



Desert Lake View



2008

Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA) provides a wide variety of unique outdoor recreation opportunities ranging from warm-water recreation to exploration of rugged and isolated backcountry.

A Walkabout

As the weather cools down, it is a perfect time to explore the desert on foot. The Mojave Desert, located in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, is a wonderful place to escape the busy city life and enjoy the peaceful scenery. The wildlife is abundant though mostly hidden. There are large, mountain formations and rocks of every color. Look closely at the mountains. There might be some petroglyphs that were carved into the rocks hundreds of years ago. There are amazing plants such as the beavertail cactus, creosote, bladder-sage and the Joshua tree. Watch for animals that may be lurking in these plants. An antelope ground squirrel might scurry past or a desert bighorn sheep might watch from the mountain top.

There are a few hiking trails at Lake Mead to explore the desert. The Bluffs Trail is a 4-mile round-trip hike that leads along the bluffs overlooking Las Vegas Bay with plenty of wildlife to view. The Wetlands Trail is a 1.25 mile round-trip hike that follows a dry wash down to the banks of the Las Vegas Wash. The Callville Trail is a .5 mile round trip hike that has

a wonderful view from the summit. One can see the Hoover Dam, Boulder Basin, Hemenway Valley and River Mountains. The Northshore Summit Trail is a .5 mile round trip that guides you to a nearby hilltop with a view of The Muddy Mountains, the red rocks of Bowl of Fire, Bitter Springs Valley and the Virgin Basin.

The Historic Railroad Trail is an abandoned railroad bed built during the construction of Hoover Dam. The trailhead is in Hemenway Valley at the park's border or you can start at the Alan Bible Visitor Center. The trail takes you through five tunnels along a mountain side with spectacular views of the Boulder Basin of Lake Mead. Please check with the rangers or visit our website for more information.

Hiking can be an enjoyable experience here, but remember that safety comes first. Never hike alone. Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Always bring plenty of water and wear sunscreen and a hat. Sturdy shoes and long pants will protect your feet and legs against the rocks, cactus and other plants.

Also, it is advised to bring a little bag to carry food, a flashlight, and a first-aid kit.

Always watch the weather, if there are signs of a thunderstorm, seek shelter and higher ground because there could be a flash flood. The National Weather Service Recreation Forecast line is 702.736.3854.

So go now, escape to the inviting desert. Go see all the beauty that will unfold. Take a relaxing stroll or an invigorating hike through a beautiful and unique landscape that is breathtaking.

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Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Lake Mead NRA)

Established in 1964 as the nation's first national recreation area, Lake Mead NRA encompasses more than 1.4 million acres ranging in elevation from 517 feet to 6,990 feet above sea level. Lake Mead and Lake Mohave stretch 140 miles along the old Colorado River channel following the Nevada and Arizona borders. Lake Mead NRA receives approximately 8 to 10 million visitors annually.

Contact Information

Visitor Center
702.293.8990

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702.293.8936

Website
www.nps.gov/lame

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601 Nevada Way
Boulder City, NV 89005

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LAME_information@nps.gov

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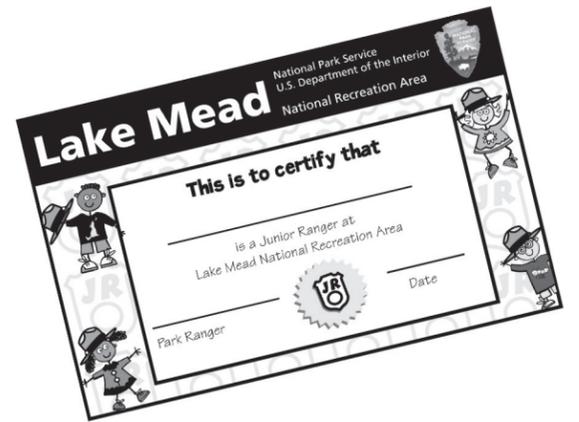
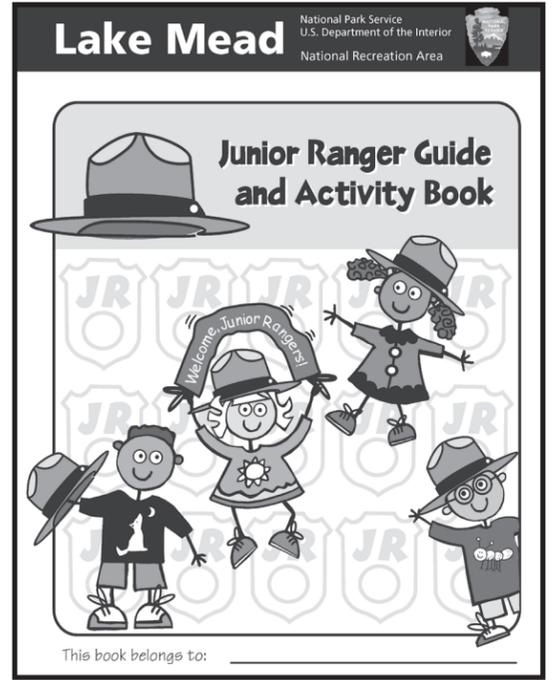
Junior Ranger

While visiting Lake Mead, why not become a Junior Ranger? Come into the Lake Mead Visitor Center, pick up a free Junior Ranger Booklet, complete the activities and become a Junior Ranger!

The booklet contains fun and educational activities that relate to Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The activities can be done at the Visitor Center or at home and then mailed into the Visitor Center.

Junior Ranger Program
Lake Mead NRA
601 Nevada Way
Boulder City, NV 89005

A Lake Mead Ranger will present a color certificate and a badge to the new Junior Ranger



Don't Move a Mussel!

Invasive mussels are here! Quagga mussels, closely related to zebra mussels, have been found in Lakes Mead and Mohave. Plants and animals that may be lurking on your watercraft, trailer, vehicle, or other equipment will cause the spread of invasive mussels. Invasive mussels cause millions of dollars of damage to boat and water systems by clogging pipes and engines. They also disrupt the native ecosystem.

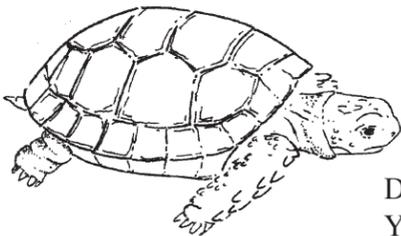
Clean your boat and all of your equipment! Every time you take them out of the water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting
- Clean and dry anything that comes in contact with water (boats, trailers, vehicles, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.)

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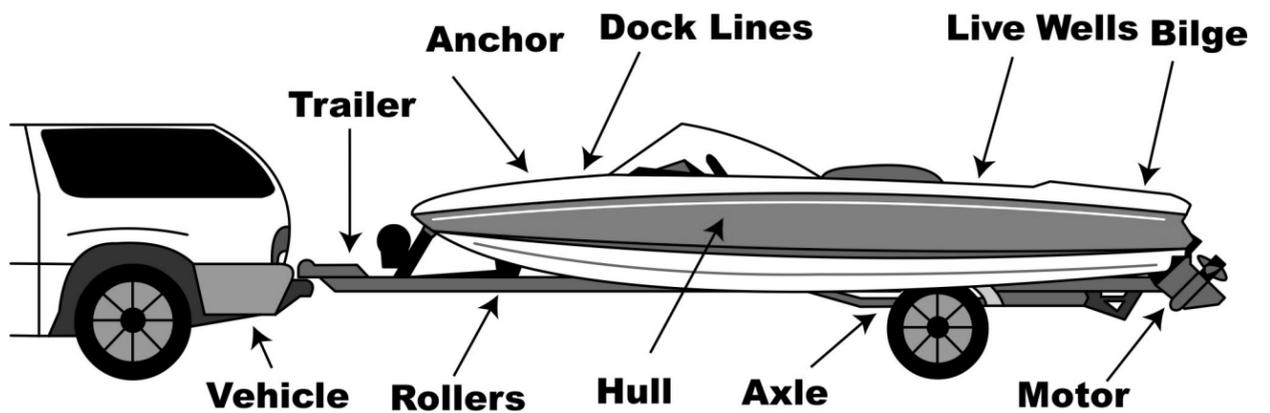
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Do not feed wildlife. Your handouts can cause sickness and death to our native wildlife.

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Leave 'em alone!



Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!



Exploring at Lake Mead NRA

Northshore Summit Trail

Northshore Summit Trail, located at mile 20.5 on Northshore Road, rewards hikers with a dramatic panoramic view of the Muddy Mountains, the red rocks of the Bowl of Fire, Bitter Springs Valley, and the Virgin Basin. Watch for hiking and photography signs to find this easy half-mile round trip hike.

Lovell Wash

Lovell Wash, located at mile marker 16 on Northshore Road, offers hikers both history and scenery. Hiking along a wash bottom you will pass the Anniversary Mine and end up in the spectacular Lovell Wash Narrows. Be sure to bring lots of water on the five-mile round trip hike. No services.

Redstone Picnic Area

Redstone Picnic Area, located at mile 27 on Northshore Road, sits peacefully among spectacular red rock formations. The red sandstone is actually ancient sand dunes that formed millions of years ago. Wind your way through the sandstone monoliths on an interpretive trail. Picnic tables and backcountry bathrooms are available at this remote spot.

Rogers Spring

Rogers Spring bubbles up out of the rock to form a beautiful oasis. Located at mile 40 on Northshore Road, Rogers Spring attracts many visitors to play in the warm water and enjoy the overgrown foliage. Great spot for a picnic lunch. Cross the bridge to find a trail leading upwards to the right. An easy climb takes you up to a stunning overlook. Backcountry bathrooms are available.

Blue Point Spring

Blue Point Spring is another natural spring off of Northshore Road located at mile 41. Tall palms tower over the shallow flowing spring. Visitors have an opportunity to view natural riparian habitat. No services.

Lake View Overlook

Lake View Overlook, off of US Highway 93 on your way to Hoover Dam, coaxes the visitor to get out of the car and take in a dramatic view of the Boulder Basin. A very short drive takes you up to a

convenient turn-around at the top of a hill. A rock wall keeps visitors on the safe side of the steep mountains as they enjoy the breath-taking views.

Katherine Mine

Katherine Mine is no longer operable, but the history is rich and lively. Stop in at the Ranger Station at Katherine Landing for more information on your way to the abandoned mine site. Once there, stay on the trail and stay away from shaft openings and cliff edges.

Historic Railroad Tunnel Trail

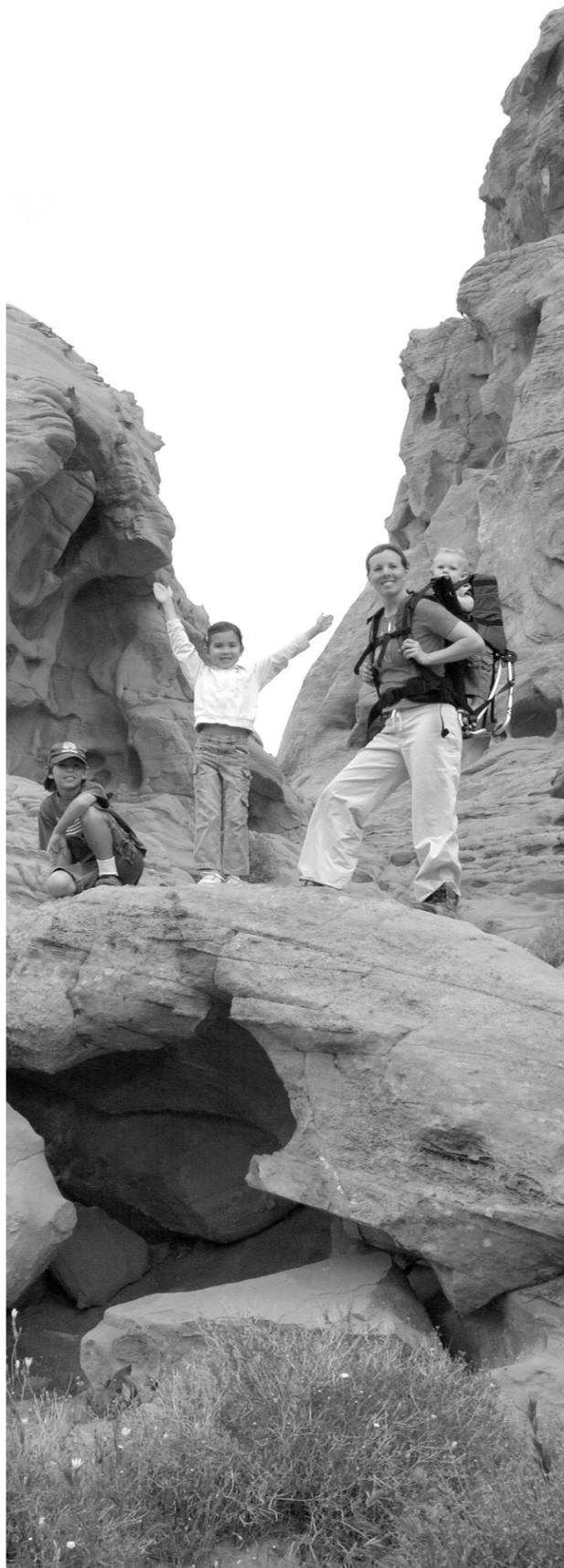
Walk or bike the Historic Railroad Tunnel Trail for spectacular views of the Boulder Basin of Lake Mead. Stop by the Alan Bible Visitor Center to catch up on the history of the railroad that was used to build Hoover Dam in the 1930s.

Grapevine Canyon

Grapevine Canyon has the most spectacular and abundant petroglyphs found in the park. A short walk takes you into a canyon filled with ancient Native American rock art. Never handle, deface or remove any rock art. The petroglyphs are a diminishing resource, don't hurry the degradation. Take Nevada Highway 163 west from Davis Dam to mile marker 13 and make a right turn onto the dirt road.

White Rock Canyon

White Rock Canyon is a strikingly beautiful volcanic canyon with a sandy wash at the bottom dotted with giant white granite boulders, hence the name. A moderately strenuous hike takes you downstream only to emerge at the Colorado River (upper Lake Mohave). Continue ¼ mile south or downstream along the Colorado River to reach the Arizona Hotsprings (see adventuring tips). Remember, the hike out is uphill! The trailhead begins 4.2 miles east of Hoover Dam on US Highway 93.



Helpful Hints for Exploring

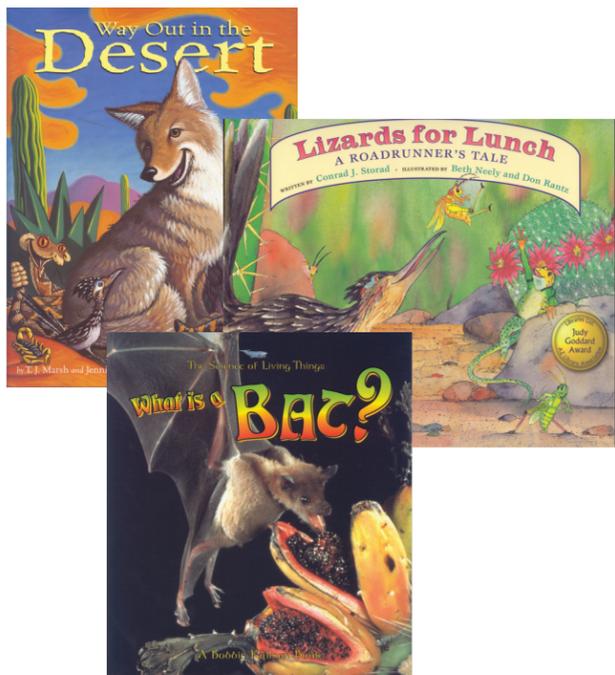
When exploring Lake Mead's spectacular backcountry please remember the safety rules so you don't get yourself into trouble. Always take and drink water in the desert, even when it is cool. It is also a good idea to go with a friend and tell someone your itinerary.

Distances can be deceiving in the desert. A mountain may look close but actually may be many miles away. Looking at maps, talking to a park ranger or stopping at the Alan Bible Visitor Center are good ways to find a hike that will match your skill level.

Watch the weather! The weather can suddenly change without warning. If hiking in the winter-time bring a jacket in case of a storm or if you get caught after dark. The temperature can drop 20 degrees quite quickly. And as the days get shorter a flashlight thrown in your pack is a good idea. (Believe it or not we have had snow in the park). The National Weather Service Recreation Forecast Line is 702.736.3854.

Please leave the desert as beautiful as you find it. Carry out all of your trash and leave the protected rocks, plants and animals where they are. Enjoy!





These are just a few of the great children's books available at the Alan Bible Visitor Center.

Lizards for Lunch - A Roadrunner's Tale

by Conrad J. Storad

Told in rhythmic verse and containing wonderful water color illustrations of desert nature scenes, this book introduces many facts about roadrunners in a way that children will love and not soon forget.

Way Out in the Desert

by Jennifer Ward

A delightful take-off on "Over in the Meadow." The familiar pond animals are replaced with the horned toads, hummingbirds, javelinias, jackrabbits, and roadrunners of the Sonoran Desert. The joyous, humor-filled drawings at times border on cartoons. Even rattlers and Gila monsters look appealing.

What is a Bat?

by Bobbie Kalman

From blood-sucking vampire bats to mango-eating fruit bats, *What is a Bat?* tackles bat myths and teaches children about their hibernation, reproduction, migration, habitats, and bat communication.

The Outdoor Dutch Oven Cookbook

By Sheila Mills

With recipes for breakfasts to dinners, appetizers and baked goods, this book provides variety to the Dutch oven cooking experience. Also featured are recipes for a variety of salads to complement your



Visit the Alan Bible Visitor Center for a fantastic selection of books about Lake Mead NRA, the Mojave Desert, the flora and fauna of the region, Native American history and more! And not only are there books, but there are also puppets, coloring books and crayons, blocks, hats, tote bags, water bottles, posters, cards, walking sticks, maps, and much, much more!

The Alan Bible Visitor Center is located four miles southeast of Boulder City at the junction of Highway 93 and Lakeshore Scenic Drive. The Center is on the left side of the highway as you drive towards Hoover Dam and on the right side when you turn onto Lakeshore Scenic Drive. For more information please call (702) 293-8990 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pacific time.



Dutch oven delights. Included are instructions on choosing, caring for and using a Dutch oven. This is a great book for both the beginner and the "seasoned" Dutch oven user.

Lipsmackin' Backpackin'

By Tim and Christine Conners

Full of easy to prepare recipes that are nutritious, healthy, lightweight and tasty for your back country adventures. This book shows you how to enjoy fine cuisine on the trail without adding unwanted weight or bulk to your pack. There are also recipes for healthy snacks for your quadruped companions. Delight in mouthwatering meals and snacks while dining in the finest ambiance of the great outdoors.



www.wnpa.org

Western National Parks Association (WNPA) is a non-profit organization that operates bookstores and develops publications and products in support of the educational and research programs of the National Park Service. Proceeds from your purchases at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area visitor center WNPA bookstore directly support education and research there.

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Since 1938 more than \$34 million has been donated to 65 national parks in 12 western states. Membership in WNPA is available for \$25 annually (\$45 for two membership cards) and entitles the member to a 15% discount (20% for seniors 62 and over) on purchases at WNPA bookstores in park visitor centers (discount does not apply to handcrafted jewelry or craft items sold at some locations). Visit www.wnpa.org for more information.

Camping Info

Fees

Campground fees are \$10 per site (\$5 with Golden Age and Golden Access passes) and are payable immediately upon occupying a campsite. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no reservations. No hookups available. Check-out time is noon.

Site Capacity

Maximum eight persons and two motorized vehicles (e.g., one camping unit and a towed vehicle) per site. Four motorcycles may occupy a site. Motor vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only and may not be driven onto the dirt or across irrigation ditches.

Maximum Stay

Maximum stay within the recreation area is limited to 90 days within any consecutive 12-month period.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Please do not create or sustain unreasonable noise, including generators, during those hours.

Group Camping

Group campsites are located at the Boulder Beach campground. Fees are \$30 per night and up to 30 people per site. Please pay at the campground kiosk. Reservations are required. Please call (702) 293-8906. Drinking water is available at the blue faucets.

Water Use

Please wash dishes at your campsite and not at the water faucets. Do not drain contaminated water on the ground. Use the service sink at the comfort station. Do not wash any vehicles in the campground. Dump holding tanks at sanitary stations located at each campground. Except for filling storage tanks, do not connect hoses to water faucets.

RV Sites with Full Hookups

Park concessioners provide RV sites with full hookups (electric, water and sewage) at Lake Mead RV Village (Boulder Beach), Callville Bay, Echo Bay, Cottonwood Cove, Temple Bar, and Katherine Landing. Reservations may be made by contacting the concessioners.

Fires

Do not leave fires unattended. Driftwood may be collected from below the high water line only and used in campfires. Firewood may also be purchased at concession stores. Ground fires are permitted only in metal fire rings provided in some of the sites.

Wildlife

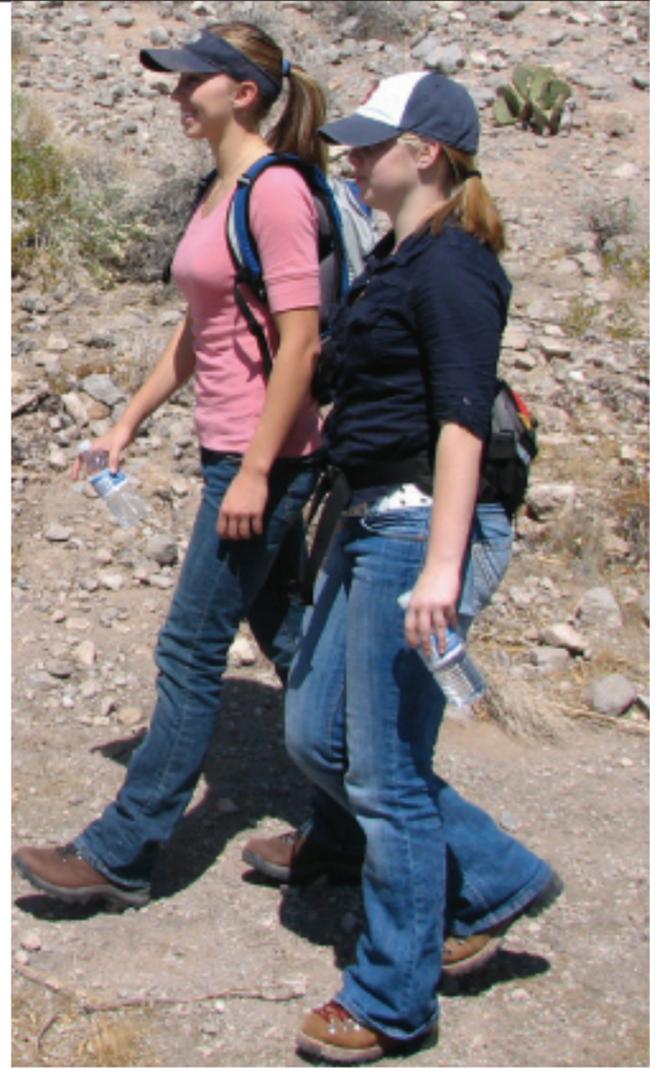
Please do not feed the wildlife! Animals can become dependent on handouts of food and lose their fear of humans. This is dangerous for the wildlife and you. All plants, animals and natural features are protected in national parks.

Pets

Pets must be kept at all times on a leash not to exceed six-feet in length and should not be left unattended. Barking dogs are considered a nuisance. Owners must remove them from the campground. Never leave your pet in a closed vehicle. Temperatures can soar to 130 degrees F (54 degrees C) in minutes. Your pet can quickly die of heat stroke in those conditions. Don't forget to clean up after your pet.

Property

Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the Superintendent.



General Rules

- Do not attach wires, ropes or nails to trees or shrubs.
- Digging, leveling, or other alterations of the ground is not permitted.
- Be aware of extreme summer heat when leaving children or pets in vehicles or trailers. Never leave them in a closed vehicle.
- Secure all valuables. Do not leave them in your campsite when you are not there, even for a short time.



Entrance and Lake Use Fees

Vehicle	annual pass	\$20 (covers all passengers)
Second Vehicle	annual pass	\$10 each additional vehicle
Vehicle	1-5 days	\$5 per vehicle (covers all passengers)
Individual	annual pass	\$20 per annual pass (motorcycles, bicycles etc.)
Individual	1-5 days	\$3 per person (motorcycle, bicycle, hikers)
Senior Federal Lands Pass	lifetime	\$10 US residents age 62 or older
Access Federal Lands Pass	lifetime	Free-medically determined to be permanently disabled
National Parks & Federal Lands Pass		\$80 valid for one year from month purchased
Vessel	annual pass	\$20 first vessel
Vessel	annual pass	\$10 each additional vessel
Vessel	1-5 days	\$10 first vessel
Vessel	1-5 days	\$5 each additional vessel

Concession Operations

Callville Bay Resort (Forever Resorts)

702.565.8958

Reservations: 800.255.5561
www.foreverresorts.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- RV Campground w/ Hook-ups
- Trailer Village
- Laundry and Showers
- Store
- Snack Bar and Lounge
- Auto and Boat Gas
- Dry Storage
- Event Facilities
- Boat Repairs
- Boat Pump-out

Black Canyon River Adventures

800.455.3490

Reservations 702.294.1414
www.blackcanyonadventures.com

- Raft Trip
- Canoe/Kayak Launch Permits

Willow Beach

928.767.4747

- Courtesy Dock and Boat Rentals
- Store
- Auto and Boat Gas

Lake Mead RV Village Forever Resorts

702.293.2540

- RV Campground w/ Hook-ups
- Trailer Village
- Laundry and Showers
- Store

Echo Bay Resort (Seven Crown Resorts)

702.394.4066

Reservations: 800.752.9669
www.sevencrown.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- RV Campground w/ Hook-ups
- Trailer Village
- Laundry and Showers
- Store
- Restaurant and Lounge
- Hotel
- Auto and Boat Gas
- Dry Storage
- Boat Repairs
- Boat Pump-out

Cottonwood Cove Resort (Forever Resorts)

702.297.1464

Reservations: 800.255.5561
www.foreverresorts.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- RV Campground w/ Hook-ups
- Trailer Village
- Laundry and Showers
- Store
- Café
- Motel
- Auto and Boat Gas, Propane
- Dry Storage
- Event Facilities
- Boat Repairs
- Boat Pump-out

*Lake Mead Marina (Seven Crown Resorts)

702.293.3484

Reservations: 800.752.9669
www.sevencrown.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- Store
- Restaurant and Lounge
- Motel - 702.293.2074
- Boat Gas
- Dry Storage
- Laundry and Showers
- Swimming Pool
- Boat Pump-out

*Lake Mead Marina is scheduled to be relocated in February 2008 due to predicted low water levels.

Temple Bar Marina (Forever Resorts)

928.767.3211

Reservations: 800.752.9669
www.foreverresorts.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- RV Campground w/ Hook-ups
- Trailer Village
- Laundry and Showers
- Store
- Restaurant and Lounge
- Motel and Fishing Cabins
- Auto and Boat Gas, Propane
- Dry Storage
- Boat Repairs
- Boat Pump-out

Lake Mohave Resort - Katherine

(Seven Crown Resorts)

928.754.3245

Reservations: 800.752.9669
www.sevencrown.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- RV Campground w/ Hook-ups
- Trailer Village
- Laundry and Showers
- Store
- Restaurant and Lounge
- Motel
- Auto and Boat Gas
- Dry Storage
- Boat Repairs
- Boat Pump-out

Las Vegas Boat Harbor

702.293.1191

www.boatinglakemead.com

- Marina and Boat Rentals
- Restaurant and Lounge
- Store
- Boat Gas
- Boat Pump-out

Las Vegas Bay Location:

- Auto Gas
- Dry Storage

Lake Mead Cruises
Boat Tours - Private Charters
702.293.6180
www.lakemeadcruises.com

Some marinas have temporary boat washing capabilities to prevent the spread of invasive mussels. Please contact the marina to schedule an appointment.

For more information regarding business services offered in the park, visit the Lake Mead website at: <http://www.nps.gov/lame/parkmgmt/businesswithpark.htm>.

See map on back for locations of these facilities



Lake Mead National Recreation Area has several locations throughout the park staffed by interpretive rangers and law enforcement rangers to provide information or to assist in cases of emergency.

The Alan Bible Visitor Center is located at the junction of U.S. Highway 93 and Lakeshore Scenic Drive, about four miles outside of Boulder City. It is open

seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 702.293.8990.

The Katherine Landing Ranger Station is located at Katherine Landing and is usually staffed by volunteers seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arizona time, or you can call 928.754.3272.



Got Trash? Can It!

Respect your recreation area

Mountain Biking at Lake Mead NRA



Often when people think of Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA), they get visions of sparkling water, fast boats and splashing swimmers. And summer is the perfect time for that. But in the fall and winter the water becomes cooler and the crowds leave the beaches. This is the perfect time of year to explore the recreation area by mountain bike.

Our approved road system offers a great opportunity to get away from the traffic of the parks main roads and see the beautiful backcountry of Lake Mead NRA. Please stay on the roads and avoid disturbing fragile desert soils. Bike tracks could be around for hundreds of years.

All approved backcountry roads are marked with a numbered yellow arrow sign. The road numbers are shown on the backcountry road maps. You can pick up a backcountry road map at the Alan Bible Visitor Center, Katherine Landing Ranger Station or download the map on our website at www.nps.gov/lame/maps.html. Four maps are available for different areas of the park.

Backcountry roads are multiple use. You may encounter motor vehicles, equestrians, or hikers, so the rider needs to follow the rules of the road. Yield to equestrians and hikers and always keep your mountain bike in control.

If you are looking for solitude avoid Government Wash, #78, #79 #89, #90, and #91 which can be heavily traveled.

Some trail rides over packed dirt with a little loose sand and gravel include the Historic Rail-

road. Tunnel Trail which can be accessed below the Lake Mead Visitor Center and the Lakeshore Trail that runs from the Hacienda Casino parking lot down to Lake Mead Marina paralleling Lakeshore Scenic Drive. Please be careful of hikers.

The Historic Railroad Trail takes the visitor through five railroad tunnels that were used during the building of Hoover Dam. The tracks have been removed and the tunnels have been improved for safety. The views of the Boulder Basin of Lake Mead are spectacular from this trail.

Lakeshore Trail goes downhill from the Hacienda Hotel parking lot to Lake Mead Marina. For the hearty, you can park at the Hacienda Hotel and go down and back up. For a less strenuous ride, you can organize a shuttle and have someone pick you up at the Marina. In the past, rain has washed out sections of this trail so be prepared.

More challenging rides include #75 through the Goldstrike Canyon and #77 that ends in a cholla cactus forest.

With more than 800 miles of backcountry roads, mountain bikers at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, have many opportunities to explore the beauty of the Mojave Desert.

For safety's sake, please always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back, take a buddy with you, bring lots of water, wear a helmet, and dress appropriately. Take a jacket because during the fall and winter months, the daytime temperatures can be mild but the nights turn very cold. Be prepared!

DAMAGE CONTROL

What We Do

The Arid Land Restoration Program (ALRP) at Lake Mead NRA is devoted to restore the integrity of park resources that have been damaged. The team removes the scars left by illegal off-road vehicles and spray paint cans that have impaired the visual aesthetics, physical structure, and biological components of your park. Active intervention is sometimes necessary for the rehabilitation of the fragile desert ecosystem, which is slow to recover from disturbances.

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Our efforts can be seen throughout your park as:

Barriers

- Native Vegetation Planted
- Exotic Vegetation Removed
- Disturbances Removed

Barriers are placed throughout the park to protect the fragile desert environment from illegal off-road vehicles. The ALRP uses three types of barriers in Lake Mead NRA: wood posts, metal posts, and T-post fences. Barriers are placed throughout the park to protect the fragile desert environment from illegal off road vehicles. We prefer to use a "natural" barrier wherever we can, unfortunately that is not always possible. Many of our wood posts are illegally taken and burned for firewood, or vandalized in other ways for various reasons.

T-post fences are generally used to mark the park boundary and discourage illegal access into the park. Illegal off-road driving disturbs wildlife habitat and vegetation.



Lake Mead



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- Ranger station
- Marina/boat launch
- Boat launch
- Campground
- Lodge
- Picnic area

For more information on backcountry roads, stop by visitor center or contact ranger. See *Lake Mead National Recreation Area Approved Backcountry Roads* map series (Maps 1 - 5).

