



The name El Malpais refers to both the national monument managed by the National Park Service (NPS) and the national conservation area managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). As a land feature, the term El Malpais—"the Badlands"—is used locally and in other parts of the southwest to refer to lava flows.

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| National Monument | Paved road | Gas station |
| National Conservation Area and Wilderness Areas | Unpaved 2-wheel-drive road | Restrooms |
| Lava flow | Unpaved 4-wheel-drive road (high-clearance) | Picnic area |
| | Hiking trail | Hiking |
| | Continental Divide National Scenic Trail | Self-guiding trail |
| | | Campground |
| | | Primitive campsite |

Private lands exist within present boundaries of El Malpais and must be respected. Please close all gates and stay on designated roads.

Do not use this map for hiking. Obtain maps at the visitor information center and ranger station.

