

# LYBROOK FOSSIL AREA (aka LYBROOK BADLANDS)

**Activities:** Hiking, photography.

**Facilities:** No electrical hookups, water, or restrooms are available.

Season / Hours: Open year-round.

**Description:** The Lybrook Fossil Area is located in northwestern New Mexico and is a badland area of

rolling water-carved clay hills and mesas. The area is rich in fossils and has scattered vegetation which includes sagebrush, piñon-juniper, Great Basin scrubland, and

grassland. It is a landscape of sandstone cap rocks and scenic gray and pink-colored clay hills. Water in this area is sparse and there are no trails; however, the area is scenic and

contains soft colors rarely seen elsewhere.

Access: From Aztec: head south on US Highway 550 for 8.5 miles (downtown Bloomfield) and turn

right on Broadway Ave. At next light (0.3 miles) turn left back onto US Highway 550 and travel 42 miles to CR 7900 (turn off to Chaco Culture National Historical Park). Travel along CR 7900 which is paved (5.0 miles) to turn off for Chaco Culture National Historical

Park and go 0.1 miles past that intersection to a dirt road to the east.

#### Please Note:

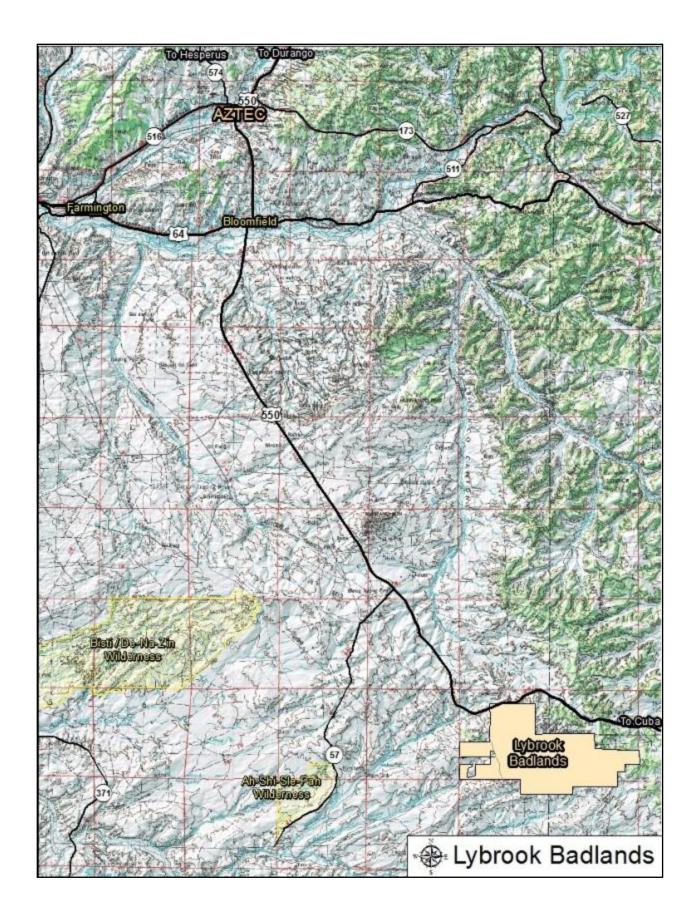
- 1. The roads off of CR 7900 are dirt roads and may become impassible during or after inclement weather. Drivers should avoid dirt roads during rain or snow. Drivers should be cautious of wash-out following rain or snowmelt.
- 2. This is a non-motorized area. Please park alongside existing roads. Be cautious, the surrounding area is comprised of private and Navajo Nation Indian Land. Trespassing is prohibited.
- 3. There is no access to Chaco Culture National Historic Park.
- 4. There are no marked trails in this area. Visitors must possess knowledge and skill in cross country hiking and navigating.

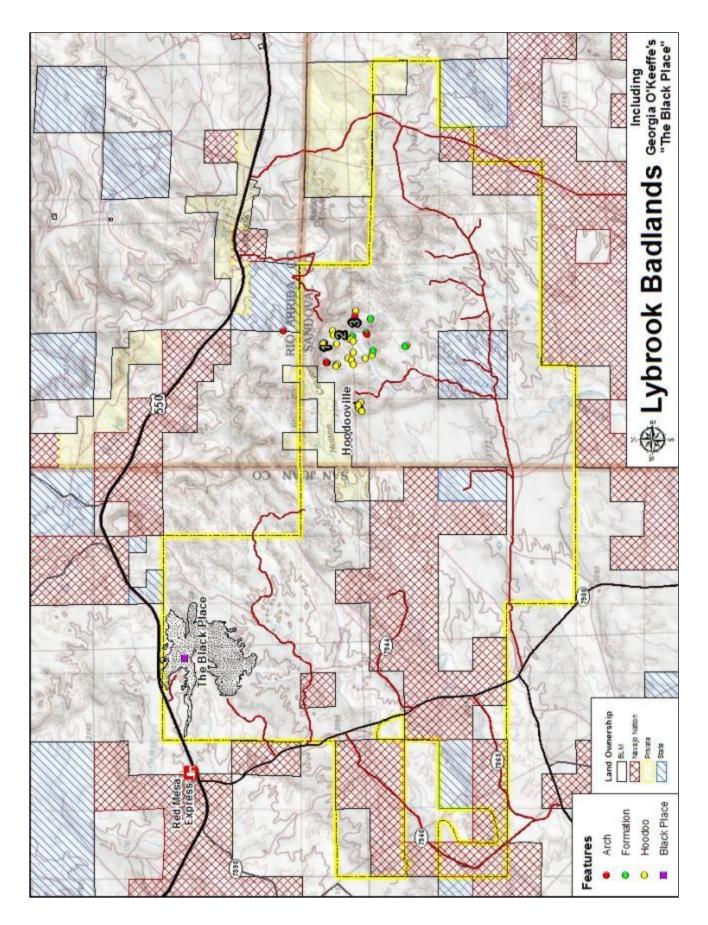
### **Special Rules:**

- Since this area is being developed by the oil & gas industry, numerous oil field trucks and tankers travel the roads, so be very careful when approaching hills or curves and give the oil industry the right of way.
- Prohibited are campfires, collecting fossils or petrified wood, climbing on delicate geologic features, traveling in groups of more than eight people, and trespassing on adjacent tribal lands.
- Permits are required for uses such as grazing, scientific research, and commercial guiding.
- Pack your trash out.

#### Travel:

- Maps and directions are for information only and are provided "as is" without warranty or any representation of accuracy, or timeliness of completeness.
- Pack some food and bring lots of water.
- Check the weather before heading out. Hiking the badlands can be very difficult when wet.
- Do not cross any washes that have water running in them, you may get stuck.
- Cell phone service is very sporadic in the badlands.
- Visit the badlands at your own risk. The BLM, the City of Aztec Visitor Center and their employees are not responsible for injuries or damages to personal property.





## **ARCHES**

**Map #:** 1

Name: Princess Point Arch

Dimension: Est. 8 ft span by 12 ft high

**Latitude:** 36.205557 **Longitude:** -107.589528

**Comments:** Just west of Princess Point



## **FORMATIONS**

**Map #:** 1

Name: The (Pipe) Organ

**Latitude:** 36.208696 **Longitude:** -107.589932

Comments: Big & White Hoodoo on

ridge above



**Map #:** 2

Name: Princess Point
Latitude: 36.205729
Longitude: -107.589138



Name: Tee Pee Rock Latitude: 36.204193 Longitude: -107.59378



Map #: 4

Name: Twin Peaks

(aka Long Tall Hoodoos)

**Latitude:** 36.20472 **Longitude:** -107.585558



**Comments:** Though also known as "Long Tall Hoodoo" I am more inclined to classify this as a formation rather than a traditional hoodoo as it is similarly formed as Princess Point and Tee Pee Rock. There are about a ½ dozen small 10 to 15 ft cap stone

hoodoos at the base of this formation on the south and north sides.

# **HOODOOS** (scattered / isolated)

**Map #**: 1

Name: Two Friends Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.208479 **Longitude:** -107.594355



**Map #:** 2

Name: Big and White Hoodoo

**Latitude**: 36.209087 **Longitude**: -107.590899



**Map #:** 3

Name: The Couple Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.214576 **Longitude:** -107.591685

**Comments:** With kid behind – smaller

hoodoo several feet behind

the couple.



Name: The Bat Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.21486 **Longitude:** -107.591955

Comments: Just north of the couple on

the ridge slope.



**Map #:** 5

Name: The Python Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.212864 **Longitude:** -107.588519



**Map #:** 6

Name: Hoodoo Towers

(aka Two Brothers Hoodoo)

**Latitude:** 36.211939 **Longitude:** -107.591914



Name: Knobby Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.208495 **Longitude:** -107.597472



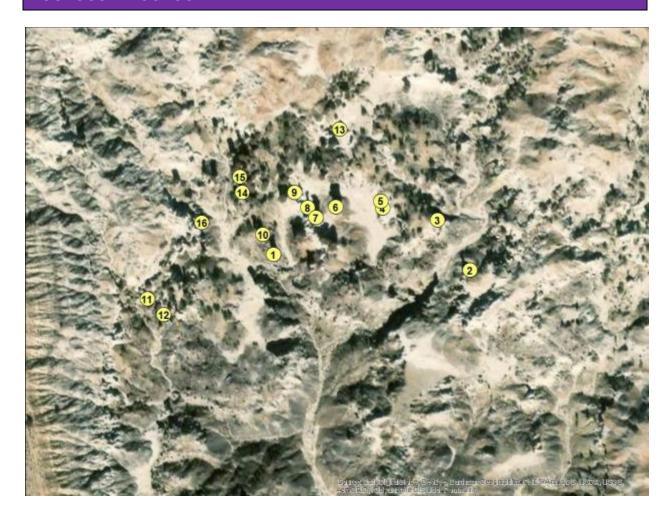
**Map #:** 8

Name: Talking Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.197164 **Longitude:** -107.59241



# **HOODOOS in HOODOOVILLE**



Map #: 1

Name: The Sentinel Hoodoo

Latitude: 36.207016 **Longitude:** -107.608818

**Comments:** At the front of Hoodooville overlooking the valley.



Name: "Jack" Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.206872 **Longitude:** -107.60734

Comments: Looks like a Jack Russell

Terrier.



**Map #:** 3

Name: Spinner Top Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.207126 **Longitude:** -107.607644

**Comments:** 



Map #: 4

Name: Barking Dog Hoodoo

Latitude: 36.207264
Longitude: -107.608016
Comments: In Hoodooville.

Small abandoned birds nest

in the mouth.



Name: Taco Hoodoo

Latitude: 36.20731 No Photo

**Longitude:** -107.60803

Comments: North of the Barking Dog Hoodoo.

**Map #:** 6

Name: Fat Albert Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.207296 **Longitude:** -107.608339

**Comments:** 



**Map #:** 7

Name: The Ladel
Latitude: 36.207230
Longitude: -107.608452

Comments: Left of the Orb Hoodoo.



Name: The Orb Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.20727 **Longitude:** -107.608519

Comments: Looks like a hand holding an

orb.



**Map #**: 9

Name: Flying Saucer Hoodoo

Latitude: 36.207349 No Photo

**Longitude:** -107.608674

**Comments:** 

**Map #:** 10

Name: Broken Spoon Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.207137 **Longitude:** -107.608904

Comments:



Name: Chipped Bowl Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.206656 **Longitude:** -107.609767

Comments:



**Map #:** 12

Name: Madam Hoodoo

**Latitude:** 36.206576 **Longitude:** -107.609608

**Comments:** 



Name: Three Amigos
Latitude: 36.207759
Longitude: -107.608352

**Comments:** 



**Map #:** 14

Name: Peephole 1

Latitude: 36.207363 No Photo

**Longitude:** -107.609109

**Comments:** 

**Map #:** 15

Name: Peephole 2
Latitude: 36.207463 No Photo

**Longitude:** -107.609127

Comments:

**Map #:** 16

Name: Fat Dragon
Latitude: 36.207176 No Photo

**Longitude:** -107.609425

Comments: