



# Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area

Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (GGNCA) was designated in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999. GGNCA is part of the [Uncompahgre Field Office](#) in Montrose, Colorado.

## Facts

- 63,294 surface acres
- 17,784 acre Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Area
- 10,000 acres of woodlands (pinyon-juniper); 20,000 acres - saltbush; 16,000 acres sagebrush community, 18,000 acres grass/forb rangeland
- 21 recreation sites (6 developed, 3 picnic areas, 3 campgrounds, 5 primitive boat ramps, 3 river overlook sites)
- 3 Special Recreation Management Areas
- 14 miles of designated Gold Medal waters of the Gunnison River
- 3 listed endangered and threatened species
- 24,000 acres of small game habitat
- 22,000 acres of big game habitat
- 46,000 acres grazed by livestock (5,644 AUMS, 11 allotments)
- 1 Colorado Scenic and Historic Byway: West Elk Byway
- 1 Wilderness Area; Gunnison Gorge Wilderness (17, 784 acres)
- 2 OHV open play areas