

# Kit and Beaver Canyons

**Parts of Section 36 / T20N / R24E & Section 31 T20N / R25 E**

These Canadian River area canyons offer much to discover. Whether you want to hike, watch wildlife, or try bouldering, these colorful canyons are amazing to explore. This is excellent habitat for deer, antelope, and turkey. If you go in the heat of the summer, you might also spot rattlesnakes in the canyon. Pay attention!

Bouldering is growing rapidly and becoming increasingly popular within the climbing world. Nearby Mills Canyon is one of the best bouldering areas in the entire country. Bouldering is a relatively simple way to experience rock climbing. It does not involve equipment like ropes and harnesses or techniques like rappelling and belaying. With bouldering, it's just you, a chalk bag, climbing shoes, a crash pad, and maybe a friend to help spot. Kit and Beaver Canyon remain comparatively undiscovered and there are a great many boulders or 'problems' to be realized and conquered.

Prepare to be completely self-sufficient. Take all the food and water you will need with you. Chances are you won't have cell service, so let people know where you're going and when you plan to be back. It is a challenge to provide timely or adequate emergency services in remote areas so be safe and prepared to take care of yourself.



## Getting there:

Take I-25 to Wagon Mound. Head east on Highway 120 for about 25 miles. Park on pull off area.

## THINGS TO KNOW:

- \* **A Recreational Access Permit is required to access these areas!** Recreational users of these 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!
- \* SLO operates under a multiple-use concept therefore visitors may encounter other permitted users on-site.
- \* We strongly recommend visitors to trust lands 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.
- \* Pack appropriate clothing for the season. During spring, summer and fall, typical day-hiking gear is recommended.

For more information, please call 505-827-5760

