

# Lake Mead Centennial Events Calendar

## JANUARY 2016

### **January 12 – Eagle Survey**

Volunteers and Lake Mead National Recreation Area staff participated in an annual Bald Eagle Bird Count. The volunteers counted 113 Bald Eagles and other raptors.

### **January 16 – Seed Cleaning**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area hosted a native plant seed cleaning volunteer event that benefited its native plant nursery in future restoration efforts. For two hours, 32 volunteers cleaned two and a half gallons of seeds of purple sage (*Salvia Dorrii*), approximately 8,000 seeds.

### *January 18 – Fee Free Day (MLK Jr. Day)*

### **January 30 – Energy Day**

The Lake Mead Institute will host an Energy Innovation Day at the Lake Mead Visitor Center. Rangers and local experts will provide family-friendly programs and art activities focused on the park's ever-changing energy needs.

## FEBRUARY 2016

### **February 5 – UNLV Rebel Service Day**

Rebel Service Day is where approximately 200 individuals will serve at their choice of 10-12 different sites in the greater Las Vegas area. As part of this community event, Lake Mead National Recreation Area is hosting a litter cleanup in the park for 30 University of Nevada, Las Vegas students.

### **February 27 – Sahara Mustard Pull**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area will host a volunteer event to help preserve rare and endangered plant species by removing invasive plants that threaten native species. Volunteers will learn about Sahara Mustard and how it impacts plant ecosystems. Volunteers will travel by boat to a selected cove to help remove this noxious plant. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

## MARCH 2016

### **March 12 – Cottonwood Cove Eco Walk**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Forever Resorts will be co-hosting a volunteer litter clean-up at Cottonwood Cove. Volunteers will clean-up beaches and the desert near roadways. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

### **March 19 – BioBlitz**

Volunteers will help Lake Mead National Recreation Area inventory arthropods, plants, fish, mammals and reptiles at Boulder Beach near Las Vegas and along the Colorado River Heritage Park and Trail near Laughlin, Nevada. The group will try to identify as many species as possible, addressing issues related to climate change, invasive species and indicators of environmental health or degradation. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

### **March 19 – Las Vegas St. Patrick's Day Run**

Spend your 2016 St. Patrick's Day at the Six Tunnels to Hoover Dam - St. Patrick's Day Half Marathon, 12K, 5K and one-mile stroll. The course will take you on the Historic Railroad Trail, with panoramic views of Lake Mead, and an amazing glance of the Hoover Dam at the turnaround, located on the top floor of the Hoover Dam Parking Garage. This is a local favorite that sells out early. To register for this permitted event, visit [www.bbscr.com/#!stpaddysdayrun/c1and](http://www.bbscr.com/#!stpaddysdayrun/c1and).

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## APRIL 2016

### **April 2 – Great American Cleanup**

Take part in the 2016 Great American Cleanup. Volunteers are needed to participate in a litter removal event at a popular area at the park. Every year, more than 4 million volunteers lend a hand in 20,000+ communities from coast to coast to participate in cleaning, beautifying and improving our quality of life. Individuals and groups welcome. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

### **April 6-8 B.A.S.S. Federation Nation Western Division Fishing Tournament**

Around 250 anglers will compete in the three-day western division B.A.S.S. Federation Nation fishing tournament at Callville Bay. The top individual from each state will advance to the national championship.

### **April 9 – Willow Beach Cleanup**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Black Canyon Water Trail Alliance will co-sponsor a litter clean-up at Willow Beach. Volunteers are needed to assist with a beach clean-up, paddle craft shoreline clean-up and eco-dive. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

### **April 16-24 – Fee Free Days (National Park Week)**

### **April 16 National Junior Ranger Day**

Your kids can become an official Junior Ranger at the Lake Mead Visitor Center. National Park Service rangers will teach kids about the land and water at Lake Mead, paleontology resources at Tule Springs and more. When kids complete the activities, they will be sworn in as Junior Rangers and will receive their official badge.

### **April 16 – RAGE Triathlon**

RAGE is one of the biggest triathlons at Lake Mead, featuring a Sprint and Olympic distance triathlon. The race will begin with a breath-taking sunrise swim in Lake Mead, followed by a spectacular and hilly bike course through Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The run will be partly on dirt and concrete trails, as it leads you to the River Mountains Loop Trail. To register for this permitted event, visit [www.bbsctri.com/#!/rage/csiq](http://www.bbsctri.com/#!/rage/csiq).

### **April 23 Find Your Park Day**

The Lake Mead Institute will hold a variety of unique activities at Lake Mead National Recreation Area to help you Find Your Park. Learn how to cook on a campfire, take a walk with your dog, learn how to take and share scenic photos using Instagram and more. The full list of activities will be announced in March. For more information, call 702-293-8691.

### **April 16-24 – Find Your Park from Vegas at the Fremont Experience**

Throughout the week, a special Find Your Park from Vegas film will air at the Fremont Experience in downtown Las Vegas. Meet under the canopy every evening to follow Elvis and a showgirl as they journey to different parks around Las Vegas.

### **April 30 – Junior Scientist Day**

Scientists don't always wear lab coats; sometimes they wear ranger hats. As part of the kick-off to the annual Las Vegas Science and Technology Festival Week and in partnership with the Clark County School District, Lake Mead will host a day-long family-friendly event at the Boulder Beach Picnic Area. Some activities will include bird watching, an archaeology dig, native plant identification, exotic species removal, water safety education, nature music, ranger-led hikes and fire fighting equipment displays.

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## MAY 2016

### May 1-7 – Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival

In Southern Nevada, science and technology are everywhere. With the construction of the Hoover Dam, the third straw and the largest observation wheel in the world, Southern Nevada has a rich history in science, technology, engineering and math. Community leaders and organizations are working hard to develop programs that encourage participation in science- and technology-related opportunities, and the Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival is a major part of these efforts. Through accessible, engaging and educational programming, the festival strives to spark students' curiosity in STEM and ultimately to encourage them to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and math. Throughout the week, rangers will visit students in classrooms, provide field trips to Lake Mead National Recreation Area and participate in the annual expo at the Cashman Center. Additionally, rangers will host the KidsZone at First Friday in downtown Las Vegas. The week-long event has traditionally reached 15,000 youth.

### May 14 – Poetry Slam

The Lake Mead Institute will host a poetry slam at the Lake Mead Visitor Center. Around 25 people will share poems related to nature, the outdoors, national parks, centennial, families-in-nature, recreation and more.

### May 21-27 – National Safe Boating Week

To kick-off the summer, when more than 3 million people visit Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the park will celebrate through safety with a variety of events:

May 20 – Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day – Take a photo with your life jacket on at work and share it on social media using #ReadySetWearIt or post it directly to our facebook page.

May 21 – Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day - Join rangers at Las Vegas Boat Harbor as thousands around the world try to set a new record for the most life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated on a single day. Last year, 10,917 people participated in 257 events worldwide, breaking the previous world record.

May 26 – Memorial Day Media Day – Media are invited out to Lake Mead National Recreation Area for on-the-water ride-alongs with park service rangers and Nevada Department of Wildlife game wardens. To RSVP, call 702-293-8691.

## JUNE 2016

### June 4 – Star Party

Located just 30 minutes from the bright city lights of Las Vegas, Lake Mead is a quick getaway where people can explore the night sky. The Lake Mead Institute will host a star party for up to 50 people at Las Vegas Bay. Experts will point out different celestial objects, including the supernova, Assassin. After an orientation of the sky, participants will be able to take a closer look through telescopes.

### June 11 – Free Fishing Day

During Nevada's Free Fishing Day, visitors can get hooked on fishing without having to purchase a Nevada fishing license or trout stamp. Rangers will support a local fishing derby in nearby Boulder City, Nevada.

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## JULY 2016

### **July 4 – Boulder City 4th of July Parade**

National Park Service rangers and Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife employees are teaming up to parade through Boulder City, Nevada, July 4 during the annual Damboree Celebration. Come out to view law enforcement vehicles and vessels. The Lake Mead National Recreation Area headquarters will also be open during the parade at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City.

### **July 16-24 – Latino Conservation Week**

Around 50 Latino youth from the City of Las Vegas will participate in a service project at Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Latino Conservation Week is an opportunity for community-based organizations; churches; local, state and national parks; and agencies to plan events for the Latino community to have fun, learn and advocate for the great outdoors.

### **July 31 – World Ranger Day**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area law enforcement rangers will hold a special event to promote recruitment.

## AUGUST 2016

### **August 12-13 – Astronomy Meteor Shower Program**

Located just 30 minutes from the bright city lights of Las Vegas, Lake Mead is a quick getaway where people can explore the night sky. Visit Lake Mead National Recreation Area during the Perseid Meteor Shower to see 60 to 100 meteor showers in one hour. The Lake Mead Institute will provide telescopes.

### *August 25-28 – Fee Free Days (Founder's Day)*

### **August 25 – Founder's Day at the Fremont Experience in Downtown Las Vegas**

A special Find Your Park from Vegas film will air at the Fremont Experience in downtown Las Vegas. Meet under the canopy to follow Elvis and a showgirl as they journey to different parks around Las Vegas.

### **August 25 – Founder's Day Celebration**

It's our 100th birthday! Stop by the Lake Mead Visitor Center to celebrate with cake and a variety of family-friendly activities.

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### *September 24 – Fee Free Day (National Public Lands Day)*

### **September 24 – National Public Lands Day Cleanup**

Join rangers for a litter cleanup Sept. 24. The first 100 volunteers will receive a National Public Land's Day coupon that will give them one-time free access to a public land on a different date. The cleanup will be focusing on an area of the park that was heavily used during the summer. Volunteers of all ages welcome, but anyone under the age of 18 will need a parental approval form signed by a parent or guardian. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

### **September 24 – National Public Lands Day Laughlin Event**

Rangers will be at the National Public Lands Day event at the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Park and Trails in Laughlin, Nevada. This event includes a fun run and exhibit and activities, including live horse education and horse rides, fishing activities, stewardship scavenger hunt, volunteer stewardship project, live desert animals and ranger-led hikes.



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## OCTOBER 2016

### **October 1 – Las Vegas Triathlon**

Celebrate the 19th year of the iconic Las Vegas Triathlon, now featuring a brand new Half in addition to the Sprint, Olympic and Duathlon. The race will now take place on the first Saturday of October, and will remain entirely within the National Park. The bike course offers wide bike lanes and low traffic. The run will take you from rocky Boulder Beach to the paved River Mountains Loop Trail, leading south towards the Historic Railroad Trail. To register for this permitted event, visit [www.bbsctri.com/#!lasvegatriathlon/c1dal](http://www.bbsctri.com/#!lasvegatriathlon/c1dal).

### **October – C.A.S.T. for Kids**

Children with disabilities will have the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience through the sport of fishing at the annual C.A.S.T. for Kids event at Lake Mead Marina.

### **October 8 or 29 – Photography Workshop**

Experienced photography instructors from Outside Las Vegas Foundation and the National Park Service will show the tricks of outdoor photography through a Lake Mead Institute Photography Workshop. Students will leave with many scenic pictures and a higher level of skill. Space is limited.

### **October – Cottonwood Cove Beach Cleanup and Eco-Dive**

Forever Resorts and the National Park Service are co-sponsoring a beach cleanup and eco-dive at Cottonwood Cove. Individuals, families and groups are welcome. Divers must show proof of current diving certification at registration. To volunteer, call 702-293-8691.

### **October 15 – Get Outdoors Nevada Day**

Find your park at the fourth annual Get Outdoors Nevada Day in the heart of Las Vegas. A variety of vendors and federal, state and local partners, will highlight recreational opportunities in the Las Vegas Valley. Activities include yoga, a climbing wall, fishing, and demos (including kayaking, paddleboarding, biking and more). Fourth graders will receive a free "Every Kid in a Park" pass from the National Park Service to access national parks and historic sites for a year. Approximately 4,000 people are expected to attend the free event. For more information, visit [www.getoutdoorsnevadaday.org](http://www.getoutdoorsnevadaday.org).

### **October 22 – Pumpkinman Triathlon**

The Renowned Point-to-Point Triathlon from Lake Mead to Boulder City has been called "a must-do triathlon in the West" due to its challenging bike course. Boasting a Sprint and Olympic Triathlon, and a 5K and 10K run, this course is known to be scenic yet challenging, due to the gorgeous climb into Boulder City from Lake Mead. It is the perfect race for the whole family to enjoy and relax amongst the thousands of athletes and spectators from across the world. This race sells out at 1,200 athletes and will continue to be a Mountain Collegiate Triathlon Conference race in 2016, attracting more than 200 college athletes from the Rocky Mountain region to compete in the Olympic Distance. For more information on this permitted event, visit [www.bbsctri.com/#!pumpkinman/cxle](http://www.bbsctri.com/#!pumpkinman/cxle).

### **Late October – Scary, Scary Night Hike**

Join a ranger for a Halloween inspired hike along the Historic Railroad Trail. This spooky three-mile hike is open to families, and chances are guests might even see a bat or two.

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## NOVEMBER 2016

### **November 1-2 – Day of the Dead Life in Death Festival**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area rangers will honor those who lost their lives in the park by hosting an ofrenda at the annual Life in Death Festival at the Winchester Cultural Center in Las Vegas. The popular free community event includes dance, music, poetry, food and drinks. For more information, visit [www.clarkcountynv.gov/parks/Pages/life-in-death-festival.aspx](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/parks/Pages/life-in-death-festival.aspx).

### **November 12 – Callville Bay Cleanup**

Volunteer to help the National Park Service and Callville Bay Resort pick up litter around the Callville Bay marina, shoreline and desert at Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Individuals and groups are welcome. To volunteer, call 702-293-8714.

### *November 11 – Fee Free Day (Veterans Day)*

### **November 12 – Military Appreciation Day**

A variety of activities, such as hikes, raft trips and a cruise, will be offered to military, veterans, retirees and their families.

### **November – Naturalization Ceremony**

U.S. Customs and Immigration Services will potentially hold a naturalization ceremony outside the Lake Mead Visitor Center where around 100 people will be sworn in as U.S. citizens. Lake Mead's Boulder Basin will serve as the backdrop of the ceremony, and new citizens and their guests will be led on an optional hike down the Historic Railroad Trail.

### **November 24 – Las Vegas Turkey Trot**

Featuring a Half Marathon, 12K, 5K and one-mile stroll that take place completely inside the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, this Turkey Trot will remain on the packed-dirt of the Historic Railroad Trail. Join more than 1,000 other trotters on Thanksgiving morning on an epic run to the Hoover Dam. [www.bbscrn.com/#!/lasvegasturkeytrot/ceh9](http://www.bbscrn.com/#!/lasvegasturkeytrot/ceh9).

## DECEMBER 2016

### **December – Parade of Lights**

Around 25 boats adorned with lights and holiday decorations will participate in the annual Lake Mead Boat Owner's Association's Parade of Lights. Decorated boats will be on display at Las Vegas Boat Harbor and Lake Mead Marina. Visitors can vote for their favorite decorations. Then, the boats will depart the marinas and parade across the Boulder Basin. Visitors can watch the departure from the marinas or view the parade from Boulder Beach.

### **December – Dock of Lights**

Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy hot chocolate and stroll along the dock to see boats decorated with holiday lights at the annual Dock of Lights at Callville Bay.

### **December – Boulder City Electric Night Parade**

Join park rangers in making s'mores at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area park headquarters, 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, during the Boulder City Santa's Electric Night Parade. The "S'more Making Team" will pass out hot chocolate, marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate. The parade includes National Park Service vehicles and a special float with other federal and state agencies.

### **December 10 – Hoover Dam Marathon**

All within Lake Mead National Recreation Area, this famous Boston Qualifier will start at Boulder Beach and lead you onto the paved River Mountains Loop Trail until you reach the packed-dirt Historic Railroad Trail. Offering a Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K, this run will take you all the way to the Hoover Dam and back to Boulder Beach. Enjoy the December desert-temperatures and views of Lake Mead. To register for this permitted event, visit [www.bbscrn.com/#!/hoover-dam-marathon/c1on4](http://www.bbscrn.com/#!/hoover-dam-marathon/c1on4).