

Photography: View from the crater's edge of North Menan Butte looking to South Menan Butte—its twin volcano. A middle crater is under the brown field at the right center of the photo.

A National Natural Landmark

# North Menan Butte

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# Welcome to the North Menan Butte Trail System.

The trail to the volcano summit offers wonderful opportunities to learn and explore the unique geology and natural history of this area. Menan Buttes are two of the world's largest tuff cones—volcanoes formed when basaltic magma boils up through ground water. North Menan Butte is designated as a National Natural Landmark (NNL), Research Natural Area (RNA) and an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) because of the unique geologic features. These designations help preserve the butte so people can enjoy and study this unique geologic area in its healthy, natural condition.

North Menan Butte is open to non-motorized recreation activities only. Even on foot it is important to stay on trails to protect vegetation and prevent erosion.

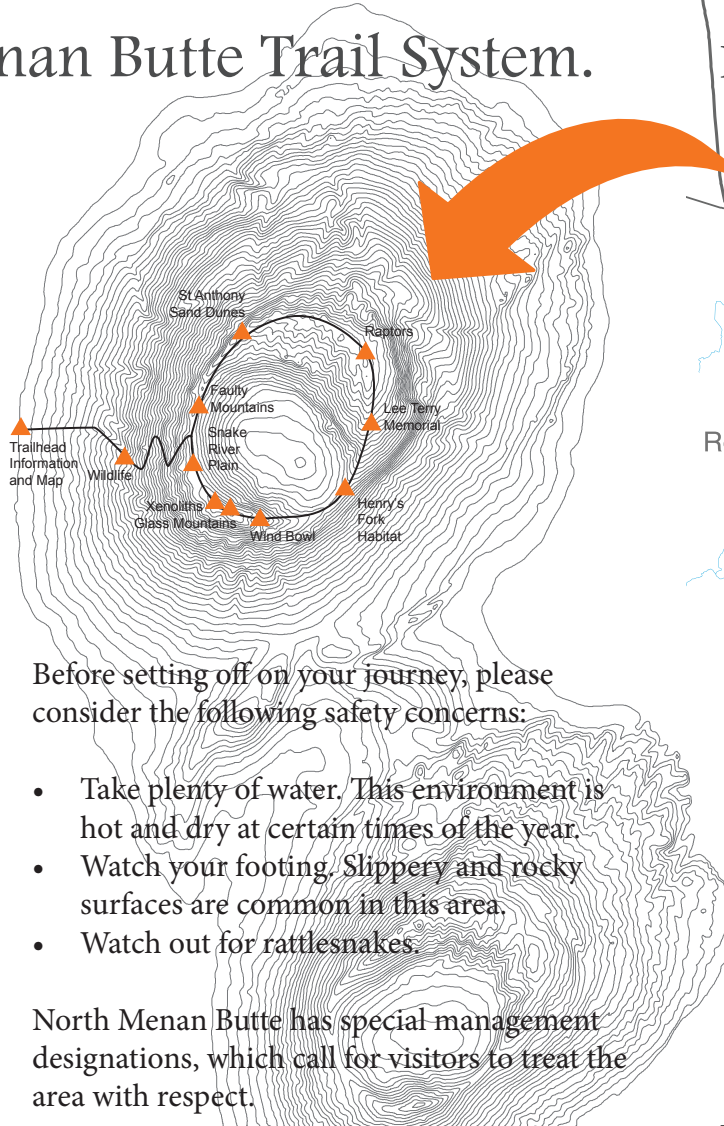


Motorized vehicles have traveled up the butte in the past, creating scars which can be seen from the parking area. These scars will take a very long time to rehabilitate naturally. Please do not ride motorized vehicles on North Menan Butte. Thank you!



Please respect and protect North Menan Butte for future generations!

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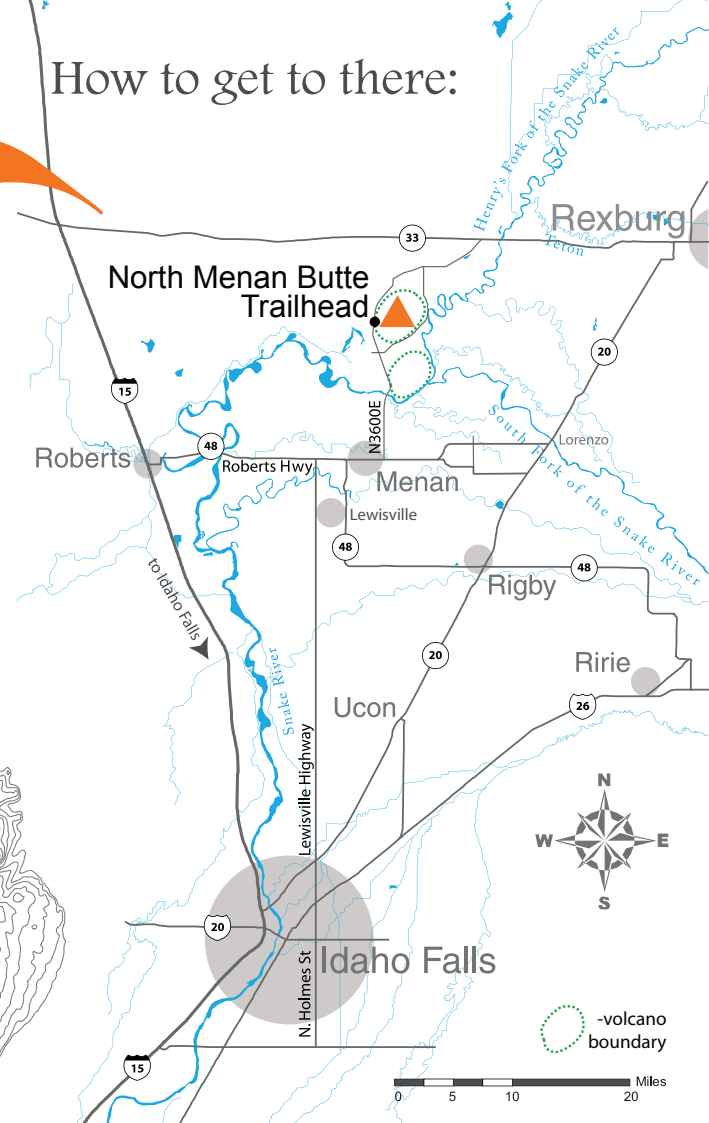
Before setting off on your journey, please consider the following safety concerns:

- Take plenty of water. This environment is hot and dry at certain times of the year.
- Watch your footing. Slippery and rocky surfaces are common in this area.
- Watch out for rattlesnakes.

North Menan Butte has special management designations, which call for visitors to treat the area with respect.

- Stay on designated trails. Desert vegetation is fragile and takes a long time to recover once it's disturbed.
- Leave what you find so that others may share your sense of discovery.
- Be courteous and do not disturb wildlife.
- Trash? Pack it in. Pack it out.
- ▲ The interpretive signs do not hold weight. Please do not lean on them.

## How to get to there:



### From Idaho Falls:

Head north on North Holmes/Lewisville Hwy for 20 miles until intersection with ID-48 (blinking yellow light). Take a right (east) on ID-48 towards Menan. Make a left into the town of Menan and drive 1 mile. Take a left (north) on N 3600 E/Twin Butte Road and follow for 3 miles. Trailhead is located on the right side of the road.

### From Rexburg:

Take Hwy 33 west from Rexburg for 7 miles. Turn left (south) onto N 3600 E/Twin Butte Road. Take your first right turn on paved road. Continue to follow the road for 2 miles. Trailhead is on the left side of the road.