



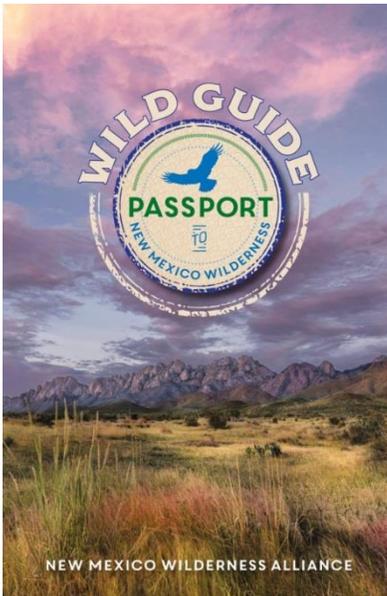
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New Mexico Wilderness Alliance releases comprehensive guide to the state's wildlands



Albuquerque, N.M. — March 14, 2016 — Veteran and novice outdoor adventurers alike will find something to love in the latest publication from the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance. “Wild Guide: Passport to New Mexico Wilderness” is an unrivaled resource for anyone interested in the Land of Enchantment’s special wild places.

Part hiking guide and part reference book, the “Wild Guide” offers a lifetime of inspiration for hikes, weekend camping trips, desert wanderings and backpack adventures. It also is packed full of history, color maps and stunning images from some of New Mexico’s best photographers.

New Mexico Wilderness Alliance Executive Director Mark Allison said, “I hope that this guide will provide the inspiration to get outside with friends and family to discover the magnificent beauty of New Mexico’s wilderness for years to come.”

The “Wild Guide” is the only book that features each of the state’s designated wilderness areas and wilderness study areas as well as other public lands treasures such as the Rio Grande del Norte and Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks national monuments.

The book replaces the Wilderness Alliance’s annual Wild Guide publication, a 2013 finalist for guidebooks and travel in the Southwest Book Design and Production Awards, and is an update of the out-of-print “New Mexico Wilderness Areas: The Complete Guide” by noted Albuquerque author Bob Julyan.

Readers of “Wild Guide: Passport to New Mexico Wilderness” will find out where these special places are and unlock their secrets:

- “These are do-it-yourself wildlands — there are no designated trails, but simply following an arroyo or a ridge is sure to lead to something interesting.”
- “From the top (of this peak) in the wilderness, you can see mountains and mesas stretching for miles in all directions, every view untarnished by roads or other human intrusions.”
- “This (area is) designated to protect caves containing fossil resources that offer a glimpse into animals found in New Mexico in the recent past.”
- “This region has New Mexico’s greatest wilderness array, containing not only the state’s first and third largest wildernesses but also its greatest ecological diversity.”

The 255-page “Wild Guide” is priced at \$19.95 and can be purchased online at www.nmwild.org and in stores across the state.

The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection, restoration and continued enjoyment of New Mexico’s wildlands and wilderness areas. An important part of the Wilderness Alliance’s work is connecting people to wild public lands such as those featured in the new book.