Contact the Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque District, Rio Puerco Field Office to obtain day-use permits, Golden Passports and the New Mexico BLM Annual Recreation Passes. Suggested group size is a maximum of 25 persons to reduce impacts to the resources and other visitors.

Rules and Fines

The monument is closed to dogs. Only identifiable service animals are allowed. Failure to comply is subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000. or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Fines range from $50 to $250 for violating federal regulations on fees, speeding, damage to the monument’s natural resources, and other infractions. For a complete listing, call BLM Law Enforcement at the Albuquerque District, Rio Puerco Field Office.

Visitor Services

Lost and Found
Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque District, Rio Puerco Field Office, 505/761-8700 or the Pueblo de Cochiti main office, 505/465-2244. Check for lost and found items at fee booth.

Convenience Store, Gas, and Camping Facilities at Cochiti Lake
Snacks, water, soda, sandwiches and gas can be obtained at the convenience store located near the town of Cochiti Lake. Camping, boating facilities and RV hookups are available at the Cochiti Lake Recreation Area.

Leave No Trace: Plan ahead and prepare - Travel and camp on durable surfaces - Dispose of waste properly - Leave what you find - Minimize campfire impacts - Respect wildlife - Be considerate of other visitors.

For more information contact:
Albuquerque District
Rio Puerco Field Office
435 Montaño NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
www.blm.gov/nm
505/761-8953 or 505/761-8700
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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument as a national recreational trail. The monument is 5,610 acres of public land bordered by the Santa Fe National Forest, the Jemez Wilderness and Jemez mountains. Travel 9 miles west on TR 259) off I-25 onto NM Route (SR) 22. Follow the signs on SR 22 to Cochiti Pueblo and Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument. Turn right off SR 22 at the pueblo turquoise-colored water towers onto the access road, Tribal Road 92, which connects to BLM Road 1011 FS 266. From the trailhead station, travel 5 miles to the monument's national monument designated parking area and trailhead. The monument offers a quiet area for contemplation and education. Both paved and portions are ADA accessible. The monument contains two segments that provide opportunities for bird-watching, geologic observation and plant identification. Both segments of the trail begin at the designated monument parking area. The Cave Loop Trail is a 1.5-mile loop up a narrow canyon with a steep (600-ft) climb with excellent views of the mesa tops for excellent views of the Jemez, Sandia mountains and the Rio Grande Valley. The more difficult Coyote Canyon Trail is a 5-mile loop that is more difficult than it looks. The monument is open year-round. Please respect the traditions and privacy of the Pueblo de Cochiti.

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