

San Lorenzo Canyon

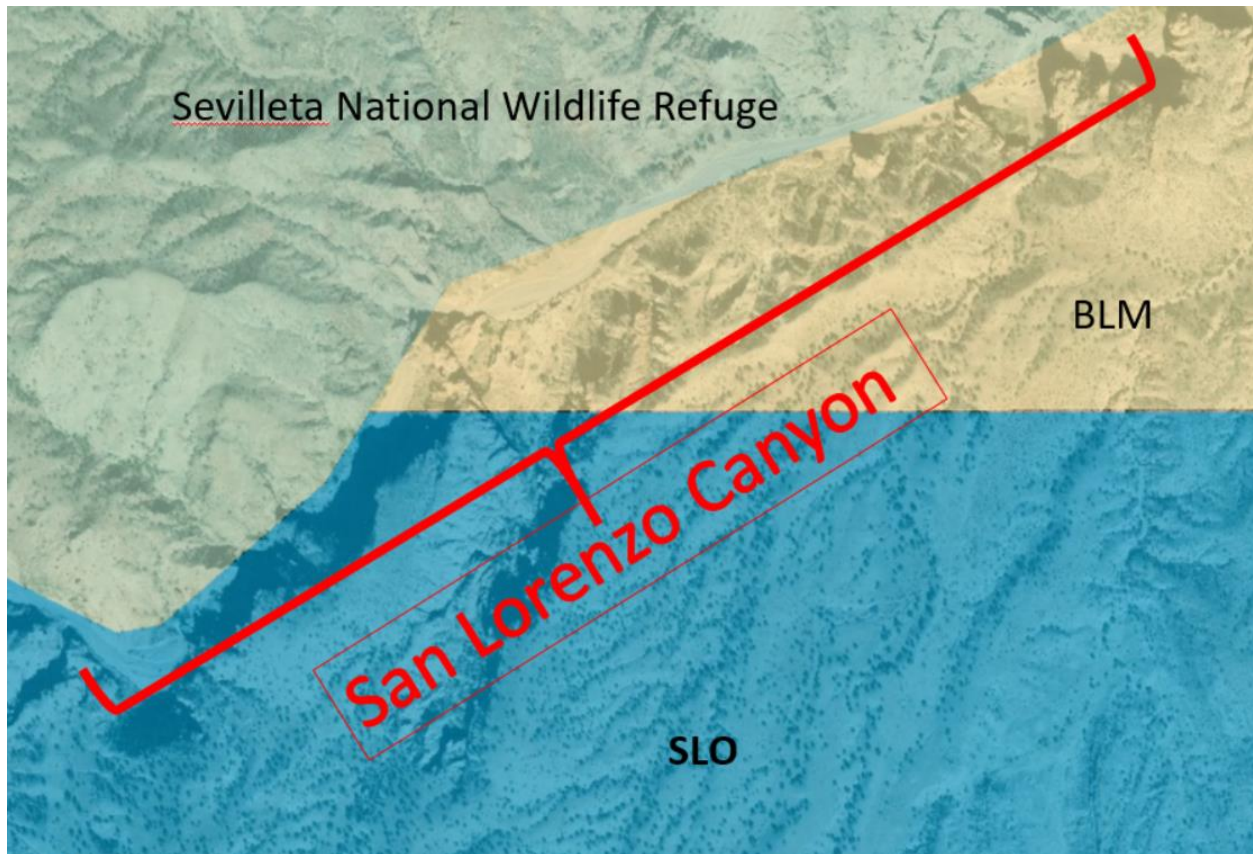
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San Lorenzo Canyon offers incredibly scenic slot canyons and sandstone cliffs. Many avid recreationists in New Mexico are familiar with the area north of Socorro which is accessed through and predominantly on [BLM land](#). But did you know that some of the most scenic parts of San Lorenzo Canyon are on state trust land managed by the New Mexico State Land Office (NMSLO)? Yes, as you explore deeper into the Canyon, less than a half mile past the Box (or end of vehicular access), you enter state trust land. When water is flowing down the narrow Canyon, smaller waterfalls can be enjoyed on state-managed portion of San Lorenzo Canyon.

Usually, a hike up and back the canyon will be about 4 miles depending on where you park and how many side canyons you explore. As you hike up the canyon's arroyo path, there will be areas where you need to climb up the rock face a bit to continue...it's fairly easy and definitely worth it. The canyon narrows towards the end of the main arroyo path enjoyed by most of the canyon's visitors. It is here, around the latter half of a typical hike, that you enter state trust land. One of the fun aspects of this area is the variety of side canyons to explore, with a few intriguing slot canyons to the south generally being on state trust land.

Getting There:

From Albuquerque: Head south on I-25 and take the San Acacia exit (Exit 163) north of Socorro. Head east over the interstate and then take a right onto the south frontage road. Take the frontage road south for 2.3 miles and then head west under the interstate via a narrow underpass. Continue due west on the main dirt road. Keep right at the Y and follow the arroyo for about 2.5 miles to the canyon entrance.



THINGS TO KNOW:

- * Recreational users of State Trust Lands must have a recreational access permit to access these lands. You can apply for the permit here: <https://openforadventure.nmstatelands.org/>
- * Obey all postings/respect private property.
- * No digging for or collecting cultural artifacts.
- * NMSLO operates under a multiple-use concept therefore visitors may encounter other permitted users on-site.
- * We strongly recommend visitors to state trust land carry and utilize a GPS device to avoid trespassing on to lands not managed by the NMSLO.
- * Visitors are not allowed to manipulate any of the site's improvements and are prohibited from interfering with the ranching operations.
- * Please try to minimize your use footprint and pack out all trash. [Leave No Trace](#).
- * Please be attentive to weather reports. Storms can form quickly and create dangerous flash flood conditions.
- * Pack appropriate clothing for the season. During spring, summer and fall, typical day-hiking gear is recommended.
- * Please be aware of prohibited activities under the [Recreational Access Permit](#).

For more information, please call 505-827-5760