

# Lake Mead

NATIONAL RECREATION AREA • ARIZONA • NEVADA

Boundaries of this 3,000-square-mile recreation area enclose two large lakes, colorful deserts, deep canyons, and lofty plateaus. Lake Mead, 115 miles long, was created by the construction of Hoover Dam. Davis Dam backs up 67-mile-long Lake Mohave. Altitudes range from 517 to 6,990 feet.

The recreation area is open all year, with maximum visitor use in summer. Even during July and August, when daytime temperatures may rise above 110°, the heat is not oppressive because of low humidity. Nights are usually comfortable. From late September through early December and from early February through late May, the weather is delightful.

For protection against the brilliant desert sunshine, you should bring an effective hat and tinted glasses. In winter, temperatures are sometimes rather low, particularly in the mornings and evenings, so come prepared with warm clothing.

### TRANSPORTATION TO THE AREA

Railroads serve Kingman and Las Vegas, and buses from these towns make regular runs to the recreation area.

The nearest commercial airport is at Las Vegas; airports accommodating private planes are at Boulder City and North Las Vegas. Additional landing strips are at Overton in Nevada and Temple Bar in Arizona. Mohave County Airport at Bullhead City, Ariz., serves Katherine. Write to the superintendent of the recreation area about landing amphibian planes on Lake Mead and Lake Mohave.

### WHAT TO SEE AND DO

Park rangers and naturalists present evening illustrated programs at the Boulder Beach amphitheater in spring, summer, and autumn. Additional programs are presented during the year at Katherine, Temple Bar, Willow Beach, Echo Bay, and Cottonwood Cove developed centers. Subjects include recreational opportunities, history, geology, and biology of the area. Schedules are posted at campgrounds and ranger stations.

Many of the area's features are explained by exhibits at developed centers around the lakes.

The Mead-Mohave Association, a nonprofit organization, has sales outlets for publications and maps at Boulder Beach Visitor Center and ranger information stations.

**Fishing.** A Nevada or Arizona fishing license is required; to it must be affixed a stamp from the other State if you fish from a boat.

**Swimming.** Both lakes are ideal for swimming many months of the year, but waters of the upper section of Lake Mohave are extremely cold. Public swimming beaches, available in summer at Boulder Beach and Katherine, have diving floats and safety lines; lifeguards are on

duty there. You should be especially careful when swimming elsewhere.

**Cruises on Lake Mead.** In summer, a park naturalist goes along on many of the concession boat trips to explain the features of the area. Ask about current schedules and rates.

**Boating.** Launching ramps are provided at each developed area on both lakes. Boats and motors can be rented, chartered, or purchased from several concessioners. Charges for mooring sites should be discussed with the concessioner concerned.

**Water-skiing** equipment can be rented from concessioners.

**Skin-diving.** Exercise caution and stay away from swimming beaches and harbors.

**Camping** is confined to designated campgrounds, except when camping on trips to isolated areas. Keep your campsite clean and sanitary; burn combustible material and bring cans, bottles, foil, etc., back with you. Litter containers are provided at all launching ramps and other developed areas. A box or burlap sack makes a good litter container in camp and on your boat. Uplake, or wilderness, camping is one of the most rewarding visitor activities.

**Hiking and exploring** are pleasant activities except in summer, when temperatures are high and water is scarce in many places. Check on availability of water before going on a hike.

**Tours through Hoover and Davis Dams.** Bureau of Reclamation guides conduct tours daily through Hoover Dam from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (schedules subject to seasonal changes). Self-guided tours are available at Davis Dam every day.

**Motoring.** Consult with park rangers before leaving paved roads.

Fifty miles beyond Hoover Dam, a road, which leaves Kingman Highway and leads about 50 miles northward to Pierce Ferry, offers excellent views of the Colorado River, Grand Wash Cliffs, and Gregg's Basin on Lake Mead and passes through one of the largest forests of Joshua-trees in the entire Southwest.

Ask a park ranger about other places to visit.

### REGULATIONS

**Pets** must be physically restrained when in campgrounds, in the vicinity of boat landings, and at other places of visitor concentration. No pets are allowed on swimming beaches, in food stores, or in public eating places.

**Lost and found.** Articles that are found should be left at a ranger station, a visitor center, or the National Park Service administration office in Boulder City. Reports of lost articles may be filed at these locations also.

**Natural and historic features.** The destruction, injury, or disturbance of public property, vegetation, and birds and other animals is prohibited. An exception is made for those birds and other animals on which an open hunting season is declared under State and Federal regulations. The collection of any Indian artifacts or the destruction or disturbance in any way of archeological and historical sites is prohibited. The collecting, by hand, of small rocks for personal use is allowed.

Complete information regarding regulations can be obtained at the superintendent's office or from a park ranger.

### SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Developed area	Developed around range station visitor center	Ranger on duty	Free facilities					Concession facilities				Driving distance by road from visitor center (in miles)	
			Picnic shelter	Launching ramp	Swimming beach	Boat dock	Trailer court	Store	Motel, lodge or cabins	Marine supplies	Trailer rental		Restaurant
<b>LAKE MEAD:</b>													
Boulder Beach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2
Las Vegas Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10
Callville Bay	—	—	—	X	X	—	X	—	X	—	—	—	27
Echo Bay	X	X	X	—	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	49
Rogers Spring	—	—	—	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
Overton Landing	—	—	—	X	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	63
Temple Bar	X	X	X	—	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	55
<b>LAKE MOHAVE:</b>													
Willow Beach	X	X	X	X	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	—	22
Eldorado Canyon	—	—	X	—	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	32
Cottonwood Cove	X	X	X	—	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	54
Katherine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	—	X	81

For detailed information on concession facilities, write to the following:

Callville Bay Marina and Resort, Box 2126, Henderson, Nev. 89015.

Cottonwood Cove Corp., Box 123, Searchlight, Nev. 89046.

Echo Bay Resort, Inc., Box 384, Overton, Nev. 89040.

Eldorado Canyon Fishing Resort, Nelson Star Route, Searchlight, Nev. 89046.

Lake Mead Lodge, Box 96, Boulder City, Nev. 89005.

Lake Mead Marina, Box 96, Boulder City, Nev. 89005.

Lake Mohave Resort, Inc., Bullhead City, Ariz. 86430.

Lakeshore Trailer Court, Box 565, Boulder City, Nev. 89005.

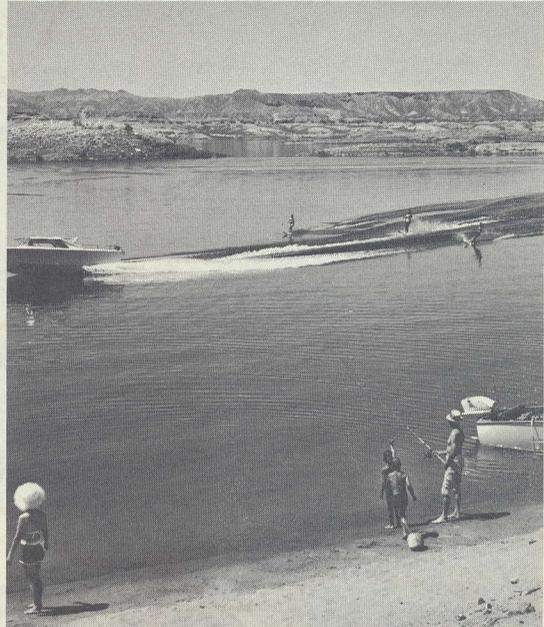
Las Vegas Boat Harbor, Inc., Box 771, Henderson, Nev. 89015.

Overton Resort, Inc., Box 403, Overton Nev. 89040.

Temple Bar Marina, Inc., Temple Bar Marina, Ariz. 86443.

Willow Beach Resort, Inc., Box 187, Boulder City, Nev. 89005.

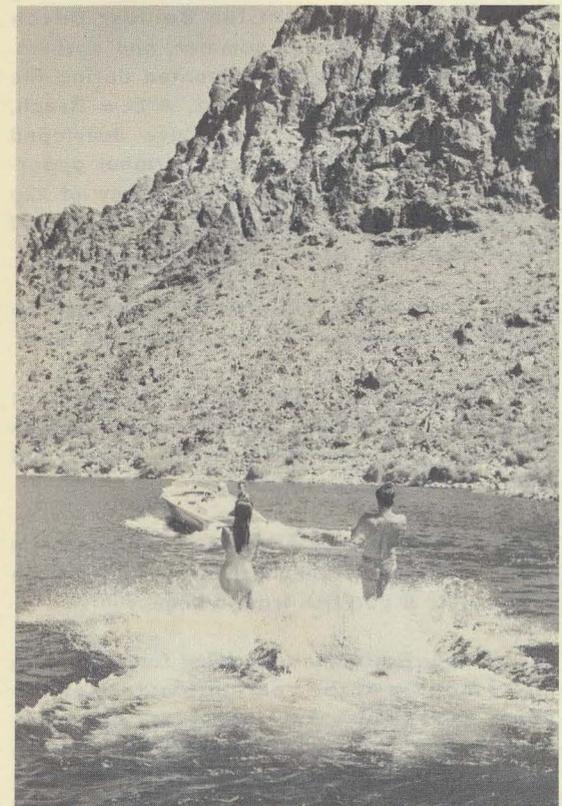
Telephones and telegraph services, churches, motels, cafes, garages, service stations, photographic and curio shops, and stores are available in Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Searchlight, and Overton, Nev., and Bullhead City and Kingman, Ariz.





**FOR YOUR SAFETY: FOLLOW THESE TIPS**

1. Read the regulations posted at launching ramps, ranger stations, visitor center, and on campground bulletin boards.
2. Cooperate with National Park Service rangers and the U.S. Coast Guard Mobile Boarding Team, who are here to assist you and to enforce safe boating practices.
3. Before you start a trip, inform some responsible person of your destination and the time you expect to return.
4. Stay ashore when the water is rough or the red storm flags are flying. If the water becomes choppy, seek a sheltered cove and wait until it becomes calm.
5. Sit down and sit still when in a boat.
6. Carry an approved life-saving device for each boat passenger and day and night flares for distress signals. Equip your boat with proper flotation devices.
7. Do not overload your boat.
8. Do not use a motor that is too heavy or too powerful for your boat. Excessive power is especially dangerous on rough water.
9. Obtain weather forecasts from ranger stations or the offices of concessioners.
10. Do not swim alone or from an unanchored boat.
11. When you travel by car off improved roads, carry sufficient water, fuel, and food.



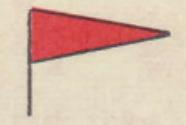
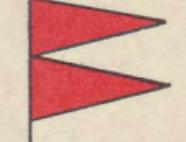
## GROUND-AIR EMERGENCY CODE

If you get lost or need help or medical care, use one of the following symbols (from the Air Force Survival Manual) to signal the ranger patrol plane or other aircraft:

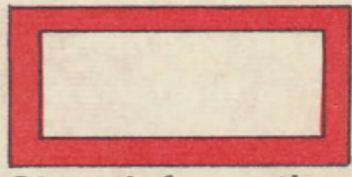
Require doctor, serious injury .....	I
Require food and water .....	F
Unable to proceed .....	X
Am proceeding in this direction .....	↑
(Leave this symbol whenever you leave vehicle)	
Require fuel and oil .....	L
Indicate direction to proceed .....	K
All is well .....	LL
No—negative .....	N
Yes—affirmative .....	Y

For boating emergencies, or where the above system cannot be used due to terrain, wave a 2- by 3-foot piece of orange material (or orange life jacket) overhead from side to side. This will alert the ranger patrol plane, or other aircraft, or boats of your plight.

## WARNING DEVICES

<p><b>REEF MARKER</b> 5-foot black rubber post on obstructions. When it is partly covered by water, <b>KEEP CLEAR OF AREA.</b></p>	
<p><b>SMALL CRAFT WARNING</b> Winds 20 to 38 m.p.h.</p>	
<p><b>GALE WARNING</b> Winds 39 to 54 m.p.h.</p>	
<p><b>DIVER'S FLAG</b> <b>BOATERS MUST KEEP AWAY.</b></p>	

## BUOY MARKINGS

<p><b>SWIM AREA</b> Boats keep out</p>	<p>Warns of danger</p>
	
	
<p>Area controlled (as indicated)</p>	<p>Gives information, names, distances, permitted activities.</p>

## ADMINISTRATION

Lake Mead National Recreation Area, established on October 13, 1936, is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is 601 Nevada Highway, Boulder City, Nev. 89005, is in immediate charge.

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