



Camping

Weather: Camping is a year-round activity at Lake Mead NRA. In the wintertime, temperatures range from 30° to 60° Fahrenheit with some wind. Spring and fall most days are warm and the evenings are cool. Summer brings hot temperatures that average above 100 degrees Fahrenheit and then fall to the 80s at night.

Weather in the Mojave Desert can be extreme at times. Storms and resulting flash floods are possible year-round. Avoid camping in washes and hiking in canyons during bad weather. If you are in a low-lying area during a storm, do not try to drive through flooded areas. Leave your vehicle and climb to higher ground. Backcountry roads often become impassable after a rain. Check with a ranger for current conditions.

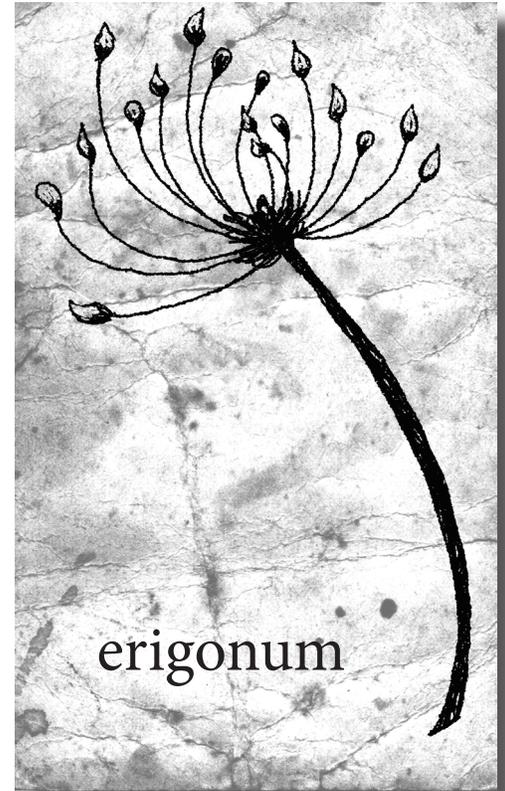
Backcountry: Numerous areas can be reached by boat, car, backpacking, or horseback. Primitive camping, accessible by boat along the shoreline, is permitted anywhere outside of developed areas or areas marked NO CAMPING. Camping is limited to 15 days per visit at a specific backcountry area and after 15 days, campers must move to another backcountry area, developed campground or leave the park. Campers may camp in the park a total of 90 days within any consecutive 12 month period. Always tell a friend or relative where you are going and when you plan to return. Include a description of your vehicle and your group.

Vehicle Camping: Vehicle camping is permitted only in designated areas in the backcountry. Vehicles of all kinds, including four-wheel drives, motorcycles, and bicycles, must stay on designated roads. Designated roads are marked by a numbered yellow arrow sign. Off-road tire tracks last for years in this fragile desert. **No off-road travel is allowed in the park.** All motorized vehicles and their drivers must be properly licensed for highway travel. Obtain copies of the park's approved road maps online at www.nps.gov/lake or at the visitor center.

Backpack and Horseback: Backpack or horseback camping is allowed throughout the park and along the lake shoreline except in developed areas, restricted or ecologically-sensitive areas, within 500 feet of any paved road or within 100 feet of any spring or watering device.

NPS Campgrounds: National Park Service campgrounds are located on Lake Mead at Boulder Beach, Callville Bay, Echo Bay, Las Vegas Bay, and Temple Bar and on Lake Mohave at Cottonwood Cove, Katherine Landing and Willow Beach.

Campgrounds offer restrooms, running water, dump stations, grills, tables, and some shade. RVs, trailers, and tents are welcome. Vehicles may not be washed in campgrounds.



Leave no Trace! Camp at least 100 feet away from desert springs or watering devices. Many animals rely on this water and will not drink if humans are near.

Do not “improve” the campsite by digging trenches or cutting vegetation. We recommend using campstoves or grills rather than building fires on the ground. Fires are permitted, but you must carry in your own wood. Remove all traces including ashes and unburned wood, and scatter your fire ring before leaving.

Do all washing at least 100 feet from the high water line, using biodegradable soap.

Always use established restrooms. If none are available, dig a personal toilet pit at least six inches deep and 100 feet above the high water line. A shovel is an essential camp tool for sanitation.

Carry out everything you carried in. Take trash bags along and pick up any litter you find. Do not leave your trash bagged on the shoreline or buried at the campsite. Animals will tear apart the trash bags and scatter litter throughout the area.

Please help the National Park Service keep your lakes and beaches clean!

RV Parks: Park concessioners provide RV sites with full hook-ups. Reservations may be made by contacting the concessioners.

On Lake Mead:

Callville Bay	702-565-8958
	800-255-5561
Echo Bay	800-752-9669
Lake Mead	
RV Village	702-293-2540
Temple Bar	800-752-9669

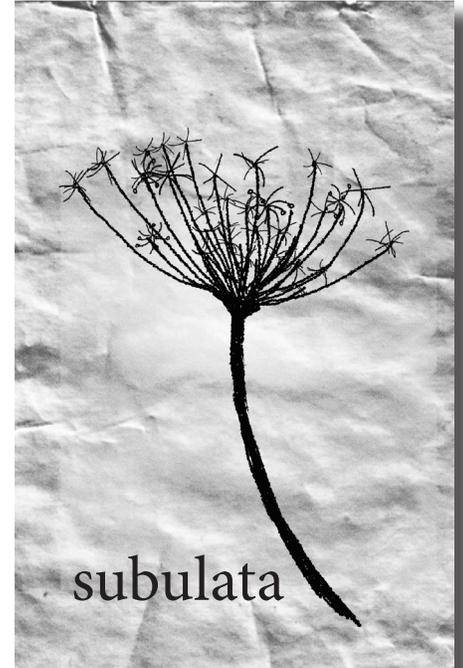
On Lake Mohave:

Cottonwood Cove	702-297-1464
Willow Beach (opening 2011)	800-255-5561
Lake Mohave	800-752-9669

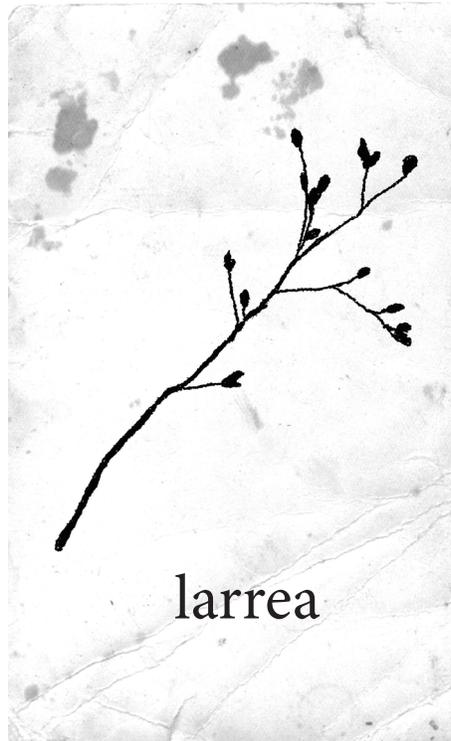
Groups: Group campsites are located at Boulder Campground. Camping fees are posted at the campground kiosk. Reservations are required; please call 702-293-8906, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The group campground is for tent camping only with limited vehicle parking. There are restrooms, tables, grills, and some shade.

Info: For additional information on Lake Mead National Recreation Area go to www.nps.gov/lake or call 702-293-8990 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., seven days a week.



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