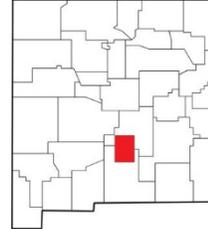




Bonito Lake, OG.128



Access Type: Fishing.

Hours: Access allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

Information: Bonito Lake, an alpine reservoir in the Sacramento Mountains (~7,370 feet), is located approximately 11 miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM in GMU 36 and is fed by the Rio Bonito River. Bonito Lake is approximately 46 acres wide with a maximum depth of 70 feet. The lake is owned by The City of Alamogordo. In cooperation with New Mexico Department of Game & Fish's Open Gate Program, Bonito Lake was reopened to public fishing following a 12-year closure from the Little Bear Fire and subsequent flooding events. Common species include rainbow trout and brook trout. Portable restrooms and dumpsters are temporarily available throughout the summer and fall.

Permitted Activities: Fishing – Open. Fishing is only allowed from the shore. Stay off dam structure.

Please help keep the area clean and keep wildlife safe by properly disposing of your trash and fishing line !

Permitted Activities	Available Dates	Remarks
Fishing	Open year-round unless lake is frozen.  Please see the 2025-2026 Fishing Rules and Information.	See property rules for special use restrictions. No ice fishing. Area closed when lake is frozen. Anglers 11 years of age and younger are not required to hold a fishing license. You may fish without a license on free fishing days.

Open Gate is a program that leases private lands to improve public access for hunting, fishing, and trapping. Open Gate leases are funded exclusively by hunters, anglers, and trappers through the purchase of the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV).

Bonito Lake

Property Rules: The following rules will be posted on this property and enforced at the discretion of the Department of Game and Fish.

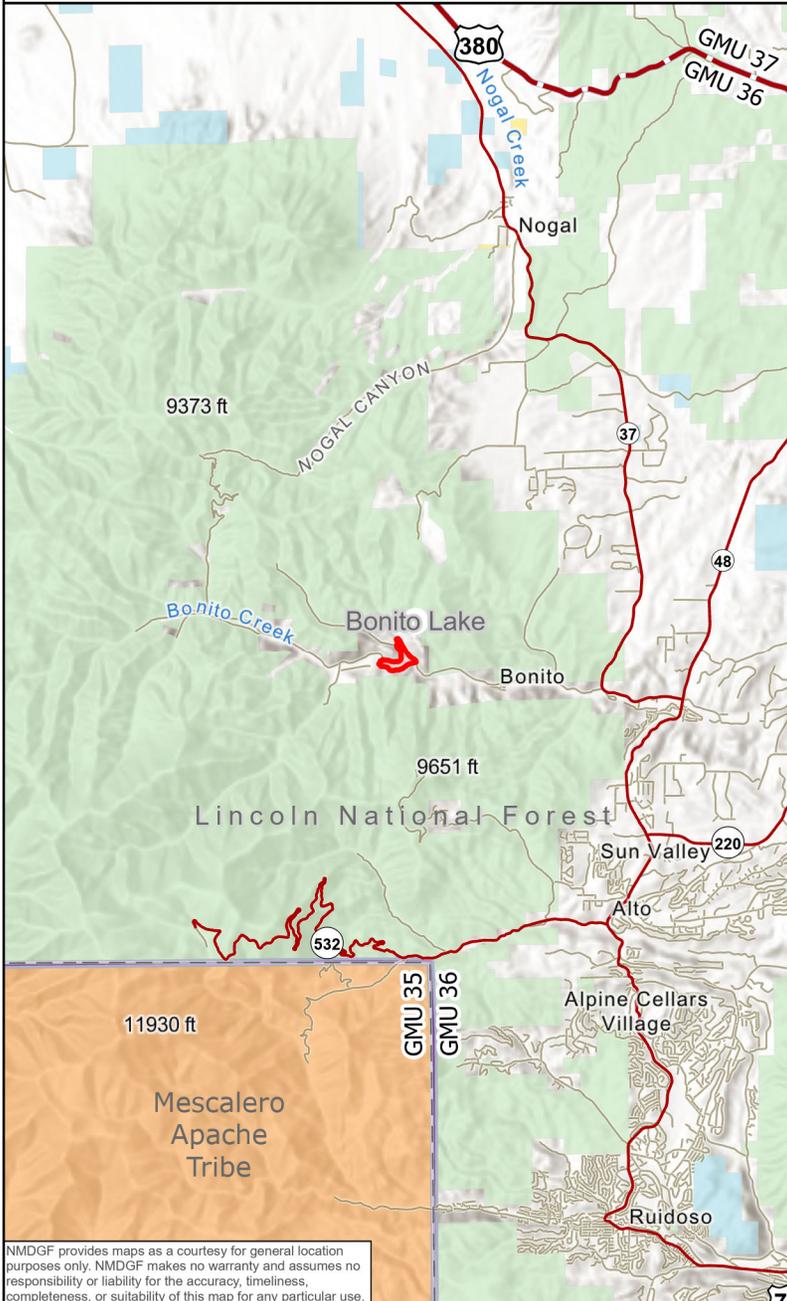
- Use of this Open Gate Property is restricted to properly licensed sportspersons for the following Permitted Uses: **Pole and Line Fishing Only, in accordance with limitations specified in these rules.**
- No entry unless you are a properly-licensed sportsperson or are accompanying a properly-licensed sportsperson or are license exempt.
- Each properly-licensed sportsperson or license-exempt person is allowed to be accompanied by no more than two guests.
- Fish size, bag, and possession limits will be set at the discretion of the Agency and posted on the Property.
- Fishing is allowed from the shoreline only.
- Ice fishing is prohibited.
- Boats, canoes, kayaks or other floating devices are prohibited on the Property.
- For safety concerns swimming, wading or entry into the water from this Property is prohibited.
- No motor vehicle travel except on open roads and in designated parking area.
- No entry into closed areas.
- No destructive acts, including vandalism, graffiti, theft, removal or defacing natural features, resources or signs.
- No target practice or discharge of any weapon.
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No littering.
- Access allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

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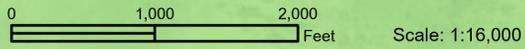
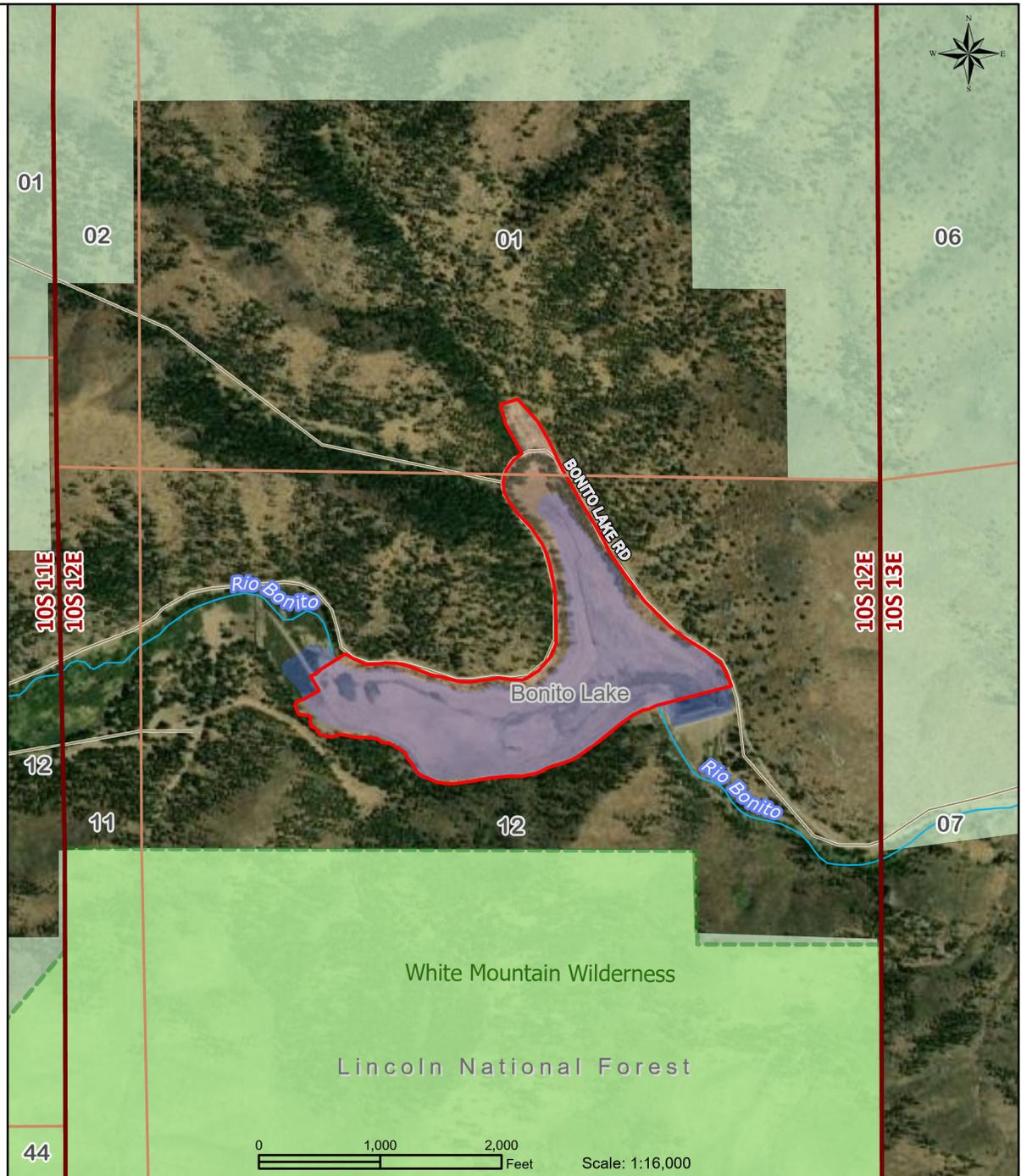


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All New Mexico Department of Game and Fish regulations and seasons apply.

5/23/2024