



Lake Mead

National Recreation Area

Fall/Winter 2016/2017



Welcome to Lake Mead

Find Your Park on Land

Lake Mead National Recreation Area is known for its two huge lakes, but the national park is actually only 13 percent water. The other 87 percent of the 1.5 million-acre park is land.

This time of year, when temperatures in the desert are cooler, there is plenty to explore, including nine wilderness areas, hundreds of hot springs and hundreds of miles of trails, ranging from easy, flat hikes to strenuous hikes that involve scrambling across boulders.

The most popular trail is the Historic Railroad Trail. It starts near the Lake Mead Visitor Center and leads 3.5 miles to the Hoover Dam. It was just resurfaced, making it more accessible for all visitors.

Down in the Lake Mohave district at Katherine Landing, the Fisherman's Trail is a little more hilly and narrow, but the easy 1.8-mile hike rewards visitors as it leads them to a sandy beach where you can picnic, swim or fish. View more popular trails on page 3.

Not up for hiking, then take a scenic drive along Northshore Road. The recently repaved road offers more than 45 miles of colorful geology, ranging from vivid red sandstone to towering granite hills to black volcanic rocks. You may even spot desert bighorn sheep or wild horses along the way.

The park's hot springs are also very popular attractions. There are more than 300 within the park. Rogers Spring and Blue Point Spring can easily be accessed by car off of Northshore Road. Nevada and Arizona Hot springs, on the other hand, require hiking very strenuous trails.

With so much to see and do at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, many people choose to camp out and stay a few days. The park has seven dry camping areas and seven RV parks with full hook-ups. Camping is also allowed in the backcountry without a permit. A full list of campgrounds and amenities can be found on page 3.

Feel free to bring your pets as you explore the park. Lake Mead National Recreation Area is pet-friendly. Leashed pets are allowed on all trails and everywhere else in the park, unless a sign states otherwise.

For help coordinating your ideal trip, stop by the Lake Mead Visitor Center off of U.S. Highway 93 in Nevada or call 702-293-8990.



Visitor enjoys a view of the Muddy Mountains Wilderness Area

We're commemorating the National Park Service's 100th birthday, and we're so glad you decided to visit America's most diverse national recreation area during our centennial celebration.

We have had lots of special events in the park and in gateway communities, and we have even more planned in the months ahead to help you "Find Your Park." To view the calendar of events, visit our website at www.nps.gov/lake.

Over the past year, we have made quite a few improvements in the park to make your visit more enjoyable. At the southern end of the park, the road to Katherine Landing has been widened and repaved. We continue to extend and improve launch ramps across Lake Mead. The Historic Railroad Trail has been resurfaced, making it more accessible. And River Mountains Loop Trail has been repaired for a smoother cycling experience.

We hope you enjoy your visit. Be sure to stop by the Lake Mead Visitor Center to view the park film and to get your special centennial stamp for your national park passport. If you have any questions, our rangers throughout the park are happy to help answer them.

Lizette Richardson

Lizette Richardson - Superintendent



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Lake Mead National Recreation Area

America's Most Diverse National Recreation Area

Lake Mead National Recreation Area provides diverse public recreation, benefit and use on lakes Mead and Mohave and surrounding lands in a manner that preserves the ecological, geological, cultural, historical, scenic, scientific and wilderness resources of the park.

Vision

To inspire and challenge everyone to find their connection to Lake Mead National Recreation Area and enjoy the adventure.

Superintendent

Lizette Richardson

Park Information

702-293-8990

Emergency

Dial 911 or 702-293-8992

Mailing Address

601 Nevada Way
Boulder City, NV 89005

Website

www.nps.gov/lake

Social Media

Facebook.com/LakeMeadNPS
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This newspaper is dedicated to its former editor, Leslie Paige, who passed away Aug. 17.

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Safety: What You Need to Know

We want your trip to Lake Mead National Recreation Area to be safe and enjoyable. Ultimately, your safety is your responsibility. This information will help you prepare.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If you are in an area with cell service and you have an emergency, call 911 and ask the dispatcher to transfer you to Lake Mead. If you are on a vessel, call for help on your marine band radio on channels 16 or 22A. Report suspicious activity and non-emergencies to 702-293-8998. Emergency call boxes are located through the park. See the map on the back page for locations.



WEAR IT FOR LIFE

Life jackets save lives. We recommend wearing one at all times while you are on or in the water. Children ages 12 and younger must wear a life jacket while on board a vessel. Each person aboard a personal watercraft must also wear a life jacket. Due to the cold water temperatures and currents between Hoover Dam and Mile 43 on Lake Mohave, all occupants of hand-propelled craft in this area must wear life jackets when underway.



PREVENT BITES & STINGS

Lake Mead is home to snakes, scorpions and spiders. These animals are less active in winter, but may still be present on a warm day. Avoid problems by paying attention to your surroundings. Never step or reach into places you cannot see.



BRING WATER

Water is available at all developed areas in the park.

STAY HYDRATED & EAT SALTY SNACKS

We recommend drinking a minimum of one gallon (about 4 liters) of water per person, per day. You will need more fluids if you are active. Hiking or cycling can cause you to lose water and salts at a rate of 1 1/2 quarts per hour. Replace these fluids and electrolytes by drinking water or sports drinks and consuming salty foods.



CELL PHONES ARE UNRELIABLE

Most of Lake Mead National Recreation Area is remote, and there is limited to no cell coverage. Do not count on your phone for navigating or in case of emergency. Tell your friends and family what time you expect to return from your visit to the park.

CLIMB AT YOUR OWN RISK

With the exception of the ladder at Arizona Hot Spring, the National Park Service does not inspect, maintain or repair bolts or other climbing equipment in the park. Climb at your own risk.



NEVER FEED WILDLIFE

Consuming human food is unhealthy for wildlife and may encourage aggressive behavior. Coyotes and other animals should be left alone to rely on natural sources for food. All human and pet food and trash must be stored or disposed of so animals cannot access them.

PREPARE FOR CHANGING WEATHER

Prepare for temperature extremes by dressing in layers. Temperatures this time of year can range from 100F(37C) to 20F(-6C). Desert weather changes fast and the landscape offers little shelter.



TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

Flash floods occur when monsoon thunderstorms pour large amounts of rain over a short time. Avoid canyons and washes during rainstorms and be prepared to move to higher ground. While driving, be alert for water running across the road. Wait for floodwaters to subside rather than trying to drive through them.

TREAT EVERY VISIT AS IF IT'S YOUR FIRST

The Western U.S. is experiencing a drought, which has led to lowering lake levels on Lake Mead. Aids to Navigation crews mark hazards appearing throughout the lake. They are not able to mark every hazard, so treat your visit to the lake as if it's your first because conditions change daily. If you see a navigation hazard that's not marked, call 702-293-8778 to report it. Visit www.nps.gov/lake/learn/news/lakeconditions.htm for current lake conditions.

DRIVE SAFELY

Use caution when passing other vehicles. It may be difficult to see around large trailers and boats. Only pass in designated areas. Cyclists are required to ride in single file. When passing cyclists or runners, use caution. Don't drink and drive.

Rules and Regulations

Fires

Fires are permitted using fire pits in developed areas. Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry except when fire danger is high (watch for notices). When shoreline camping, all charcoal ashes must be packed out and disposed of in park trash receptacles after ensuring that they are extinguished.

Firearms

Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state and local laws to possess them in the park. Firearms are prohibited in federal buildings, such as visitor centers and ranger stations. It is the responsibility of the visitor to understand and comply with all applicable firearm laws before entering the park. Target shooting is prohibited.

Don't Litter

All trash must be disposed of properly. Dumpsters are located throughout the park. The tan dumpsters are for food, clothing, diapers, pet waste and extinguished ashes. The green recycle dumpsters are for everything else.

Styrofoam and Glass

The possession of glass beverage containers and Styrofoam is prohibited in the park except at food and beverage service areas or within vehicles. There have been a number of reported injuries caused by glass. Styrofoam does not breakdown and can be a problem for wildlife.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol is allowed in the park, except for at the end of Approved Road 47 and within a one-mile radius of Placer Cove, Nevada. It is against the law to drink and drive or operate a boat. Designate a driver or operator.

Clean, Drain, Dry

Help keep aquatic invasive species from spreading. Before and after entering the lakes, clean plants and mud from all equipment; drain water from bilge, live-well, engine and ballast tanks; and dry all equipment.

Pets

Pets are allowed on all trails and beaches within the park unless there is a sign that says otherwise. Pets must be under physical control on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Pets should not be left in cars. Please consider your pet's needs for water and shade in the desert heat.

No Drones

The launching, landing or operating of an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of the park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent. Radio-controlled model aircraft are allowed at the designated airfield on Hemenway Drive in the Boulder Beach area.

All Motor Vehicles Must Stay on Roads

The desert environment is more fragile than it may look. The ruts and scars left by vehicles and bicycles illegally taken off-road can last for years or even decades. Motorized vehicles may only travel on paved roads and marked approved backcountry roads.

Take Only Pictures

It is the mission of the National Park Service to preserve all natural and cultural resources unimpaired for future generations. Please leave everything in the park as it is for others to enjoy. Do not destroy, deface, dig, collect or otherwise disturb any park resources, including plants, rocks, fossils or artifacts. Deadwood on the ground may be used as fuel for campfires.

Hit the Trails

Hikes		Difficulty	Distance round trip	Elevation Change	Trailhead Location		
Lakeshore	Historic Railroad	easy	7.5 mi 12 km	445 ft	Wide and flat gravel trail through five tunnels to Hoover Dam. Trailhead is east of the visitor center on Lakeshore Road just off U.S. Highway 93.		
	River Mountains Loop	easy	16.2 mi* 26.1 km	750 ft	Paved path is 12 feet wide. Surrounds the River Mountains connecting Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, Henderson and Boulder City. * Total 34 miles		
	Owl Canyon	moderate	2.2 mi 3.5 km	300 ft	Trailhead is located at first parking lot on left from 33 Hole turnoff. Beautiful slot canyon.		
	Bluffs	moderate	3.9 mi 6.2 km	145 ft	Trailhead starts next to site #72 in the Las Vegas Bay Campground. This area is ideal to bird watch, so be sure to bring your binoculars and camera.		
Northshore	Wetlands	CLOSED FOR REPAIRS		moderate	1.5 mi 2.4 km	110 ft	Trailhead is located on Northshore Road just past mile post 1. This area is ideal to bird watch, so be sure to bring your binoculars and camera.
	Callville Summit	moderate	2.7 mi 4.3 km	150 ft	Trailhead is located next to the Callville dump station across from the picnic area. A short climb will reward hikers with a spectacular lake view.		
	Northshore Summit	moderate	1.0 mi 1.6 km	200 ft	Trailhead is located on Northshore Road past mile post 20. Hiking to the top requires some rock scrambling and there are steep cliffs.		
	Redstone	easy	1.1 mi 1.8 km	80 ft	Trailhead is located at the Redstone Picnic Area on Northshore Road. Hikers can wind through large, red sandstone rocks.		
Lake Mohave	St. Thomas	moderate	3.9 mi 6.6 km	85 ft	Northshore Road just past mile post 46 and turn onto Old St. Thomas Access Road that takes you to a historic ghost town.		
	Grapevine Canyon	easy moderate	3.4 mi 5.5 km	400 ft	Highway 163 to Christmas Tree Pass Road, go north for 1.8 miles to Grapevine Access Road. Trailhead is at the west end of the parking lot. Visible petroglyphs.		
	Liberty Bell Arch	seasonal access	strenuous	5.5 mi 8.9 km	275 ft	Trailhead is located just off U.S. Highway 93, south of Hoover Dam, before mile post 4. View a natural arch and the Colorado River.	
	White Rock Canyon	seasonal access	very strenuous	6.5 mi 10.5 km	885 ft	Trailhead is located just off U.S. Highway 93, south of Hoover Dam, before mile post 4 and leads to the Arizona Hot Spring and Colorado River.	
	Hot Spring Canyon	seasonal access	very strenuous	5.0 mi 8.1 km	750 ft	Trailhead is located just off U.S. Highway 93, south of Hoover Dam, before mile post 4 and leads to the Arizona Hot Spring and Colorado River.	
	Lake View	moderate	4.7 mi 7.6 km	115 ft	Trailhead is located next to the Katherine Landing day use area, on the west end of parking lot B facing away from the main road.		
Fisherman's	easy	1.8 mi 2.8 km	35 ft	Follow road to Katherine Landing Marina then take last left turn. Trailhead is between boat shop and employee housing.			

Easy - Obvious, well-marked trails with gentle grades and few obstacles
Moderate - Steep elevations over short distance and uneven terrain with obstacles

Strenuous - Steep elevations, loose rocks, difficult terrain with obstacles and long distances
Very Strenuous - Extremely steep elevations with loose rock, difficult terrain, scrambling over boulders and longer distances

Stay the Night

Campgrounds		NPS	Phone	Per Night	Total Campsites	RV Hook-ups	Showers
Lake Mead	Boulder Beach Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	146 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Boulder Beach Group Camping		702-293-8906	\$60	5 group tent	NO	NO
	Lake Mead RV Park		702-293-2540	\$30-45	115 RV	YES	YES
	Las Vegas Bay Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	86 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Callville Bay Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	81 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Callville Bay RV Park		702-565-8958	\$22.40	5 RV	YES	YES
	Echo Bay Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	138 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Echo Bay RV Park		702-394-4000	\$28-30	55 RV	YES	YES
	Temple Bar Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	153 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Temple Bar RV Park		928-767-3211	\$25-30	10 RV	YES	YES
Lake Mohave	Willow Beach RV / Campground		928-767-4747	\$20-35	9 tent - 28 RV	YES	YES
	Cottonwood Cove Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	145 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Cottonwood Cove RV Park		877-386-4383	\$32-45	72 RV	YES	YES
	Katherine Landing Campground		702-293-8990	\$20	157 tent/RV	NO	NO
	Lake Mohave RV Park		928-754-3245	\$30	24 RV	YES	YES

 Managed by National Park Service - Available first-come, first-served - 50% discount with Senior/Access pass

Volunteers Contribute 300,000+ Hours

Lake Mead National Recreation Area celebrated the third annual Get Outdoors Nevada Day and the contributions volunteers have made to Southern Nevada's public lands during a festival Oct. 15 at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas.

"When you connect with our parks, we invite you to play, learn, serve and maybe even someday work at a park and become a park ranger like me," said Lizette Richardson, Lake Mead National Recreation Area superintendent, during the event. "I have the great honor to recognize those who have served in our parks as our partners and who have provided incredible contributions to our community."

In 2016, more than 16,000 volunteers contributed more than 300,000 hours valued at around \$7 million in support of Southern Nevada parks. Volunteers were recognized for their contributions with the following awards:

Trailblazer Award - Jim Boone

Volunteer of the Year - George Reyling

Non-Profit Volunteer Organization of the Year - Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Public Agency Volunteer Program of the Year - City of Las Vegas Park Ambassador Program

Volunteer Youth Program of the Year - Clark County Parks and Recreation Department's "Young Leaders of the Future" Program

Small Business Award - Desert Adventures

Large Business Award - Forever Resorts

Tule Springs Partnership Award - Sherri Grotheer and Senior Girl Scout Troop #41

Lake Mead Million Dollar Volunteer - Bob Bronson

In addition to the awards, the free event featured more than 70 exhibitors from across Southern Nevada. Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument park rangers were on hand with a ranger vehicle, fire truck, NPS ambulance, ranger activities and a patrol boat for attendees to explore.



Award recipients - Jennifer Padilla (accepting for Clark County Parks and Rec.), Jim Boone and George Reyling

Goodman. "I am so happy to be here and thrilled to be a part of this, the 100th birthday celebration of the National Park Service."

The Mabel Hoggard Math & Science Magnet Elementary School Choir sang happy birthday to the National Park Service, and free cake was handed out by park rangers.

"As we celebrate our anniversary, we especially want kids to discover the outdoors. To help with this, we're providing every fourth grader with a free annual park pass, so they can treat their families to a park experience," said Richardson.

Get Outdoors Nevada Day celebrates Las Vegas as a central gateway to more than 7 million acres of public lands and was hosted by Outside Las Vegas Foundation and the City of Las Vegas. Next year's event will be held in Henderson, Nevada, Oct. 21.



Park Ranger James Grof points out the details of a sabre tooth skull to an interested audience

To volunteer with the National Park Service, visit www.volunteer.gov.

New Road to Katherine Landing

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Aug. 25 on the National Park Service's 100th anniversary, to celebrate the completion of the \$11.3 million Katherine Landing Road project. Park employees, the construction team and community partners were in attendance for the momentous occasion.

The entire roadway was reconstructed from the base to the surface and widened to 12-foot lanes with two-foot shoulders. The intersection of Davis Dam Road and Katherine Landing Access Road was re-aligned to allow traffic to flow to and from the two roads without a stop sign. An additional lane was added from the entrance station to Cabin Site Road, along with some drainage improvements. Parking lots were also reconstructed.

"Katherine Landing is a very important area of our park" said Lizette Richardson, Lake Mead National Recreation Area superintendent.

"Katherine Landing Access Road is better than ever... This road will serve as a legacy of our investment to partnerships with the Bullhead City, Arizona, and Laughlin, Nevada, communities."



Chief of Maintenance and Engineering Bruce Nyhuis and Superintendent Lizette Richardson cut a ribbon to officially dedicate the newly reconstructed Katherine Landing Road

Free Passes for Fourth Graders

Lake Mead National Recreation Area is inviting all fourth graders to visit the park for free this year as part of the Every Kid in a Park program. The program gives fourth grade students, and those accompanying them, free access to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters.

"Lake Mead is America's most diverse National Recreation Area, and we're excited to welcome fourth graders and their families throughout the year to discover its beauty," said Lizette Richardson, Lake Mead National Recreation Area superintendent. "We hope that our young visitors learn and have fun in the great outdoors and develop a lifelong connection to our nation's lands, waters and wildlife."

To support the program, Lake Mead National Recreation Area will receive a 2016/2017 field trip grant from the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks. The grant is part of the Foundation's Open Outdoors for Kids program. The grant will be used to transport children to the park to participate in nature-based field trips.

Every Kid in a Park is part of President Obama's commitment to protect the nation's unique outdoor spaces and ensure that every American has the opportunity to visit and enjoy them. The program, now entering its second year, is a call to action for children to experience America's spectacular outdoors, rich history and culture.



In the program's first year, Lake Mead National Recreation Area handed out more than 1,800 passes to fourth grade students, helping to engage the next generation of park goers and enthusiasts as part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration.

The Every Kid in a Park pass is valid Sept. 1, 2016-Aug. 30, 2017. The pass grants free entry for fourth graders and everyone in their car to most federally managed lands and waters, including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and marine sanctuaries.

The Every Kid in a Park website, www.EveryKidinaPark.gov, has links to educational activities, trip planning, field trip options, the downloadable pass and additional information in both English and Spanish. After completing an educational activity, the child can download and print a pass. The paper pass can be traded for a more durable pass at the park.



NPS aircraft at Boulder City Airport, May 5, 1941. The Kellett KD-1 was a 1930s American autogyro built by the Kellett Autogyro Company. It had the distinction of being the first practical rotary-wing aircraft used by the United States Army and inaugurated the first scheduled air-mail service using a rotary-wing aircraft - Pilot, Mos Brair

Lake Mead's Rich Aviation History

From military training, to search and rescue missions to resource management to recreation; aviation has played a significant role in the foundation of Lake Mead National Recreation Area's history.

The National Park Service began providing travel and information services for the Boulder Canyon Area (now Lake Mead National Recreation Area) in the early 30s. By 1936, the park service started using a plane to help with that task.



Pilot Scott Taylor

"Lake Mead's aviation program is one of the quiet champions, helping with so many aspects of the park that rangers otherwise

would not be able to support or would take a significant amount of man-hours to complete," said Scott Taylor, the park's current pilot.

Between 1936 and 1942, the Civilian Conservation Corps, in cooperation with the National Park Service, built many projects around Boulder City



Artistic rendering of Lake Mead NRA's new Cessna 206, equipped with a turbine engine and amphibious floats

and the newly created Lake Mead and Hoover Dam. The Boulder City Airport was the first of many crucial infrastructure projects built during these years, which contributed to higher visitation to the lake. In the 40s, many dirt landing strips were built within the park, providing access and services to remote areas.

In addition to its own plane, the National Park Service relied on military support for aviation operations. In 1951, as the park service began developing plans for Boulder Beach, it discovered that the Army's aerial photographs were helpful in identifying possible facility locations.

Military aircraft continued to serve as a staple in Lake Mead's airspace, performing search and rescue missions at the reservoir. Park rangers often flew aboard military aircraft during rescue flights because of their intimate knowledge of Lake Mead's vast and remote backcountry.

"With 1.5 million acres, there are a lot of places in the backcountry that rangers can't get to that the airplane can," said Bruce Lenon, former park pilot from 1986 to 2012. "It's the quick down and dirty, easiest way to find someone on the water."

Today, airmen from Nellis Air Force Base occasionally assist in search and

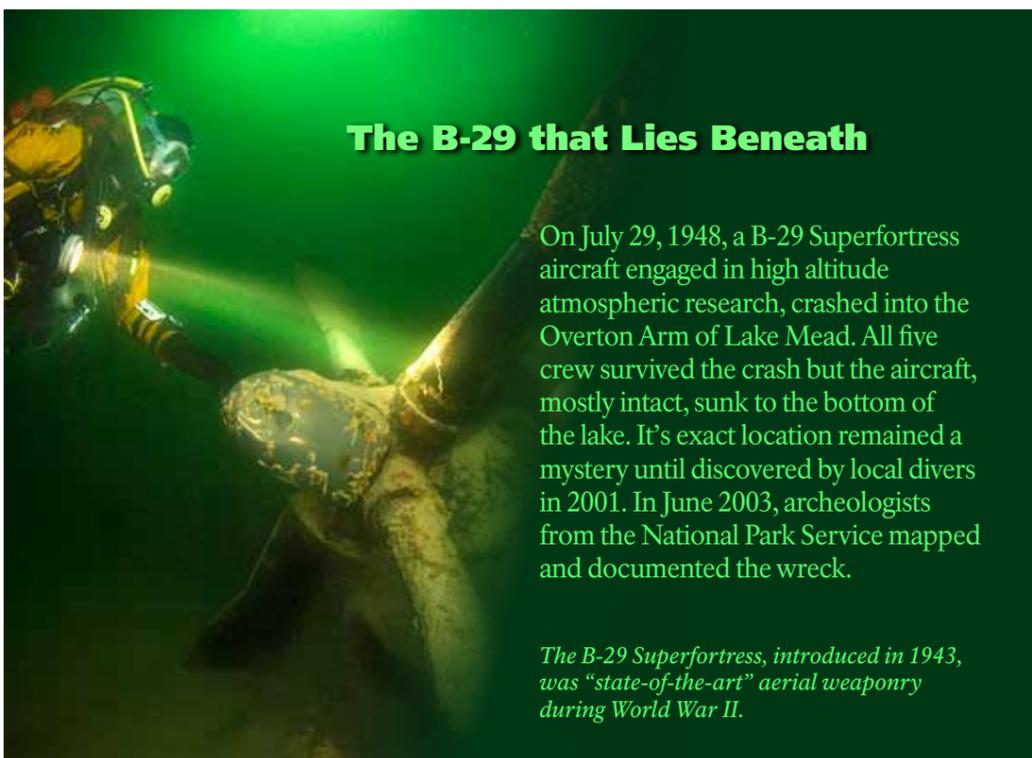
rescue missions and conduct limited training within the park.

The National Park Service's current aviation program uses both fixed wing and helicopters to conduct missions related to search and rescue, wildlife management, law enforcement, natural resource management, and wildfire and prescribed fire management.

Lake Mead's aviation program is one of only 22 fixed-wing fleet aircraft in the National Park Service, with the largest concentration of park aviation in the Alaska region.

The complexity of the terrain of Lake Mead and the large area that the park covers make for a unique mission for the park's aviation program. Lake Mead's new fleet plane is equipped with amphibious floats so that the pilot has more flexibility with operations.

"The park plane makes it possible to get first responders on scene with significantly reduced response time compared to land travel," said Taylor. "In 2016 alone, the plane supported nearly 30 search and rescue missions, helping to save lives.



The B-29 that Lies Beneath

On July 29, 1948, a B-29 Superfortress aircraft engaged in high altitude atmospheric research, crashed into the Overton Arm of Lake Mead. All five crew survived the crash but the aircraft, mostly intact, sunk to the bottom of the lake. Its exact location remained a mystery until discovered by local divers in 2001. In June 2003, archeologists from the National Park Service mapped and documented the wreck.

The B-29 Superfortress, introduced in 1943, was "state-of-the-art" aerial weaponry during World War II.

Park Plane Uses

- Search and Rescue
- Wildlife Management
- Law Enforcement
- All-Hazard Operations
- Visitor Protection
- Personnel Transport
- Natural Resource Management
- Wildfire and Prescribed Fire

Lake Mead Aviation Fun Facts

- The recreation area has had a park plane since its establishment.
- Lake Mead has a new Cessna 206 with a turbine engine and amphibious floats.
- There are three landing strips at Lake Mead that are available for public use - Temple Bar, Pearce Ferry and Echo Bay.
- The park plane can reach any area of the park within 30 minutes, significantly reducing response time to incidents.

Plan Your Visit



A tour group taking in the scenery at Lakeview Overlook



Young cyclist travels the tunnels of the Historic Railroad Trail



A view of the spectacular geology along Northshore Road

1 Hour

TAKE IN THE VIEW

Just before arriving to the Hoover Dam, be sure to turn into the Lakeview Overlook. From here, you can learn about the creation of Lake Mead and get an elevated view of the Boulder Basin.

WATCH THE PARK FILM

At the Lake Mead Visitor Center, you can view the award-winning film, “Life in the Desert.” The film provides insight from recreationists and Native Americans about the wonders of the Mojave Desert.

ENJOY A MEAL ON THE LAKE

All of the marinas on Lake Mead and Lake Mohave have restaurants with views of the lakes. Las Vegas Boat Harbor and Lake Mead Marina have floating restaurants with full-service menus.

1/2 Day

HIKE THROUGH HISTORY

Learn about the history of the Hoover Dam as you hike or bike along the old railroad route used during the construction of the Hoover Dam. The Historic Railroad Trail, which is a National Recreation Trail, travels through five tunnels from the Lake Mead Visitor Center to the dam. It offers panoramic views of the lake.

CRUISE TO HOOVER DAM

Lake Mead Cruises offers a variety of sightseeing cruises to the Hoover Dam. Experience a mid-day cruise, or enjoy a champagne brunch or dinner cruise. For reservations, visit lakemeadcruises.com.

TAKE A DIP

Lake Mohave has numerous sandy beaches where you can swim, fish and soak up the sun.

1 Day

TAKE A SCENIC DRIVE

Lake Mead National Recreation Area covers 1.5 million acres with more than 200 miles of paved roads and 800 miles of unpaved roads. Pearce Ferry Road travels through fields of Joshua trees. Northshore Road offers scenic views of geology.

FLOAT DOWN THE COLORADO RIVER

See the Hoover Dam from its base with Black Canyon River Adventures. Raft trips depart daily and travel down the Colorado River through the Black Canyon, a National Water Trail. Visit blackcanyonadventures.com for reservations.

RENT A BOAT

All of the marinas on Lake Mead and Lake Mohave offer a variety of boat rental options, so you can explore the lakes and escape to your own secluded cove.

Find Your Park from Vegas

There are 23 national park units and millions of acres of canyons, lakes, wildlife, trails and mountains located within five hours of Las Vegas – all waiting to be explored.

“Las Vegas is a top tourist destination because of our amazing resorts, five-star dining, fabulous boutique shopping, and of course, we are also the entertainment capital of the world,” said Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman. “What people may not realize is that we have several world-class outdoor recreation areas and parks that not only attract visitors, but are also great amenities for our residents.”

The park service, along with partners from the City of Las Vegas, Southern Nevada Agency Partnership and Nevada State Parks, launched www.FindYourPark.Vegas to help visitors find these unique destinations.

The website highlights outdoor recreation getaways located within one, three and five hours of the Las Vegas Strip.

Within an hour of Las Vegas, people can discover two national parks: Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.

“Lake Mead is America’s largest and most diverse national recreation area, where people can boat, hike, cycle, camp and fish,” said Lizette Richardson, park superintendent. “With striking landscapes and brilliant blue waters, this year-round playground spreads across 1.5 million acres of mountains, canyons, valleys and two vast lakes.”

Tule Springs is the state’s newest national park unit where ancient life meets neon lights.

Six more national parks, including Zion, Mojave National Preserve and Death Valley (the country’s hottest, lowest and driest point) are less than three hours away.

Within five hours, visitors can discover fifteen more national parks, including Grand Canyon, one of the seven natural wonders of the world, and Great Basin, Bryce Canyon and Joshua Tree.

And, Vegas is a gateway to more than just national parks. Within an hour, locals and tourists can travel to parks managed by the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Nevada, Clark County and other cities in the nearby metropolitan area.

Commercial Services

Lake Mead

Callville Bay Resort and Marina

702-565-8958, rentals: 800-255-5561

www.callvillebay.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

Campgrounds

Trailer village

RV park (dump station)

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

Snack bar

Restaurant

Lounge

Aquatic invasive species

removal station

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

The Desert Princess
Lake Mead Cruises



Las Vegas Boat Harbor Marina

702-293-1191 Las Vegas Boat Harbor Marina

702-293-3484 Lake Mead Marina

www.boatinglakemead.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (boat)

Boat rental

Pump-out

Stores (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

Restaurants

Lounges

Aquatic invasive species

removal station

Banquet/meeting room

Echo Bay

702-394-4000, 800-255-5561

www.lakemeadrvvillage.com

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto)

Campgrounds

Trailer village

RV park (dump station)

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Fish cleaner

Showers

Lake Mead Cruises

702-293-6180

www.lakemeadcruises.com

Cruise on a climate-controlled Mississippi-style paddle wheel to Hoover Dam and back. Scenic, brunch and dinner cruises and private charters available.

Lake Mead RV Village

702-293-2540

www.lakemeadrvvillage.com

RV park (dump station)

Activity center/meeting room

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Showers

Laundry

Las Vegas Bay

702-565-9223

www.boatinglakemead.com

Fuel (auto)

Campgrounds

Dry boat storage

Fish cleaner

Temple Bar Marina

928-767-3211, rentals: 800-255-5561

www.templebarlakemead.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

Motels/cabins

Campgrounds

Trailer village

RV park (dump station)

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Restaurant

Lounge

Aquatic invasive species

removal station

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

Nevada Department of Wildlife

FREE Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspection and removal at Callville, Hemenway and Cottonwood.

Free AIS removal, 702-757-5757

AIS decal, 866-703-4605



Lake Mohave

Black Canyon/Willow Beach Adventures

702-294-1414

www.blackcanyonriveradventures.com

Scenic flat water raft trip through Black Canyon with views of Hoover Dam.

Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina

702-297-1464, rentals: 800-255-5561

www.cottonwoodcoveresort.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

Motel

Campgrounds

Trailer village

RV park (dump station)

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Café

Aquatic invasive species

removal station

Fish cleaner

Showers

Meeting Room

Laundry

Lake Mohave Resort, Katherine Landing

928-754-3245, reservations: 800-752-9669

www.sevencrown.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

Motel

Campgrounds

Trailer village

RV park (dump station)

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage

Boat repair

Restaurant

Lounge

Aquatic invasive species

removal station

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

Willow Beach Harbor Marina

928-767-4747

www.willowbeachharbor.com

Marina/boat slip rentals

Launch ramp

Fuel (auto/boat)

Boat rental

Campgrounds

RV park (dump station)

Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)

Café

Aquatic invasive species

removal station

Fishing pier

Fish cleaner

Showers

Laundry

Park Store and Visitor Center



- Interactive Exhibits
- Outerwear
- Cinema presentation
Life in the Desert
- Native American
Art - Jewelry - Crafts
- Children's Games and Toys
- Books
- Maps

The park store is located off U.S. Highway 93, between Boulder City and Hoover Dam and is open every day, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See map on the back page for location or call 702-293-8990 for more information.



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Purchases are tax free and support educational programs at Lake Mead NRA

Don't pollute – Trash your trash

Do your part to help rangers keep Lake Mead National Recreation Area clean and trash free. Please remember to pack in and pack out when you are hiking, camping or picnicking. Not every area in the park will have a dumpster or trash can nearby, so please remember to bag your trash and take it to the nearest receptacle. Styrofoam and glass are not allowed within the park boundary, so please leave them at home when recreating at the lake. Trash has a huge impact on wildlife, and doing your part helps.

Remember to be responsible and always trash your trash.

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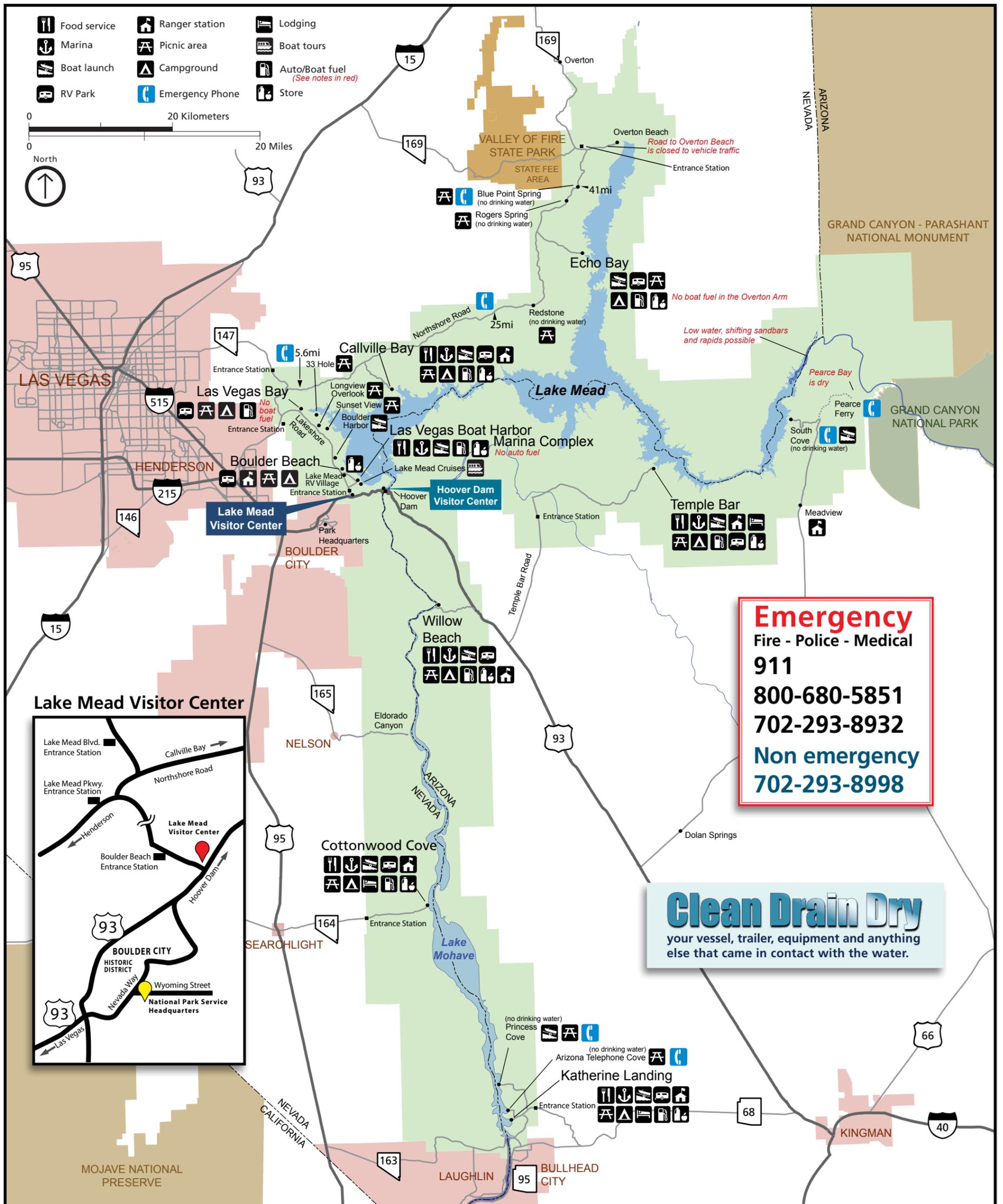
Tire Su Basura a la Basura

Haga su parte para ayudar a los Rangers a mantener el Lago Mead área Nacional de recreación limpio y libre de basura. Recuerde llevarse todo lo que usted traiga o utilice los contenedores de basura cuando vengamos a hacer sus caminatas, a campar o hacer su picnic. No todas las áreas en el Parque tendrá un contenedor de basura o bote de basura cerca haci que, recuerde traer su bolsa para la basura y llevarla hasta el contenedor de basura más cercano.

Espuma de poliestireno y vidrio no se permiten dentro de los límites del parque, así que por favor de dejarlos en casa cuando se recrea en el lago. Basura tiene un enorme impacto sobre la vida silvestre y haciendo su parte ayuda a conservarla.

Recuerde ser responsable y siempre tirar su basura en la basura.





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