



Lake Mead

National Recreation Area

Official Park Guide, Winter/Spring 2010



Begin your visit here

Spring Events & Programs

The National Park Service is providing guided hikes and programs in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area this spring. Reservations are required for the hikes and walks. For safety reasons, please leave pets at home. **For reservations call:** (702) 293-8990 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

February

- Tuesday, Feb. 9 –“Old Spanish Trail,” Boulder City Library, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 14 –“Mystery of Lake Mead’s Atlantis,” Alan Bible Visitor Center, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 20 – Anniversary Mine Hike
- Saturday, Feb. 27 – Moonlight Hike

March

- Saturday, Mar. 6 –Wildflower Walk
- Tuesday, Mar. 9 –“Fun on Public Lands with Ranger Emily,” Boulder City Library, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Mar. 21–Wildflower Walk
- Saturday, Mar. 27–Moonlight Hike

April

- Saturday, Apr. 10 – Bluffs Stroll
- Tuesday, Apr. 13 –“Ranger’s Choice,” Program, Boulder City Library, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 18 –“America’s Treasure Box,” Alan Bible Visitor Center, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 24 – Junior Ranger Day
- Tuesday, Apr. 27 – Moonlight Hike

Bald eagles are soaring in record numbers at Lakes Mead and Mohave, where biologists in January documented the highest tally ever. The annual count of bald eagles that migrate to the lakes from the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere climbed to 163, shattering the previous record high of 116 from two years ago.

It’s a sign the once-endangered bird of prey has made a solid comeback since it was delisted three years ago. And, it might be further evidence that the massive lakes that straddle Southern Nevada and Arizona are becoming a destination, rather than just a stopover in the eagles’ winter migration.

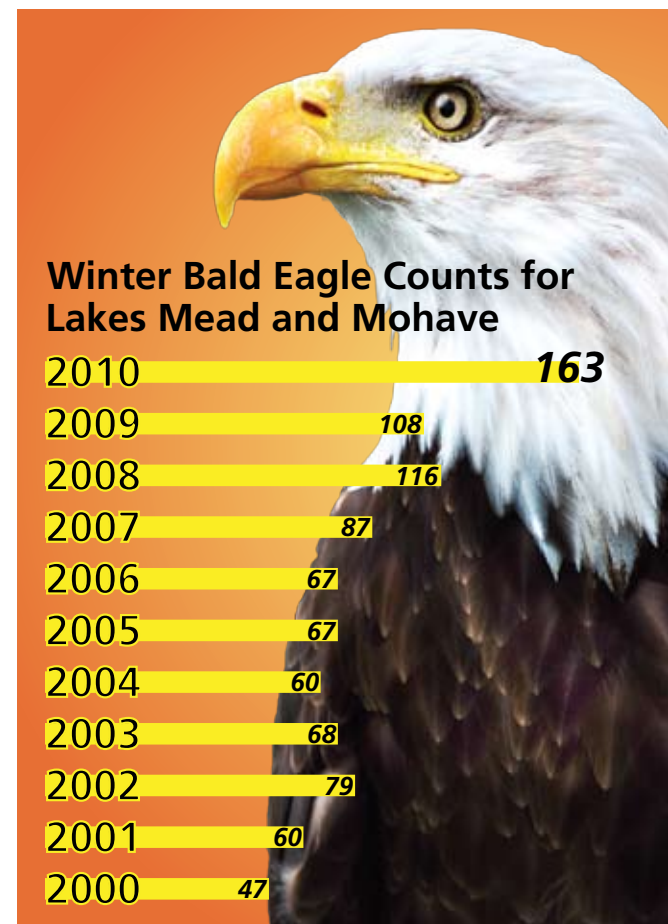
“It’s definitely the best year we’ve had for sure,” said Dawn Fletcher, research assistant for UNLV’s Public Lands Institute, one of nine agencies that participated in the survey. The National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey conduct the midwinter bald eagle survey to monitor populations nationwide.

The bald eagle was declared an endangered species for much of the United States in 1967, before passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Only 417 nesting pairs were known to exist in the contiguous 48 states in 1963. The bald eagle’s demise was blamed in part on habitat loss. But pesticides, that have since been banned, played a role by contaminating prey the eagles ate, causing egg shells to thin and

making adults sick and infertile. Eagle surveys in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area date to the early 1980s, but the count method was standardized in 2001 and revised in 2007 to improve the quality of the data.

In all, 45 volunteers and biologists on boats scanned the lakes’ shorelines with binoculars. They followed specific routes at slow speeds looking for adults and immature bald eagles.

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Information and Services

Entrance Fees

Private Vehicles \$5 per vehicle, good for 5 days in the Lake Mead National Recreation area. Covers all passengers.

Yearly Vehicle Pass (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) \$20, second vehicle yearly pass, \$10

Individual Pass (motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians) \$3 per person good for 5 days

Individual Yearly Pass \$20 (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

Vessels \$10 for first vessel, \$5 each additional
Vessel Yearly Pass (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) \$20, each additional vessel, \$10

Senior Federal Lands Pass (lifetime) \$10 for residents age 62 or older

Access Federal Lands Pass (lifetime) Free for those with permanent medical disability

Federal Interagency Pass \$80 valid for one year from month purchased

Firearms

Beginning February 22, 2010 loaded firearms will be permitted in Lake Mead National Recreation Area to the extent that they are permitted in the state parks of Nevada and Arizona. Please review state firearms laws before you visit.

Emergencies

24 hour Park Service Emergency Response:
Call 911 or (702) 293-8963

Cell phones have intermittent reception in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Emergency call boxes locations:

Parking areas at Government Wash, Mile Marker 25, Rogers Spring on Northshore Road, Princess Cove on Lake Mohave and South Cove on Lake Mead at Meadview.

Camping

Campgrounds in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area are open year-round on a first-come first-serve basis. Sites are \$10 per night (half price for Senior/Access Pass holders). Payments are made at the kiosk located at the entrance to each campground. **Facilities:**

Rest rooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates and dump-stations. Hookups are only available at concession run sites (pg. 3).

Group Camping: Available year-round by reservation for groups of 15-30 campers, \$30 per night. Call (702) 293-8906, Monday-Friday, for reservations.

Fires

Fires are permitted using fire pits in developed areas. Campfires are permitted throughout the backcountry except when fire danger is high. Firewood may be purchased at marinas and most local grocery stores.

Pets

Pets are allowed on all trails within the park. Pets are also allowed on beaches, unless there is a sign that says no pets. They are not allowed in public buildings. They must be under physical control on a leash not longer than six feet at all times. Pets are not allowed to be left in cars at Lake Mead NRA and Hoover Dam. Please consider your pets needs for water and shade in higher temperatures.

Glass and Styrofoam Restriction

Please help protect the environment of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area by leaving all glass and Styrofoam containers at home. Glass and Styrofoam are prohibited in the park and penalties will apply for their use.



Junior Ranger Corner

“My whole life I have been camping, hiking, and swimming in national parks. Being a Junior Ranger Mentor at Lake Mead National Recreation Area gives me the chance to share my stories and experiences. There is no where on Earth I would rather be than in nature, so

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talking and learning about it is very fun for me. Nature is something greater and more amazing than the tallest skyscraper or smartest computer. History can teach me and affect my future life with lessons from the past. In national parks there is always more for me to explore and learn about nature and history. That is why I volunteer as a Junior Ranger Mentor!” **Jana**
Want to become a Junior Ranger? The Junior Ranger Guide and Activity Book is available at the Lake Mead Visitor Center, the Katherine Ranger Station, and in the lobby of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area’s office in Boulder City. Complete the booklet to receive a Junior Ranger badge and certificate.



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When Jana was in first grade, she became the first person to complete Lake Mead’s Junior Ranger Guide and Activity Book.

Concession Services

For more information regarding business services offered in the park, visit the Lake Mead NRA website:
<http://www.nps.gov/lame/parkmgmt/businesswithpark.htm>

Lake Mead Cruises

Boat Tours - Private Charters
702-293-6180
www.lakemeadcruises.com

Black Canyon/Willow Beach Adventures

(702) 294-1414 / (800) 455-3490
In Arizona (928) 767-4747
www.foreverresorts.com
Convenience and grocery store, snack bar, courtesy docks, boat rental, boat fuel, boat repair and boat decontamination services.

Echo Bay Marina

Until 5 p.m. (702) 394-4066
After 5 p.m. (702) 304-4000
Reservations: (800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Restaurant, snack bar, lounge, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rental, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, visitor trailer village, showers, laundry, auto/boat fuel, and dump station.

Cottonwood Cove Resort

(702) 297-1464
Reservations: (800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Cafe, meeting room, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rental, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat towing, boat decontamination services, motel, RV sites, visitor trailer village, showers, laundry, auto/boat/propane fuel and dump station.

Lake Mohave Resort (Katherine Landing)

(928) 754-3245
Reservations: (800) 752-9669
www.sevencrown.com
Restaurant and lounge, showers, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rental, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, motel, RV sites, visitor trailer village, laundry, auto/boat fuel and dump station.

Las Vegas Boat Harbor

(702) 293-1191 Main Number
(702) 293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex
www.drydockboatsales.com
Restaurant and lounge, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rental, boat repair, boat decontamination services, and dry boat storage, auto/boat fuel, and dump station.

Temple Bar Marina

(928) 767-3211
(800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Restaurant and lounge, visitor trailer village, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rental, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, motel, cabins, RV sites, showers, laundry, auto/boat/propane fuel and dump station.

Callville Bay Marina

Manager: (702) 565-8958
Reservations: (800) 255-5561
www.foreverresorts.com
Cafe, snack bar, lounge, banquet services, convenience and grocery store, marina, boat rental, boat repair, dry boat storage, boat decontamination services, RV sites, visitor trailer village, showers, laundry, auto/boat fuel and dump station.

Lake Mead RV Village

(702) 293-2540
www.foreverresorts.com
Convenience and grocery store, RV sites, visitor trailer village, dry boat storage, showers and laundry.

Your Fee Dollars at Work

Paying your entrance fee helps the park improve services to you our visitor. Throughout the park are examples of your fee dollars at work. Here are some park projects that you might recognize:

- Launch ramp extensions throughout Lake Mead in response to changing water levels
- Paving of Princess Cove Road
- Floating sanitation stations
- Litter removal

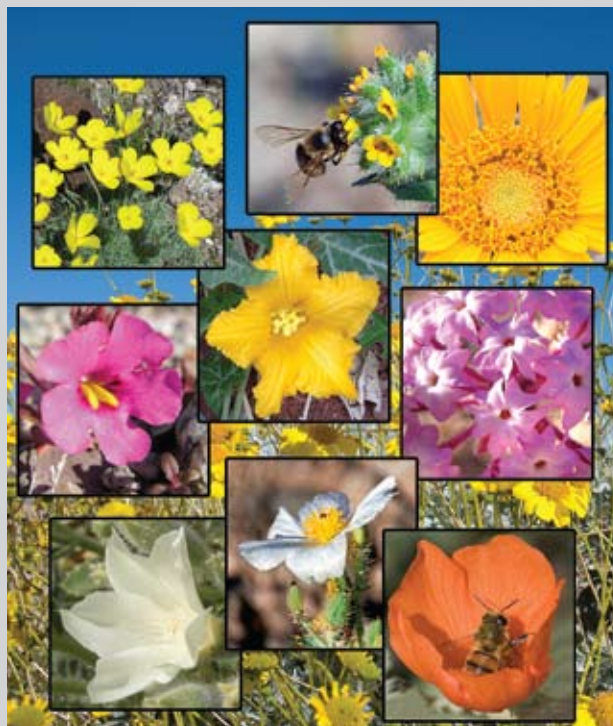
Some of the improvements are not as obvious such as upgrading the park's communications system to better respond to visitor emergencies, bi-lingual water safety education programs and even paying for this park guide. Future projects include reconstructing Willow Beach Road, rehabilitating Rogers and Blue Point Springs, and rehabilitating the Historic Railroad Trail. Many of the projects funded by entrance fees are in response to comments and suggestions from visitors. If you have a suggestion please write us:
Superintendent, Lake Mead NRA
601 Nevada Way
Boulder City, NV 89005

Did you know?

80% of your entrance fees and lake use fees stay at Lake Mead NRA. The other 20% is shared among National Park units that don't charge a fee.

Nourished by just the right amount of rainfall, coaxed by perfect temperatures and enticed with a magic that scientists can only guess at, the mystery of spring wildflowers is unfolding at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Wildflower blooms may vary from small colorful patches along the edge of roads to huge fields of vibrant purples, pinks and golds. Some of the more spectacular displays are a rarity witnessed only every 10 or 20 years. Predicting the extent of a bloom is nearly impossible until it is about to begin. Spring-blooming annuals must germinate in the autumn. The ideal time differs according to the species but it is usually between late September and early December. Temperature is the controlling environmental factor but a triggering rain must occur during the autumn window after summer heat has waned. Under ideal conditions, the desert floor explodes into a riotous carpet of color after the winter rains. Dormant seeds



sprout, plants mature, flower and produce new seeds in a few weeks before summer drought sets in again. Some spring blooms fade away in a few days or weeks while others remain all season and into the summer.

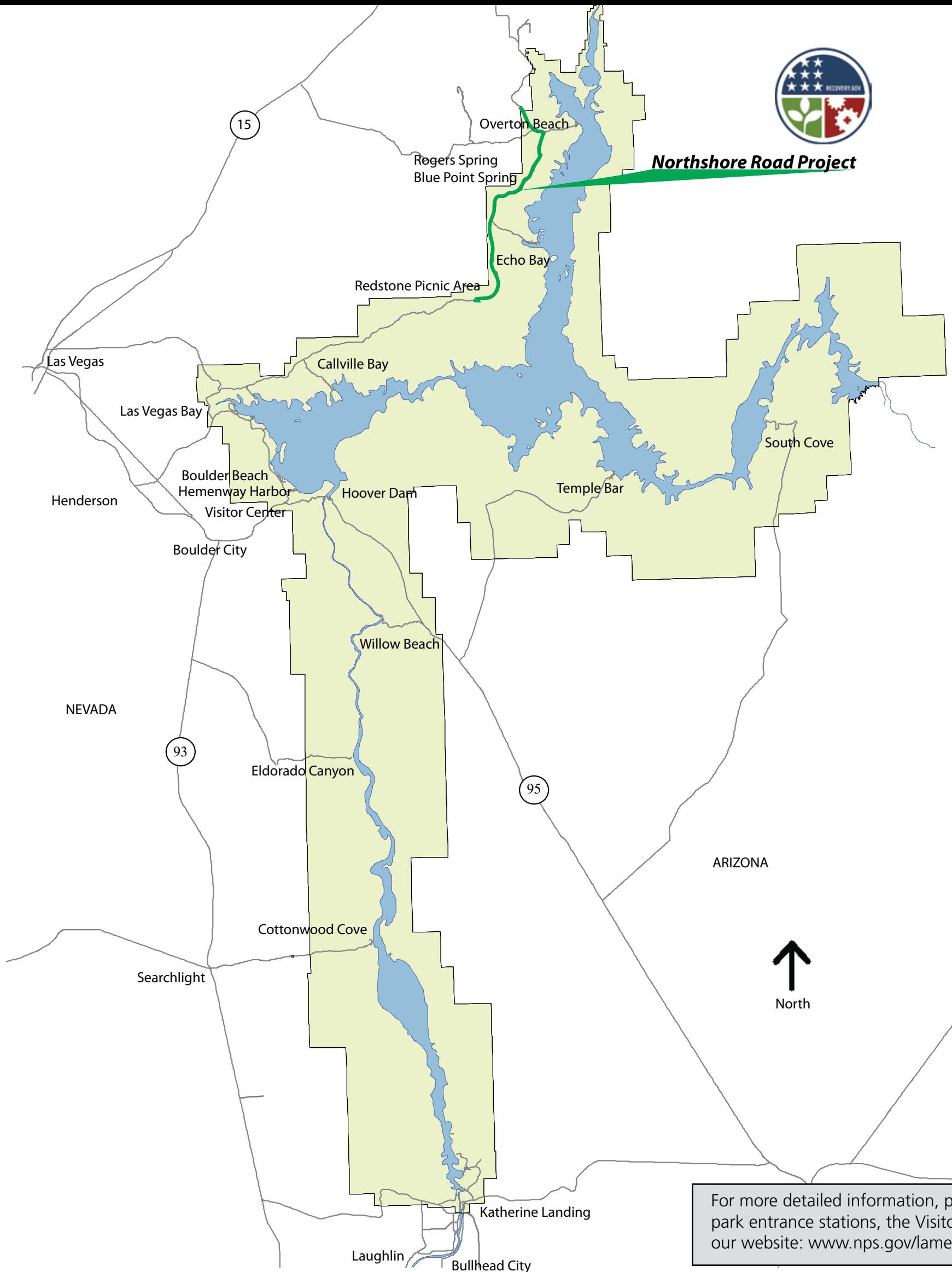
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Young eagles have a mottled appearance compared with the distinct snowy white hoods and tails of adult bald eagles, which have brownish black bodies and 6-foot wing spans. Nevada Department of Wildlife biologist Christy Klinger surmised that the sharp increase in eagle numbers could indicate the Lake

Mead area "is most likely quite an important migratory stopover. Some of our data indicates that this may also be quite an important wintering ground for the eagles," she said.
Article Courtesy of Keith Rogers, Las Vegas Review Journal.



Northshore Road Project



For more detailed information, please visit our park entrance stations, the Visitor Center or our website: www.nps.gov/lame

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