



Lake Mead

National Recreation Area

Fall - Winter 2014 -2015



Canoeing on Black Canyon Water Trail

Southwest's First National Water Trail

Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell has designated a portion of the Lower Colorado River that flows through Lake Mead National Recreation Area as a National Water Trail.

“This recognition places the Black Canyon Water Trail in a distinctive national network of exemplary water trails and commends the efforts of the local community and partners in promoting active involvement in the conservation of our water resources,” Jewell wrote in a congratulatory letter to members of the Lower Colorado River Water Trail Alliance.

The alliance submitted the Black Canyon Water Trail application in 2012. Through this designation, it is now one of 16 nationally recognized water trails nationwide. It is the first water trail in America’s Southwest and the first that traverses through a desert. Visitors can access the Black Canyon Water Trail through a guided tour at the base of the Hoover Dam, from Willow Beach, Arizona, or from Eldorado Canyon, Nevada.



Black Canyon

As visitors travel down the 30-mile trail alongside wilderness and solitude, they can stop at sandy beaches, colorful caves, plentiful coves and active hot springs. Desert bighorn sheep and other wildlife are often seen on the cliffs along the river. There is also a great deal of history associated with the construction of and research connected to Hoover Dam including the sauna cave, gauging stations, catwalks, trails and building foundations.



Andrew Cattoir

Hikers at Arizona Hot Spring

“These trails provide an opportunity for families to get outside and explore some of our nation’s most beautiful waterways, and by highlighting them as part of the National Water Trails System, more visitors will have the opportunity to visit and add value to their local economies. The National Water Trails System highlights the best of our nation’s water trails that encourage recreation and stewardship.” National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said.



JinSil Kim

Coyote fiercely protecting its meal of table scraps

Some visitors are fortunate enough to occasionally spot wildlife in the park. Most wildlife is elusive and will avoid people. Coyotes, however, are very adaptable and look for opportunities to find food. They will venture into campgrounds and parking lots in search of food. Never feed a coyote or leave food trash exposed. Coyotes that are fed by people can become fearless and aggressive, approaching people in search of a handout. Small pets are also at risk. Keep pets close by and do not tie them up alone outside.

Some people mistake coyotes for dogs. Coyotes average about 24 inches tall at the shoulder and are about four feet in length including the tail. They average about 20 pounds and have a fluffy tail that is usually tipped in black. The coyote’s legs are thinner and longer than most dogs. They usually travel alone.

If you see a coyote, it does not mean you need to feel alarmed, because in most cases, they will run away. If a coyote is aggressive or you observe a pack of coyotes that are not intimidated by people, please leave the area and call park dispatch at 702-293-8998 or call 911 in an emergency.

Visitor Information

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, dial 911 or contact the police using your marine band radio on channels 16 or 22A. Report suspicious activity and non-emergencies to 702-293-8998. Emergency call boxes are located throughout the park. See the map on the back page for locations.

Fires

Fires are permitted using fire pits in developed areas. Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry except when fire danger is high (watch for notices). Firewood may be purchased at marinas and most local grocery stores.

Firearms

Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state and local laws to possess them in the park. Firearms are prohibited in federal buildings, such as visitor centers and ranger stations. It is the responsibility of the visitors to understand and comply with all applicable firearm laws before entering the park. Target shooting is prohibited.

Social Media

Join the conversation! Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lakemead to learn about programs and other events. Post your questions and a ranger will get back to you. Follow us on Twitter at @LakeMeadNRA to learn about park news. View pictures of the park and events on flickr at www.flickr.com/lakemeadnra and our videos at www.youtube.com/LakeMeadNRA.

Pets

Pets are allowed on all trails and beaches within the park unless there is a sign that says otherwise. Pets must be under physical control on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Pets should not be left in cars at Lake Mead NRA. Please consider your pet's needs for water and shade in warmer temperatures.

Wear it for life

Children age 12 and younger must wear a lifejacket while on board a vessel. Each person aboard a personal watercraft, must also wear a lifejacket.

Due to the cold temperatures and currents between Hoover Dam and Mile 43 on Lake Mohave, all occupants of hand-propelled craft in that area must wear lifejackets when underway. Lake Mead NRA recommends wearing a lifejacket while on or in the water.

Clean, Drain and Dry your boat

Don't move a mussel – a quagga mussel that is. It's the law. Quagga mussels are small aquatic invasive species that can latch onto your vessels and hitchhike to other bodies of water. Once there, the mussels can cause millions of dollars in damages.

Help us keep quagga mussels out of other lakes. Before you leave the park, CLEAN plants, animals and mud from your boat, motor and trailer. DRAIN water from the bilge, live-well and engine. DRY the watercraft, vehicle and equipment.

Making the Most of Cycling at the Park

Bicycling is an excellent way to explore Lake Mead National Recreation Area. There are many roads, trails and backcountry roads that are appropriate for bicycling.

The Historic Railroad Trail offers spectacular scenery. One trailhead may be accessed in Boulder City, Nevada, at Pacifica Way or start at the trailhead below the Lake Mead Visitor Center. This easy, flat route passes through five historic railroad tunnels that lead 3.7 miles to the Hoover Dam parking garage.

The River Mountains Loop Trail is a 35-mile paved trail that parallels Lakeshore Road within the park. Go to: <http://rivermountainstrail.org/> for maps and more information. Follow the trail on the east side of Lakeshore Road and enjoy spectacular views of the Boulder Basin. Please make sure that you have the recommended equipment needed for cycling in the park:



River Mountains Loop Trail

- Helmet and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- First aid
- Map and GPS/compass
- Patch kit, extra inner tubes and spare parts
- Food and water

The Lake Mead Visitor Center store also carries a limited supply of bicycling accessories.



Approved backcountry roads are marked with a yellow arrow and a number. Please stay on the road so your bicycle tires do not harm the fragile desert plants and soils. Travel on these roads at your own risk.

Bicycles are subject to the Entrance Fee Requirements at Lake Mead NRA. A daily pass (valid 1-7 days) for individuals can be purchased for \$5 from entrance stations that are located throughout the park, or at the front desk of Park Headquarters (601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada). Annual Passes may also be used for bicycles. Please keep your pass with you as you ride through the park.

Always let someone know your itinerary and don't travel alone. Please observe these rules:

- No bicycles in wilderness areas
- Reflectors required at night and in tunnels
- On paved highways, ride single file only
- Riding while consuming alcohol is prohibited
- Motor vehicles must come no closer than three feet of any bicycle rider



Lake Mead, Boulder Basin

Campground Improvements



The popular Boulder Beach Campground was in need of a facelift and funds from the *Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act* helped that happen. The new cement pads are larger and longer to accommodate modern RVs, and the campground now has ADA (handicap accessible) campsites available. Native vegetation was planted and five new restrooms have been added.

Camping at all Lake Mead NRA campgrounds is first come, first served, except Willow Beach and group campsites, which will accept reservations.

Free AIS Removal

Get watercraft inspection and AIS (aquatic invasive species) removal on your watercraft when ENTERING or EXITING Lake Mead National Recreation Area. For more information or an appointment, please call 702-757-5757



Visitor Services

Lake Mead

Callville Bay Resort and Marina

702-565-8958, rentals: 800-255-5561

www.callvillebay.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

(houseboats & small vessels)

Campgrounds

Visitor trailer village

RV park

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

Marina snack bar

Restaurant

Lounge

AIS RS (aquatic invasive species removal station)

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

Echo Bay

702-394-4000, toll free: 800-255-5561

www.lakemeadrvvillage.com

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto)

Campgrounds

Visitor trailer village

RV park

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Fish cleaner

Lake Mead Cruises

702-293-6180

www.lakemeadcruises.com

Scenic boat tours and private charters with food service and snack bar on floating dock.

Lake Mead RV Village

702-293-2540

www.lakemeadrvvillage.com

Visitor trailer village

RV park (some lake views)

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Activity center/meeting room

Dry boat storage

Showers

Laundry

Full hook-ups

Las Vegas Bay

702-293-1191 Las Vegas Boat Harbor

702-293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex

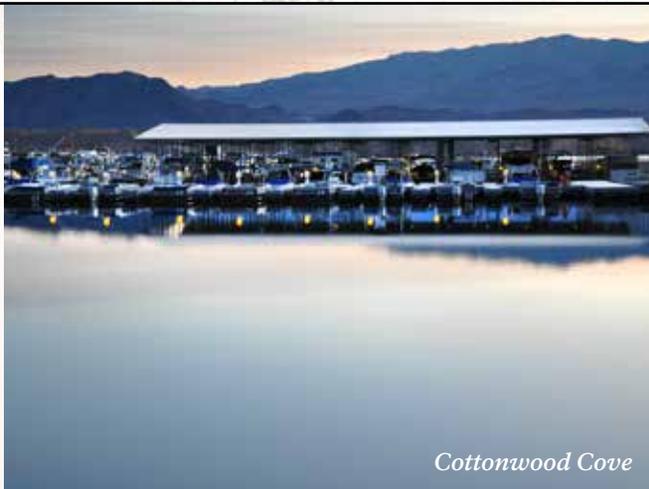
www.boatinglakemead.com

Fuel (auto)

Campgrounds

Dry boat storage

Fish cleaner



Cottonwood Cove

Las Vegas Boat Harbor Complex

702-293-1191 Main Number

702-293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex

www.boatinglakemead.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (boat)

Boat rental

(patio boats & small vessels)

Pump-out

Stores (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

Restaurants

Lounges

AIS RS (aquatic invasive species removal station)

Showers

Banquet/meeting room

Temple Bar Marina

928-767-3211, rentals: 800-255-5561

www.templebarlakemead.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

Campgrounds

Visitor trailer village

RV park

Pump-out

Motels/cabins

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair (limited)

Restaurant

Lounge

AIS RS (aquatic invasive species removal station)

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

Lake Mohave

Black Canyon/Willow Beach Adventures

702-294-1414

www.blackcanyonriveradventures.com

Scenic flat water raft trip through Black Canyon with views of Hoover Dam. Lunch is included.

Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina

702-297-1464, rentals: 800-255-5561

www.cottonwoodcoveresort.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

(houseboats & small vessels)

Motel (beach front)

Campgrounds

Visitor trailer village

RV park

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

AIS RS (aquatic invasive species removal station)

Fish cleaner

Showers

Meeting Room

Laundry

Lake Mohave Resort, Katherine Landing

928-754-3245, reservations: 800-752-9669

www.sevencrown.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental (small vessels)

Motel

Campgrounds

Visitor trailer village

RV park

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

Restaurant

Lounge

AIS RS (aquatic invasive species removal station)

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

Willow Beach Harbor

928-767-4747

www.willowbeachharbor.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

(small vessels, canoe & kayak)

Campgrounds (tent camping)

RV park

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Café

AIS RS (aquatic invasive species removal station)

Fishing pier

Fish cleaner

Laundry

Inspired by Nature?



Write About It!

Kids, desert landscapes, paper and pencils have been meeting for *Graduation 2016-Healthy Land, Healthy Us!** field trips. Students were given an opportunity to write about nature *while* in nature. We think these examples of writing by the graduating class of 2016 will inspire you.

By Abner

School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West Hall

The simple breeze (so delightful)

It makes me pleased.

The light up high

Pours down from the sky.

To see the beauty of this world

Makes me feel so calm.

Living a life full of wires

Does not make me feel alive.

I have finally found

my home

my playground

and my responsibility.

Welcome Home...

By Kenia

School for Academic Excellence at Charles I. West Hall

Noise! All the noise is gone now

Replaced by small bird chirps.

The sight of canyons and rock walls around us.

The sound of the slow churning river

As we float along, observing the

World we've found ourselves in.

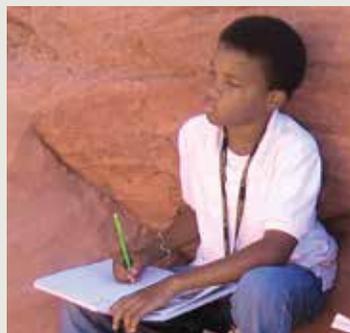
Haiku by Shane

Mohave Accelerated Learning Center

Rock walls on all sides

Memories imbedded in stone

Drifting down the stream



Composing at a sandstone rock formation

Haiku by Maggie

Mohave Accelerated Learning Center

I'm out in nature

Exploring the clear river

Oh how beautiful

**Graduation 2016-Healthy Land, Healthy Us!*, is a partnership of Lake Mead National Recreation Area and area schools that began in 2009 as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the National Park Service.

the Park Store

and Visitor Center

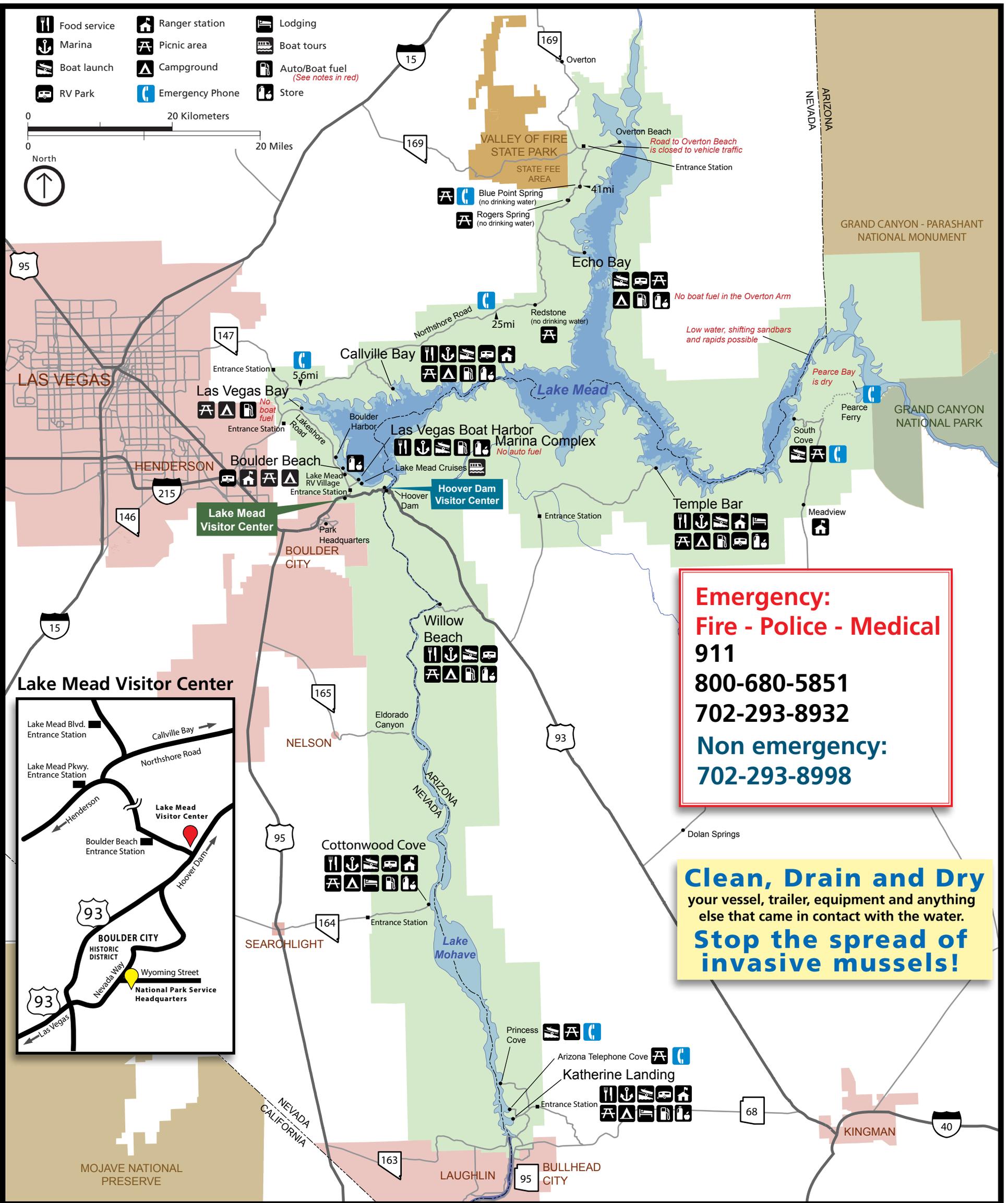


- Interactive Exhibits
- Outerwear
- Cinema presentation *Life in the Desert*
- Native American Art - Jewelry - Crafts
- Children's Games and Toys
- Books
- Maps
- Purchases are tax free and support educational programs at Lake Mead National Recreation Area

The Park Store is located off Highway 93, between Boulder City and Hoover Dam and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See map on the back page for location or call 702-293-8990.

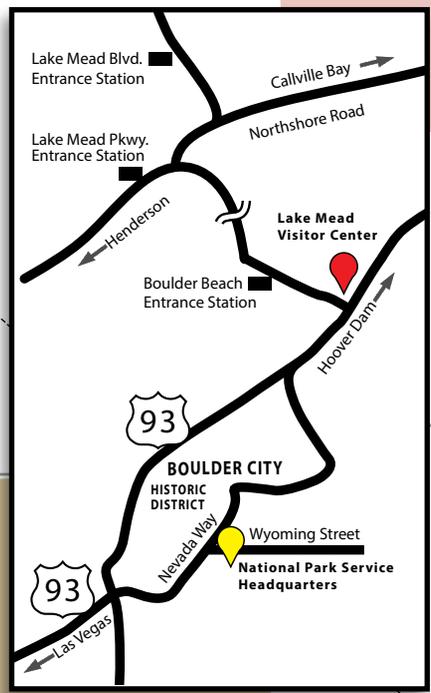


Western National Parks Association
www.wnpa.org



Emergency:
Fire - Police - Medical
911
800-680-5851
702-293-8932
Non emergency:
702-293-8998

Clean, Drain and Dry
 your vessel, trailer, equipment and anything
 else that came in contact with the water.
Stop the spread of
invasive mussels!



Mailing Address
 Lake Mead National Recreation Area
 601 Nevada Way
 Boulder City, NV 89005

Visitor Information
 702-293-8990

Website
www.nps.gov/lake

www.facebook.com/lakemead

www.twitter.com/lakemeadnra

