

Arc Dome – Secret Basin Roadless Area 10-12



From Peavine Canyon, with Arc Dome – Secret Basin beyond
Pete Dronkers photo

Region:

In the southern Toiyabe Range, Nye County

Managing Agency

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Facts

area: 61,040 acres
highest elevation: 9,364 ft.
lowest elevation: 5,906ft.

Arc Dome – Secret Basin is one of central Nevada's largest roadless areas, with very few routes piercing or crossing its core area. Unlike many of Nevada's elongated mountain ranges, this area is truly hidden. Without sight of highways, dirt roads, or even other mountain ranges, the Secret Basin is a separate experience from the more typical mountain range and valley bottom viewsheds found in the state.

This is a contiguous addition to Arc Dome Wilderness and would become a single unit of about 175,000 acres after designation. It would become one of the largest units in the state, and combined with the Toiyabe Crest Wilderness – an adjacent unit – and Bunker Hill (adjacent to the Toiyabe Crest) the Toiyabe Range will boast over 300,000 acres of adjacent wilderness, running about 85 miles from north to south, with the opportunity for a 10 day backpacking trek from Peavine Canyon – on the east side of the Secret Basin, to the north end of Bunker Hill.

Peavine Creek – a perennial creek that marks the eastern edge of the Secret Basin roadless area, features a beautiful campground and fishing opportunities, and is accessible by passenger car.

The [Tonopah Ranger District](#) web page has a list and maps of all the inventoried roadless areas in the ranger district. For details of their assessment of wilderness potential and an area map click here for [Arc Dome – Secret Basin](#).

Forest Plan Status: Recommended capable of wilderness management in the forest plan

Access

About 25 miles North of Tonopah on Hwy 376.

Maps

[Delorme Gazetteer](#): p. 53:
[7½ Topo Maps](#): Secret Basin, Peavine Ranch

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