Lime Canyon Wilderness
Bureau of Land Management

Southern Nevada District Office
4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Size: 23,233 acres
Elevation Range: 1,500 - 4,406 feet
Designation: Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002

Area Description

The Lime Canyon Wilderness is dominated by parallel ridges that run north-south through the area and are cut by the narrow and scenic Lime Canyon. Rugged drainages cut through the mountains, providing a stunning landscape. A variety of sediment deposits are revealed through both faulting and erosion. Gently rolling hills and wide bajadas open up as the land runs out west toward the Overton Arm of Lake Mead.

Vegetation is typical of the Mojave Desert and includes cacti, creosote bush and scattered communities of Joshua trees and other yucca plants. The highest elevation in the area is 4,406 feet.

Directions

The Lime Canyon Wilderness is about 45 air miles east of Las Vegas, just east of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Gold Butte Backcountry Byway Road and Quail Spring Wash Road provide access to the Lime Canyon Wilderness. Road conditions vary; high-clearance and four-wheel drive are recommended.

Recreation

The Lime Canyon Wilderness provides a striking backdrop for hiking, horseback riding, and camping. Wildlife is abundant, with a wide variety of bird and reptile species. Backcountry permits are not required. Camping is limited to a total of 14 days in one location, and no more than 90 days total within any consecutive 12-month period. Hunting and non-commercial trapping are allowed with proper licensing. Practice Leave No Trace ethics to minimize impacts to the area.

Motorized vehicles, mechanized equipment, and mechanical transport are not permitted in designated wilderness.

Maps

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle Maps: Overton Beach, Devils Throat, Lime Wash, and Gold Butte.

Additional Information

- Signs indicating “Wilderness” and “Closed Route” are placed at various intervals. Obey all posted signs.
- Vehicles can be parked outside the wilderness boundary.
- Recommended maximum group size: 12 members.
- Removal, disturbance, or attempting to remove archaeological materials is a felony.