Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA) is home to the world's fastest animal, the peregrine falcon. The peregrine falcon, a crow sized bird of prey, has a bluish/grey back and a lighter white/rusty breast with black bars. The falcon's black cap is often likened to an executioner's mask. Peregrine falcons are an Endangered Species Act success story. They were listed as an endangered species in 1970 primarily due to a decline in reproductive success caused by pesticides like DDT. The peregrine falcon had a remarkable comeback from near extinction due to pesticide bans and resource conservation efforts. In Nevada, the species was absent for at least 26 years before the first pair was discovered at Lake Mead NRA in 1985.

Today there are more than 30 known peregrine falcon territories within the park boundary where nesting pairs have been found. Most of these areas are active each year. The peregrine falcons were removed from the endangered species list in 1999. A condition of the delisting plan specified that breeding success should be monitored at least every three years until 2015. Monitoring in the park has been ongoing since the discovery of that first breeding territory. Nestlings are banded in order to monitor the success of the species. Banding data is used to learn more about the origin, longevity, movements and habits of birds living at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

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www.nps.gov/lake
Starry, Starry Night

The night has been a source of fear, inspiration and wonder, to mankind for centuries. The night and our fear of what lurks there, have always helped our imaginations run rampant. As Shakespeare wrote: “In the dark, how often is a chair imagined a bear?” Yet the night sky has long been a source of navigation for travelers on both land and sea, both lighting and pointing the way for those who had to brave the night. Astronomers, past and present, have studied the night sky to learn about the origins of the universe. And who among us hasn’t been awed gazing up at the innumerable twinkling lights in the night sky or fallen asleep to dream under their reassuring glow?

Boating, fishing, swimming and spending time with your family are just some of the reasons to visit Lake Mead National Recreation Area. However, there is another reason to come and enjoy Lake Mead--stargazing! Your National Parks are working to keep the night sky free from undesirable light, otherwise known as light pollution. Not only is ‘natural lightscape’ (the absence of human-caused light) important for stargazing, but it is critical for many wildlife species who rely on the natural patterns of light and dark for navigation, to cue behaviors or to hide from predators.

Did you know that even with a small telescope, stargazers in downtown Los Angeles or Las Vegas are unable to see more than a dozen stars most nights because of all the light pollution? Choosing the right type of light fixtures, directing lighting downward rather than outward and adding motion sensors and timers to control lights, all reduce the impacts of light pollution. This protects park wildlife and gives stargazers a clearer view of the night sky. You can also reduce light pollution around your home and reduce your energy costs by following the same principles.

Learn more about the night sky at free ranger programs. Check bulletin boards, our website www.nps.gov/lake or the Lake Mead NRA Facebook page for times and locations.
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Scenic raft trip through Black Canyon, with views of Hoover Dam.

Visit the temporary Lake Mead Visitor Center

Our temporary visitor center is located at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada. Explore a wide selection of Lake Mead and Hoover Dam books, kids' items, movies, postcards, music and much more (see map on back page).

Feel good about your shopping! Purchases directly support outreach and education at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

The Bookstore is operated by Western National Parks Association, a nonprofit partner of the National Park Service.

Grand Opening of the Alan Bible Visitor Center

Under renovation since Fall 2010, the Alan Bible Visitor Center will reopen this winter and will be better than ever!

The Alan Bible Visitor Center, built in 1966 has been brought into the 21st century while preserving its historic elements. Improvements include bringing its many systems up to code, improving accessibility throughout the building and making it more climate friendly by conserving and producing energy.

Those driving by the visitor center site will notice the new solar panel array on the property. These nine panels and other improvements will earn the Alan Bible Visitor Center a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver rating, a unique award for a historic building.

Other changes are more subtle; a new park film is being produced, the improved bookstore will carry many new educational and nature gift items and the cactus garden will have improved sidewalks and masonry walls.

Please call 702-293-8990 for more information about the upcoming Alan Bible Visitor Center grand opening.

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Hikers who properly prepare for their trip will have a safer and more enjoyable experience. Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return. Never hike alone and carry plenty of water. Essential equipment includes sturdy shoes, long pants, (for protection from rocks and cactus) a hat and sunscreen. Carry a small daypack to hold items such as water, food, first aid kit, jacket, flashlight and matches.

The beauty of Lake Mead is open to explore. All that’s missing is you!

For more information: www.nps.gov/lake