

Lake Mead

National Recreation Area
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December Hikes

The National Park Service is presenting a variety of guided hikes and programs throughout December. Hikes and programs will occur at different times and locations in Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

During the week of December 28th-31st the National Park Service will be presenting a hike each day. If you need to get out of your house or send your relatives on a day trip, send them out to Lake Mead for a hike. These hikes are designed to get someone out on the trail that might not be used to exploring the Mojave Desert and showcase some of the spectacular sights that are in Lake Mead NRA.

For more information and reservations call the Lake Mead Visitor Center at 702.293.8990 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Reservations are required on all hikes. Please leave your dogs at home.

Saturday, December 5 - Tombstone Rock

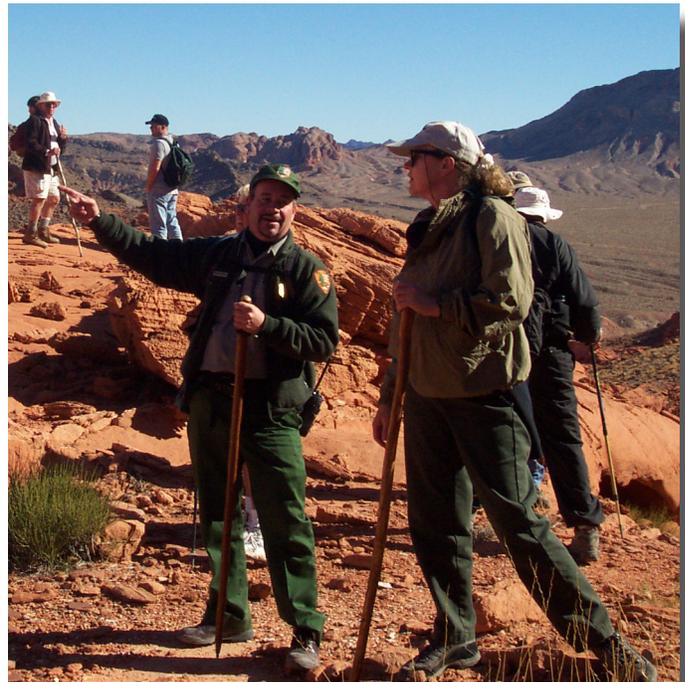
Have you ever wondered how Tombstone Rock got its name? Join Joan and Chuck on a hike up a series of washes up to a desert mesa with stunning views of Lake Mead and Las Vegas to find out. This hike has some rock scrambling along the way and is 7 miles long.

Saturday, December 12 - Bowl of Fire

Use your imagination as you wander with Tom among a variety of Aztec Sandstone formations that are scattered throughout this fire-red bowl. There is much to see on your hike through this geological wonder. This is a moderately strenuous 6-mile hike.

Saturday, December 19 - Cholla Forest

Join Joan and Chuck on a Hike up an alluvial fan to an interesting community of unhuggable teddy bear chollas. This 7- mile hike requires some rock scrambling.



Saturday, December 19 – Historic Railroad Trail

Hike along an old railroad bed which leads to five large tunnels. The Railroad was built to transport supplies to Hoover Dam during the 1930's when the dam was under construction. Learn the fascinating history of this cultural landmark and share historical photos along this 5-mile moderate hike with Ranger Virginia.

Tuesday, December 22nd – Cranes Nest

Hike down a scenic dry wash and an increasingly narrow canyon to the Colorado River in Arizona. Enjoy the unique, colorful geology on the drive down to the trailhead. Join Ranger Megan on this 4-mile hike

Monday December 28th - Arizona Hot Springs

Explore the scenic White Rock Canyon which leads directly to the Colorado River below Hoover Dam and a well-known hot-spring on the Arizona side of the river. Join Ranger Emily on this 6-mile moderate trail.

Tuesday December 29th - Majestic Canyon

Join Ranger Megan on a walk up a colorful, winding wash that ends at a dry waterfall. As the sun starts to set, the Muddy Mountains across the lake turn purple, so bring your cameras. Enjoy spectacular vertical cliffs as you hike along the base of the River Mountains. This is a moderate 3-mile walk.

Wednesday December 30th - Anniversary Mine

Hike up Lovell Canyon, a dry desert wash, to the remains of an abandoned mining site and to where the borax mineral colemanite was mined. On the way pass the aptly named Rainbow Canyon on the way to the aptly named Anniversary Narrows. This is a 5-mile moderate hike with Ranger Emily.

Thursday December 31st – Historic Railroad Trail

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