

What to Know Before You Go

Instructions for visitors to the Antelope Complex Emergency Wild Horse Gather

COVID-19: BLM staff will escort all media and/or visitors to and from the gather site each day. The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continues to be paramount. We continue to work closely with the Department of the Interior and follow CDC guidance to ensure public and employee spaces are safe and clean for visitors, employees, partners, and volunteers.

The [CDC](#) has offered guidance to help people recreating on public lands prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health. When recreating, the public should follow local area health orders including Governor Sisolak's [standards](#) for individuals, businesses and employers, practice [Leave No Trace](#) principles, practice social distancing and avoid high-risk outdoor activities.

When to meet: Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, must call the Nevada Wild Horse Gather Information Line at (775) 861-6700 for an update on the next day's gather activities, meeting times and location. Note: Gather operations are dependent on the weather and could change with little or no notice.

Where to meet: Visitors to the gather, including all media and members of the public, will meet at specified locations that are subject to change; locations will be determined based on the location of the traps – visitors are encouraged to call the phone number above for the next day's meeting location.

All visitors will need to sign in on the visitor's log sheet and there will be a short briefing for the day and introductions.

The group, led by either a LEO or BLM Staff, will then caravan out to the gather site of the day and all visitors must stay until gather operations are completed. We may not know the exact location of these sites; therefore, it is extremely important that visitors be flexible.

Transportation: All visitors must have their own transportation – BLM staff cannot take people in government vehicles except in an emergency. Visitor vehicles must have 4-wheel drive, off-road vehicle tires and it is recommended that the vehicles have high clearance.

The temporary holding corrals/sites will move around to several locations and the roads can get very rough in and around the Antelope Complex.

Due to the distances involved within the Antelope Complex and the lack of facilities, extra gas cans are highly recommended. Visitors must have their own spare tires (we suggest multiple spare tires!). There are full-service gas stations in Elko, Ely, Wells, and West Wendover, Nev., but no other gas stations between.

Cell phones are also a good idea if you get stranded, though coverage cannot be guaranteed. We will travel together to and from the gather.

Headlights must always be on during travel and if any vehicle has mechanical problems and/or flat tires, the caravan will stop.

Amenities / Lodging: There are lodging opportunities in Elko, Ely, Wells, and West Wendover, Nevada.

Weather and road conditions: This is Nevada in summer; it is advised to plan for everything. The weather is anticipated to be hot and dry but can change quickly. Road conditions are favorable. The potential exists for thunderstorms, expect areas of heavy rain and possible hail. Dressing in layers is recommended due to highly fluctuating temperatures throughout the day.

What to bring:

- Facemask or covering
- Hand sanitizer
- Food and plenty of water
- Extra Can of Gasoline and Spare Tire (*be sure to have proper equipment*)
- Bland, earth toned-colored clothing (*NO bright colors or loud patterns, please*)
- Closed-toed sturdy shoes (*recommended some sort of hiking shoe or boot*)
- Coat / hat (*Rain gear recommended dependent on weather conditions at the time of the gather*)
- Sunscreen
- Toilet Paper / Tissue (*There are NO bathrooms at the trap site so plan accordingly*)
- Binoculars and/or Camera
- A small collapsible camp chair or cushion for the ground (*neutral in color and light enough to carry for a distance*)