

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Southern Nevada

National Wildlife Refuges



Desert National Wildlife Refuge

Golden eagles soaring overhead, rays of sunlight hitting rock shelters carved by time, bristlecone pines twisting toward the sky — these are just a sampling of what Desert National Wildlife Refuge offers.

Encompassing six major mountain ranges and seven distinct life zones, an abundance of wildlife and a diversity of landscapes are a short 20 minute drive from Las Vegas.



Black-tailed Jackrabbit
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Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

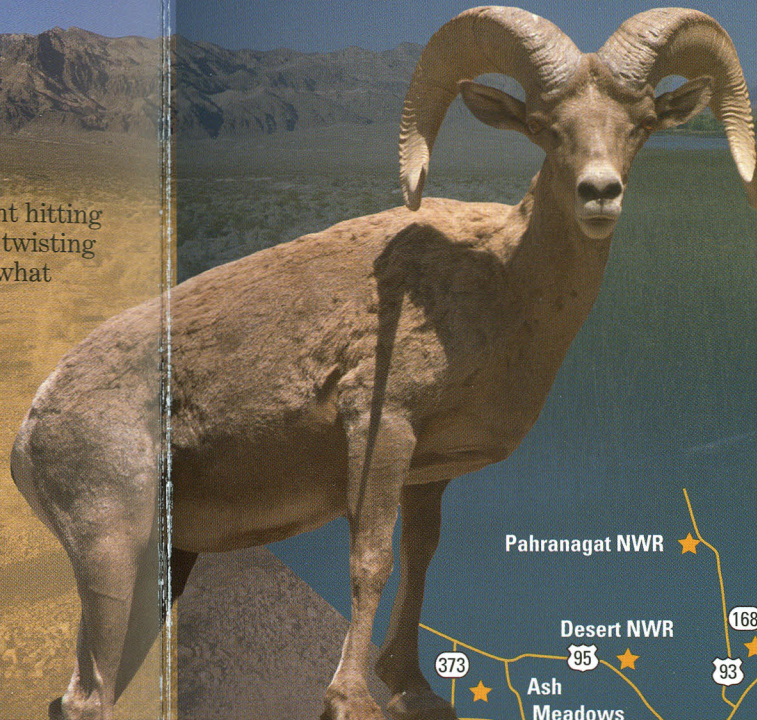
Ash Meadows is the largest remaining oasis in the Mojave Desert. The precious water creates an isolated island of life surrounded by a sea of desert, providing habitat for at least 26 species of plants and animals that can be found nowhere else in the world.

Boardwalks and trails lead visitors through diverse habitats to tranquil and majestic spring pools, which are home to several endangered pupfish. Ash Meadows also surrounds the Devils Hole portion of Death Valley National Park and is located 90 minutes west of Las Vegas.



Ash Meadows Amargosa Pupfish
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Desert Bighorn Sheep
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Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge

Hundreds of birds taking wing at once, a lone buck grazing in a meadow, herons feeding noisy young — these are just a few of the amazing sights found daily at Pahrangat National Wildlife Refuge.

Visit this unique oasis during the spring and summer for the best chance to see festive displays of colorful warblers, orioles, and flycatchers. Cooler temperatures of fall bring thousands of migrating waterfowl and hundreds of sandhill cranes. In winter, the refuge is home to several bald eagles and tundra swans.

The refuge is located 90 minutes north of Las Vegas.

Ruddy Duck
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Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1979 to protect the endangered Moapa dace, the refuge is an enduring home to this tiny olive green fish and several other aquatic species found nowhere else in the world. Once imperiled by invasive fish, fire prone non-native vegetation, and resort development, the dace population is now increasing.

Explore this beautiful oasis by walking the short trail that meanders along a stream and offers a view into the world of the Moapa dace. The refuge is located off State Route 168 and open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from September through May.

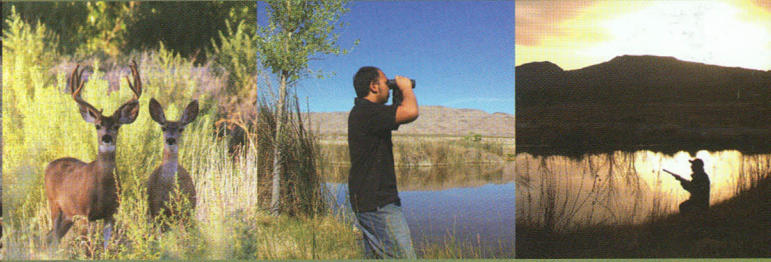
Moapa Dace
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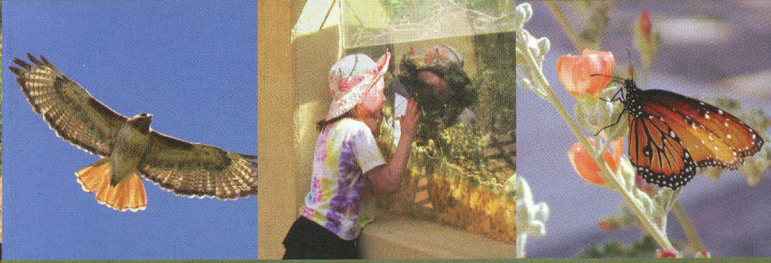
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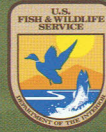
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National Wildlife Refuges are protected habitats for fish, mammals, reptiles, insects and birds. Do your part in keeping them safe by knowing and observing refuge regulations.

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