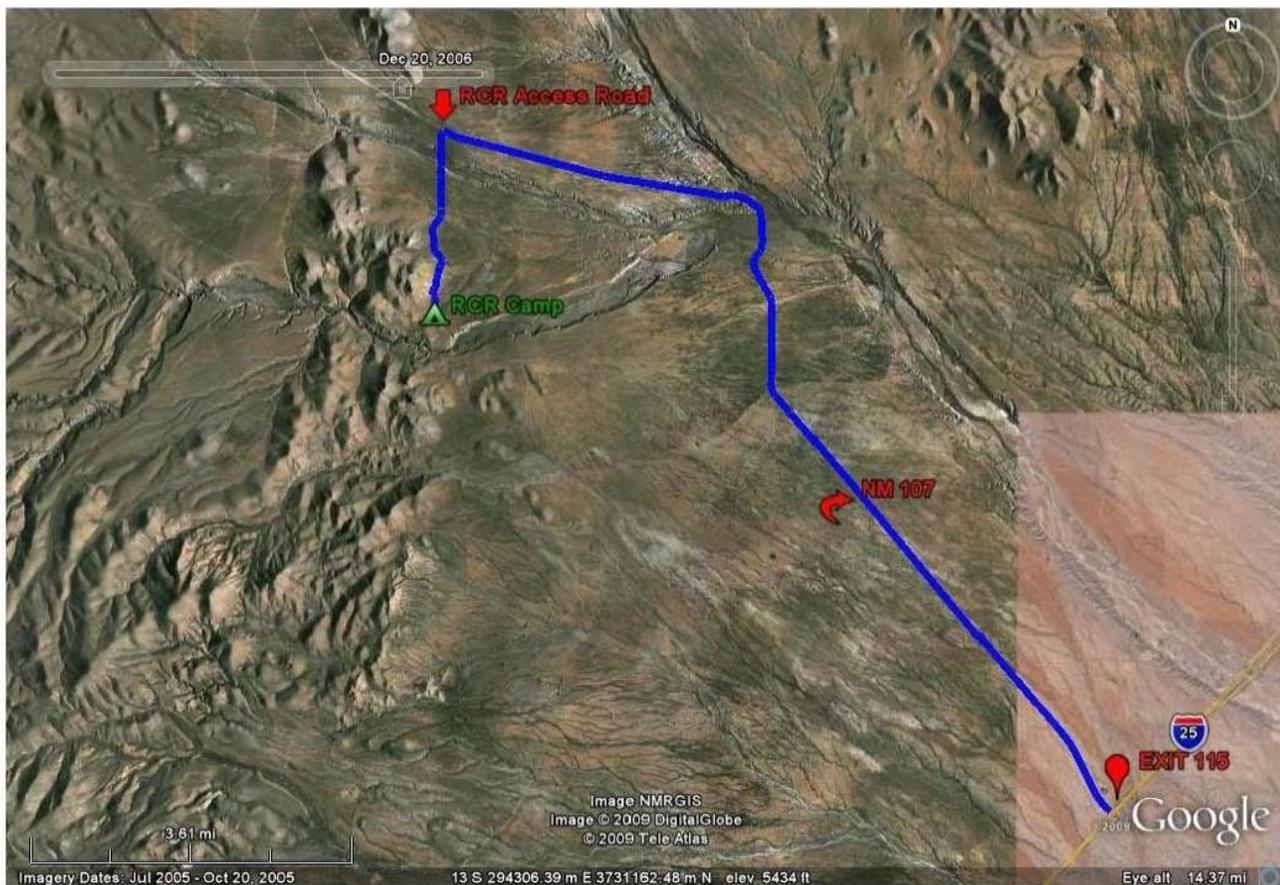


Directions: Red Canyon Reserve (RCR) is located in Socorro County, New Mexico southwest of the city of Socorro. To get to RCR from Interstate 25, take exit 115. This is the exit for NM 107. Travel 13 miles northwest on NM 107 to the access road for RCR. There will be a Quivira Coalition sign on the shoulder of NM 107 at the turnoff for RCR. If you get to mile marker 13, just over a cattle guard on 107, you have just missed the turnoff. You will be making a LEFT turn (south) into the RCR road, just as 107 begins a gentle curve in a more northwesterly direction at the base of the San Mateo Mountains. The gate to the access road is set back from the road a bit and there's a small sign that says "Red Canyon Ranch". Follow this road for ~ 2.5 miles to the camp site. See attached maps for more details. Please be sure to leave all gates along the way just as you found them!



Vehicles: The access road from NM 107 to RCR is not maintained for low clearance passenger vehicles. Access with high-clearance vehicles is recommended. Many a flat tire has occurred on this road. **Please make sure you come with a spare or other means to fix a flat.**

Red Canyon Reserve - Visitor Information and Rules

Red Canyon Reserve is owned by the Quivira Coalition, Inc., a New Mexico nonprofit corporation. Although the Quivira Coalition frequently conducts educational workshops on the property, we do not allow unsupervised use by the general public. Visitors to RCR MUST have prior written permission to visit from the Quivira Coalition, or be accompanied by an authorized agent of the Quivira Coalition. Written permission will not be issued unless the prospective visitors have 1) received a briefing from an authorized agent of the Quivira Coalition, 2) acknowledged the receipt of the RCR rules, and 3) signed a liability waiver form. Each of these requirements may be satisfied by contacting the Quivira office at 1413 Second Street, Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505-820-2544).

RCR is located in a remote area, approximately one hour south of Socorro and one hour north of Truth or Consequences. The nearest neighbor is approximately five miles away over a rough road. There is no electricity, and cell coverage is intermittent. There are no medical facilities at or near RCR. All visitors are expected to be entirely self-sufficient during their visit to RCR. All children should be closely supervised.

Weather at RCR can be extreme. Temperatures are often over 100^o in the summer and below freezing in the winter. High winds are common, and shelter at RCR is limited. Visitors should bring their own shelter and be prepared for these conditions.

Although the Quivira Coalition is unaware of any past injuries to RCR visitors from wildlife, such injuries are a distinct possibility. Black widow spiders are commonly found, especially around woodpiles, in the outhouse and in water valve boxes. Rattlesnakes are frequently seen or heard in the summer, particularly in the evening and night. Javelina, bear, elk, deer and mountain lions are less frequently seen, though they are present. Visitors should NEVER approach any such animals seen at RCR, although we would like to know about any sightings.

The access road to RCR is at a point near milepost 13 of State Highway 107. This is immediately east of the Cibola National Forest Boundary. Access is by means of an easement that crosses private land. Visitors are not authorized to leave the easement by foot or vehicle. Just south of State Highway 107, the RCR access road crosses a deep arroyo. On occasion, water in this arroyo has caused the road to be impassable. The road in and out of the arroyo is quite steep. The road also has numerous waterbars, which are designed to reduce road maintenance and water damage. The road is occasionally made impassable by this active arroyo. Consequently, the road may not be appropriate for passenger cars. **BE PREPARED! In general, all gates should be left as you find them. NEVER leave a closed gate open after passing through it.**

RCR headquarters are located about 2.5 miles from the highway. All cars should be parked at the headquarters, and further travel should be by foot. Although visitors may notice other roads besides the main road, most of these have been closed or subject to limited use. **DO NOT drive off of the main road.**

There are several camping sites near the headquarters. Visitors may also use the shelters just north of the headquarters if desired. There are no services at this camping site; primitive camping only.

While Red Canyon, itself, is a beautiful part of the property, it is not without danger. Most of the canyon is lined with cliffs, and there are only a few points at which it is safe to descend into the canyon. A fall from some spots would almost certainly be fatal. There are, however, two maintained trails into the canyon from its north (headquarters) side. The first is on the east side of the ranch, and its start is marked by a large stone cairn that is visible to the Southeast of the headquarters. The second trail is located in the western side of the property and may be accessed on foot by following the Windmill Draw Road (closed to vehicles) to the well, continuing west over the ridge, and descending along the closed road. These points are about a mile apart, and are the two best ways to access the canyon. Quivira does not recommend climbing into or out of the canyon in other locations. Water in the canyon stream should be purified before it is consumed by humans.

RCR has a pipe system that provides water to the headquarters. Although it is fairly dependable, the supply is not guaranteed. Bring a good supply of drinking water, and conserve what you use.

During the summer, it is not unusual for governmental authorities (usually USFS, BLM, State Land Office, etc.) to impose fire restrictions. You are responsible for contacting these agencies and learning whether any restrictions are in effect at the time of your visit. You **MUST** comply with these restrictions. If fires are

legally permissible, they may be built ONLY in one of the following locations:

- In one of the two steel barrels at the headquarters;
- In the cast iron stove inside the headquarters, or
- In the wood fired water heater just north of the headquarters.
- Fires are not permitted anywhere else at RCR.

If you build a fire, you MUST take precautions to keep embers from being blown away, and you MUST thoroughly extinguish the fire before leaving the ranch. There are severe civil and criminal penalties for allowing a fire to escape.

There is a woodpile just north of the headquarters, which may be used by visitors to build fires. If you plan to build a fire, please bring your own newspaper and wood and add it to the supply. All of the fuel has been brought in from elsewhere. We also ask that you split larger pieces so that they are more easily used by other visitors.

If you want to use the wood fired water heater for a shower:

- Check for critters inside the shower stall.
- Make sure the main water supply to the camp is turned on.
- Check that the standpipe just to the north of the headquarters is open, and that a hose is running from the standpipe to the heater. Turn on the shower for a second to make sure that it is running properly.
- Build a small fire in the bottom of the heater using the smaller wood in the nearby horse trough.
- After about 5-10 minutes, the water in the heater should be hot.

The headquarters has a two-burner propane stove available for use by visitors. The tank is just to the left of the stove, and should be turned on before you use it, and turned off when you are finished cooking. Lighters are behind the stove. The stove controls are rough, and you should be careful when you light the fire.

Wash your dishes and keep all food put away...no mice, no snakes. **Take all trash back with you and leave the camp ramada area better than you found it.**

The wind at RCR can be ferocious. If you don't take precautions to secure your gear, you will probably lose things. We have found items that have blown into a fence located a half mile to the east of the headquarters.

Make sure the outhouse door is locked on the outside when not in use, otherwise a strong wind may blow the door open and off. **Beware!! Black widow spiders have been found in the outhouse!** Extra outhouse materials and sawdust mix can be found in the red shed.

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Acknowledgment of Outdoor Workshop Volunteer Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability

I understand that during my time at Red Canyon Reserve, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent and cannot be eliminated. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death (“Injuries and Damages”) from exposure to the hazards of travel and the **Quivira Coalition** has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in volunteer work days such as this **Quivira Coalition Workshop** and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that there *may not be* rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed. In consideration for my acceptance as a visitor to Red Canyon Reserve, and the services and amenities to be provided by the **Quivira Coalition**, I confirm my understanding that:

- I have read any rules and conditions made available to me.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and coordinators, in any way connected with this site visit to Red Canyon Reserve. I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS the **Quivira Coalition**, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and coordinators from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while visiting Red Canyon Reserve. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me.
- I have read this document in its entirety and freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks.

Signed _____ Date: _____