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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

**Developed Trails**

**Tawa Trail: 2 mi (3.2 km) round trip**  
A walk between Petrified Forest Visitor Center Entrance Station and Tawa Point. Showcases grasslands and views.

**Painted Desert Rim: 1 mi (1.6 km) round trip**  
A walk between Tawa Point and Painted Desert Inn provides excellent views of the Painted Desert below.

**Puerco Pueblo: 0.3 mi (0.5 km) loop**  
Walk among a partial excavation of a 100+ room village, occupied 1250-1380 CE.

**Blue Mesa: 1 mi (1.6 km) loop**  
Steep path enters into vibrant blue, purple, and gray badlands dotted with colorful petrified wood.

**Crystal Forest: 0.75 mi (1.2 km) loop**  
Explore a beautiful scatter of colorful petrified logs.

**Giant Logs: 0.4 mi (0.6 km) loop**  
See some of the largest and most colorful logs in the park. "Old Faithful" is the showcase log, at almost ten feet around at the base.

*Trail guide available at trailhead*

**Long Logs: 1.6 mi (2.5 km) loop\***  
Site of a Triassic log jam, this area is covered in especially long petrified tree trunks.

**Agate House: 2 mi (3.2 km) round trip\***  
Walk to a seven-room reconstructed pueblo.

*\*Long Logs and Agate House Trails can be combined, as they start from the same trailhead, for a total of 2.6 mi (4.2 km) round trip.*

**Off the Beaten Path Hikes**

With 50,000 acres of wilderness available, hiking off trail and "off the beaten path" is a great option for those interested. Some destinations can be found off an old road or trail no longer maintained; others may require route finding skills. For more information (including routes and maps), ask at Painted Desert Visitor Center, Rainbow Forest Museum, or visit [www.nps.gov/pefo/off-the-beaten-path](http://www.nps.gov/pefo/off-the-beaten-path).

**Top Off-the-Beaten-Path Hikes:**

- Old Blue Forest**  
2.4 mi (3.9 km) round trip along an unmaintained CCC trail
- Jasper Forest**  
2.5 mi (4 km) round trip on an old road among petrified wood
- Onyx Bridge**  
4 mi (6.4 km) round trip hike to a petrified wood "bridge"
- Billings Gap**  
3 mi (4.8 km) round trip hike atop the Blue Mesa



**1 Painted Desert Visitor Center**  
Stop for historic architecture, park film, information, bookstore, gift shop, food, and gas.



**3 Painted Desert Overlooks**  
Enjoy spectacular views of the Painted Desert from many overlooks in this area.



**5 Puerco Pueblo**  
View ancestral puebloan homes and petroglyphs along a 0.3 mi (0.5 km) loop trail.



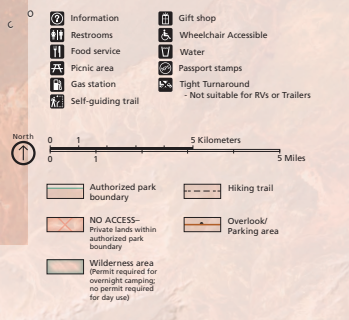
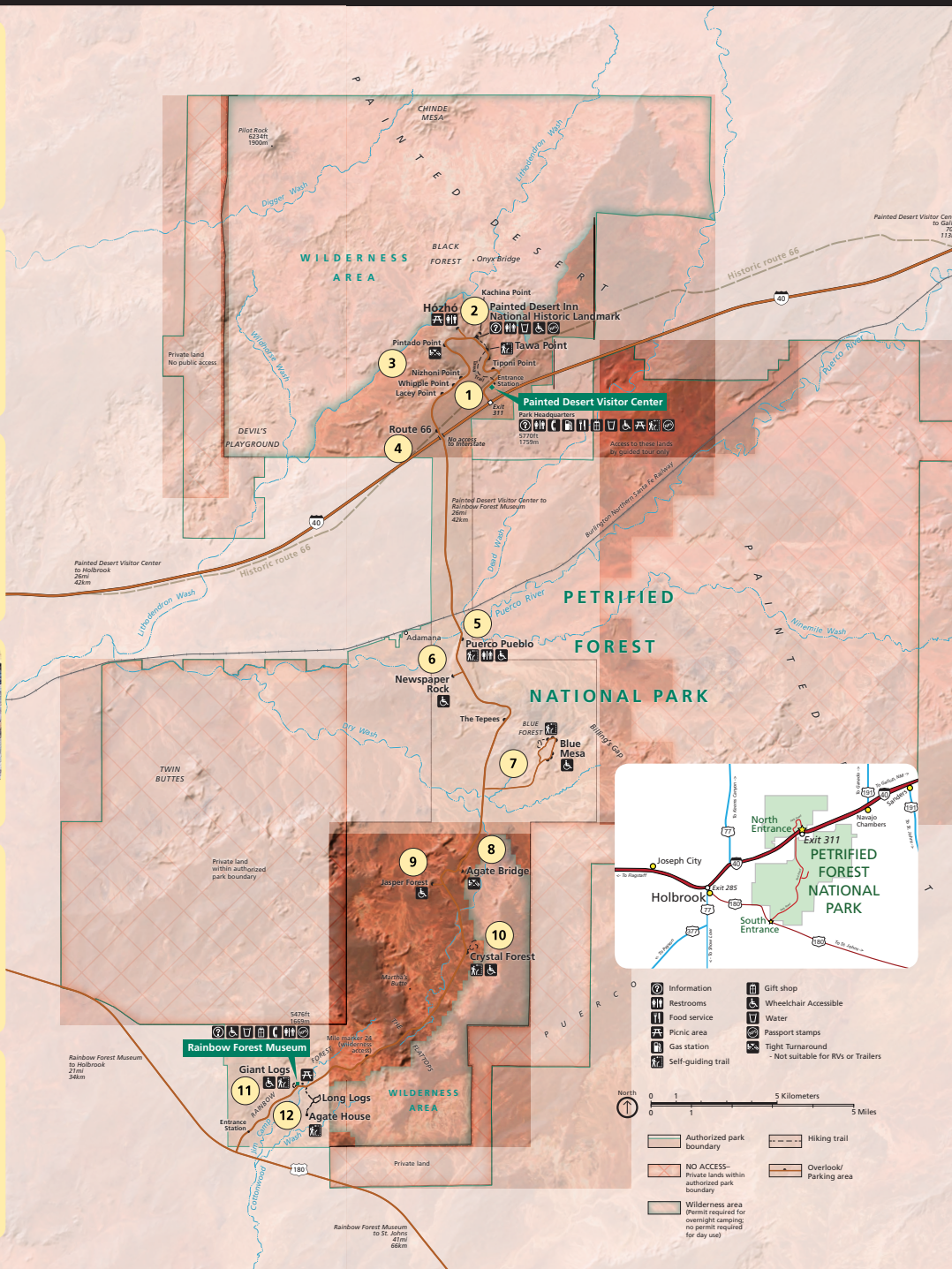
**7 Blue Mesa**  
Walk the 1 mi (1.6 km) trail and/or drive the 3.5 mi (5.6 km) loop road to explore colorful geology.



**9 Jasper Forest**  
Enjoy a panoramic view of an area with a high concentration of petrified wood.



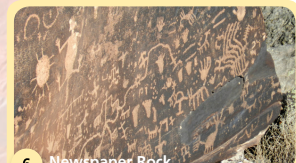
**11 Rainbow Forest Museum and Giant Logs Trail**  
Study paleontological exhibits in the museum and walk a 0.4 mi (0.6 km) loop trail.



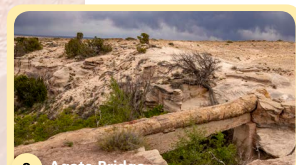
**2 Painted Desert Inn**  
A historic inn turned museum offers exhibits about the CCC, Fred Harvey Company, and more.



**4 Route 66 Alignment**  
A 1932 Studebaker sits where famed Route 66 once cut through the park.



**6 Newspaper Rock**  
Look down from an overlook to see over 650 petroglyphs, some as old as 2000 years.



**8 Agate Bridge**  
See a 110 ft (34 m) petrified log spanning a gully.



**10 Crystal Forest**  
Many petrified logs glimmer with quartz crystals along a paved 0.75 mi (1.2 km) loop trail.



**12 Long Logs & Agate House**  
A 2.6 mi (4.2 km) trail showcases petrified logs and a pueblo reconstructed of petrified wood.