest is also home to the Paiute ATV Trail, a 238-mile loop that crosses three mountain ranges and runs through four central Utah counties. The Paiute Trail joins with the Great Western Trail and many popular motorized trails on the Dixie and Manti-LaSal National Forests, making the network the largest interconnected, motorized trail system in the country.

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**Type of Facilities Available (Camping):**
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- V = Dispersed Camping Adjacent

**Special Features Located Within One Mile of the Site:**
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- 18 = Historic trail
- 19 = Nature trail
- 20 = Accessible by trail or boat only
- 21 = Wilderness access
- 22 = Waterfalls
- 23 = Geological area
- 24 = Handicapped facilities
- 25 = Evening program
- 26 = Scenic drive
- 27 = Timbered setting
- 28 = Open setting
- 29 = Groomed snowmobile trail
- 30 = Groomed cross-country ski trail
- 31 = Warming hut

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** If you would like more information or detailed maps of the Fishlake National Forest, please contact one of the following:

**FOREST SUPERVISOR**
- Fishlake National Forest
  - 115 East 900 North
  - Richfield UT 84701
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**Beaver Ranger District**
- 575 South Main
  - PO Box E
  - Beaver UT 84713
  - (435) 438-2436

**Loa/Teasdale Ranger District**
- 138 South Main Street
  - PO Box 129
  - Loa UT 84747
  - (435) 836-2811

**Fillmore Ranger District**
- 390 South Main Street
  - PO Box 265
  - Fillmore UT 84631
  - (435) 743-5721

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Manti-LaSal National Forest

The Forest

The 1,413,111-acre Manti-LaSal National Forest is located in southeastern Utah. It is managed for multiple uses, such as range, timber, minerals, water, wildlife, and recreation. The Forest is divided into three land areas: the Manti Division, the LaSal Division at Moab, and the LaSal Division at Monticello.

The Manti Division is part of the remnant Wasatch Plateau (5,000- to 10,000-foot elevation) exhibiting high elevation lakes, diverse vegetation, near vertical escarpments, and areas of scenic and geologic interest.

On the LaSal Division-Moab, mountain peaks (12,000-foot elevation), canyons, and forest adds climatic and scenic contrast to the hot red-rock landscape of Arches (5,000-foot elevation) and Canyonlands National Parks.

The LaSal Division-Monticello, offers timbered slopes to provide a welcome middle ground and background contrast to the sand and heat of Canyonlands National Park, Natural Bridges National Monument, and the surrounding desert. Pictographs, petroglyphs, and stone dwellings are evidence of past civilizations.

Private and State lands exist within the Forest boundaries and may be closed to public use. Please refer to maps and information on land ownership which may be obtained from the Ranger District offices.

Recreation Opportunities

Approximately one million recreation visitor days are spent annually on the Forest. Recreation pursuits include fuelwood gathering, sightseeing, hunting, fishing, off-highway vehicle riding, camping, boating, picnicking, and just relaxing in a forest environment. Winter activities include snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. The Dark Canyon Wilderness provides visitors with primitive recreation activities.

A National Scenic Byway, the Huntington and Eccles Canyons National Scenic Byway (85 miles) is located on the Manti Division, featuring themes dealing with energy, history, and recreation. Two National Recreation Trails, the Left Fork of Huntington Canyon Trail (6 miles long) and the Fish Creek Trail (10 miles long) are located on the Manti Division. Other trails, including a transmountain trail, are found on the Moab Ranger District.

The 45,000-acre Dark Canyon Wilderness (Moab Ranger District) is located in the Colorado Plateau Canyon terrain. Deep sandstone canyons characterize the Wilderness, with vertical walls ranging from a few hundred to thousands of feet in height. Pinyon-juniper is interspersed on the benchland. High red-rock canyons dwarf visitors with terraced castle-like walls towering 3,000 feet above the canyon floors. Arches, springs, seeps, and hanging gardens exist throughout the Wilderness. Life zones range from ponderosa pine and aspen-covered high country to desert vegetation in the bottom of Dark Canyon. Wildlife species are diverse and include mule deer and cougar. The area ranks high in archaeological and scenic value.

Dispersed recreation occurs mostly along or adjacent to roads and includes activities such as pleasure driving, camping, hiking, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, and wilderness travel.
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**FOREST SUPERVISOR**  
Manti-LaSal National Forest  
599 West Price River Drive  
Price UT 84501  
(435) 637-2817

Ferron Ranger District  
115 West Canyon Road  
PO Box 310  
Ferron UT 84523  
(435) 384-2372

Price Ranger District  
599 West Price River Drive  
Price UT 84501  
(435) 637-2817

Moab Ranger District  
62 East 100 North  
PO Box 386  
Moab UT 84532  
(435) 259-7155

Monticello Ranger District  
496 East Central  
PO Box 820  
Monticello UT 84535  
(435) 587-2041

Sanpete Ranger District  
540 North Main Street  
Ephraim UT 84627  
(435) 283-4151

Manti-LaSal National Forest website:  
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Explore the Uinta National Forest

The Forest

The Uinta National Forest covers many steep canyons and high mountain peaks along the Wasatch Front, from “Point of the Mountain” near Salt Lake City south to Nephi. A small portion of the Forest lies west of Eureka and is surrounded by the western desert of Utah. The Forest covers 949,848 acres, ranging from high western desert at Vernon to lofty mountain peaks such as Mount Nebo (11,877 feet), the highest peak in the Wasatch Mountain Range.

Recreation Opportunities

The Uinta’s scenic beauty offers unlimited recreational opportunities any season of the year! Whether you are a hiker, skier, camper, or horseback rider, the Forest can provide the recreational experience you are seeking. There are 650 miles of trails on the Forest, including the Great Western Trail that crosses the Uinta from north to south. Berry picking, birding, fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling are some other activities available on the Forest. Several cross-country ski trails are easily accessible.

Developed sites on the Forest include campgrounds, picnic areas, marinas, boat ramps, fishing access sites, trailheads, organizational camps, and recreation residences. For your convenience, reservations can be made (240 days single family, 360 days group) in advance of your outing at several campgrounds on the Uinta National Forest.

Three wildernesses have been designated on the Forest along the Wasatch Front. Lone Peak Wilderness (30,088 acres) is primarily a day-use area due to its small size and proximity to a large urban population. Principle uses are day-hiking, nature study and backpacking. Horse use is limited from the Timpooneke Trail to the Timpanogos Basin Area. Mount Nebo Wilderness (28,170 acres) has a trail system offering hiking, back packing, and horseback riding opportunities.

There are a variety of other interesting attractions on the Forest. The Alpine Scenic Loop, a 24-mile paved road, takes you east up American Fork Canyon to U.S. Highway 189 in Provo Canyon. Along the way you will pass numerous campgrounds, picnic areas, and the Timpanogos Cave National Monument and Visitor Center. Views of Mount Timpanogos will remind you of the Swiss Alps. Cascade Springs Scenic Highway, a 7.5-mile paved road off the Alpine Scenic Loop, goes to the Cascade Springs Interpretive Site, where large springs cascade down the mountain slope in a series of limestone terraces and pools. Boardwalks wind through the area, giving visitors an opportunity to view trout which inhabit these pools. Fishing is not permitted in the Springs area.

Mt. Nebo National Scenic Byway is a 32-mile paved road through rugged mountain beauty with several magnificent overlooks of the surrounding valleys. The Byway begins at Payson and terminates near Nephi. It passes Payson Lakes campground and recreation area, the Blackhawk campground with its facilities for campers with horses, and Devil’s Kitchen Geologic Interest Area which is similar to
Bryce Canyon National Park, but on a smaller scale.

Strawberry Reservoir, 23 miles southeast of Heber, features excellent fishing. Facilities include campgrounds, picnic sites, paved boat ramps, and full-service marinas at Strawberry Bay and Soldier Creek. The area also draws many snowmobilers during the winter.

Curvant Creek Reservoir and Recreation Area, 40 miles southeast of Heber, offers a large campground, paved boat ramp, an interpretive nature trail, and numerous hiking and horseback riding trails. A special campground loop provides facilities for keeping riding stock within the campground. A specially constructed pier on the reservoir provides universal access for fishing.
Welcome to the
Wasatch-Cache
National Forest

The Forest

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest includes mountain lands located in northern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. These lands are located in three major geographic areas: the northern and western slopes of the Uinta Mountains; the Wasatch Front from Lone Peak north to the Idaho border, including the Wasatch, Monte Cristo, and Bear River Ranges; and the Stansbury Range in the Great Basin.

The Forest encompasses 1,928,185 acres of which 1,219,748 acres are National Forest System Land. State and local governments and private concerns own the remaining 708,437 acres.

Recreation Opportunities

The Wasatch-Cache National Forest offers an ample variety of outdoor recreational opportunities which include camping, hiking, back packing, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, and horseback and trail bike riding.

The Forest is rich in scenic beauty and natural resources. Clear, snow-fed streams tumble down canyons of the rugged Wasatch and Uinta Mountains. Many animal species live in the woods and meadows where deer, moose, and elk are often seen. Lakes and reservoirs provide excellent boating, fishing, and swimming opportunities.

The Wasatch-Cache is one of the most heavily used National Forests for recreation in the Nation. Campground areas near Salt Lake City and Ogden are extremely popular. Visitors desiring more solitude will want to head farther into the mountains.

Nearly one-half million acres of high mountain country are managed for their outstanding wilderness qualities. Six Wilderness Areas are found on the Forest, along with part of the High Uintas Wilderness. Trails are available throughout the wilderness, but motorized and mechanized vehicles are prohibited.

There are 1,391 miles of roads providing access throughout the Forest. This includes State designated Scenic Highways Mirror Lake, Monte Cristo, and Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The ever popular Logan Canyon is now designated as a National Scenic Byway. The Forest provides 1,450 miles of trails for access to non-roaded areas.

Special places with unique features such as Ricks Springs, Jardine Juniper, Mirror Lake, Albion Basin, old mining activity in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the site where granite was quarried to build the Salt Lake “Mormon” Temple, are found throughout the Forest.

Skiers find the “greatest snow on earth” here! Fluffy, dry powder falls for nearly five months of the year in this winter paradise. Several major ski resorts are within a few hours drive from key cities along the Wasatch Front where there are opportunities for downhill, alpine, nordic, and cross-country skiing; and snow shoeing, snowboarding, and helicopter skiing.

Although some marked trails are available, the adventurous skier may wish to strike out over the unmarked, snow-covered forest. Since avalanches and blizzards may occur with little warning, a competent guide is recommended. Snow avalanche and weather information numbers for areas in the Wasatch Mountains provide information during the snow season.
## WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST

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