



SWEETWATER COUNTY TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD

EXPLORE LOCAL WILDLIFE AT THREE PATCHES PICNIC DAY USE AEA ½ DAY ADVENTURE

Disclaimer: This is a true “off the grid experience,” and cell service is limited! Make sure you have extra water and food; a high-clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicle with thick tires (and a spare tire) to traverse the dirt roads; extra fuel; GPS; and BLM map. Do not attempt to visit the area when conditions are wet. Let someone know where you are headed and when you plan to return.

Spend the morning taking a peaceful walk through the many Quaking aspen trees at [Three Patches Picnic Area](#). The trail is ADA accessible with partial pavement, along with easy dirt and gravel trails and roads. Mule Deer and Pronghorn Antelope are permanent residents here, along with Songbirds, Sage-Grouse, Golden Eagles, Chipmunks, Cottontail Rabbits, and Ferruginous Hawks. If you have more than a few hours in the morning, the area is also fun to bike around, or enjoy on horseback, so consider taking along a lunch!

Directions:

From Rock Springs, head South on State Highway 430, turn west onto County Road 4-27 and follow for 6.5 miles. Staying left (east) for 5 miles, turn north onto BLM Road 4401 and continue for .75 miles to the picnic area.

7:00a.m.

Grab a hot beverage from [Sno-N-Jo Coffee](#) in Rock Springs (1429 Dewar Dr.). They have a variety of delicious specialty coffees and teas.

7:40 a.m.

Arrive at Three Patches. Hike around on the paved trail or through the “patches” of Quaking aspen trees throughout the day use area. Keep your binoculars handy; songbirds zoom in and out, raptors soar over the Aspen Mountain ridges, and the mule deer are typically hiding in the dense cover. Eat a picnic lunch on one of the many picnic tables or bring along the hot dogs and S’Mores to cook on the upright or in-ground grills.

9:00 a.m.

Head back to Rock Springs, if you don’t plan on staying and eating your lunch at Three Patches, and catch the spectacular views of nearby [Aspen Mountain](#) and [Pilot Butte](#) in the distance. Get some lunch or dinner at [Rock Springs Old Chicago](#) (1675 Sunset Dr.) and if you are a beer drinker, [complete the OC World Beer Tour!](#)



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The path is paved and the dirt roads are easy to walk, making it great for people of all ages and physical abilities to enjoy! Walk, run, or ride your mountain bike along the beautiful paths and dirt roads. The park and path are also dog-friendly, so you can bring your 4-legged friend along for your walk.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Water & Snacks
- Good Shoes to walk around in
- Sunblock
- Bug-spray
- Binoculars
- Have a full tank of gas
- A jacket (you never know when the weather will change)
- Camera
- Spare Tire