Jet skis and powerboats can provide fast-paced fun, but paddlecraft sports provide a unique opportunity for recreation at Lake Mead. Some of the most popular paddlecraft sports at Lake Mead include canoeing, kayaking and paddleboarding. Paddlecraft sports offer the opportunity to peacefully observe wildlife such as herons, eagles, coyote and desert bighorn sheep. They also provide great exercise and tranquility with options for lakeside hiking and camping.

A paddlecraft is any non-motorized boat that is propelled by human effort. It’s important to be aware of the rules applicable to paddlecraft at Lake Mead. All participants must have a properly sized U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket aboard. In the Black Canyon from Hoover Dam to Lake Mohave marker 43, everyone must wear a life jacket with all the straps fastened regardless of age or experience.

Paddlecraft sports can be enjoyed anywhere in Lake Mead and Lake Mohave, but some of the most popular locations include Willow Beach, Bonelli Landing, Boulder Beach, Nelson’s Landing, Gregg’s Hideout and Stewart’s Point. Visitors looking for a truly unique experience can even start a trip at the base of Hoover Dam with the aid of an approved outfitter. Information on outfitters, equipment rentals and trip planning can be found online or by contacting the Visitor Center at 702-293-8990.

**Paddle Power**

**What you need to do....**

Required by Arizona and Nevada State Law:

- Short-term “weekend” boaters: Clean, Drain and Dry
- Moored and slipped boats: Wash, Inspect and Report

Additional information can be found at: www.100thMeridian.org
www.nps.gov/lake

**Stop the Spread of Quagga Mussels**

Attention Boaters! The staff at Lake Mead National Recreation Area is dedicated to preventing the further spread of quagga mussels but we need your help!

Quagga mussels pose a serious threat to native ecosystems, foul boat hulls and engines, and can have detrimental impacts on water supply systems and hydro-electric infrastructure, causing millions of dollars in damage each year.

The microscopic larvae or tiny adults can hide on your boat and equipment where they can spread to another lake. Mud and plants can hide the small invasive mussels on your vessel, trailer and vehicle. They can also spread to other inland waters transported in water that is hidden in live-wells, bilges and motors.

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Information and Services

Emergencies
Park Service 24-hour Emergency Response: Call 911 or 800-680-5851 or 702-293-8932.
Cell phones have intermittent reception at Lake Mead NRA. Radio National Park Service on marine band VHF Channel 16. Emergency call boxes are located throughout the park. See the map on page four for locations.

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). Firewood may be purchased at marina and most local grocery stores.

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 visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local and federal firearm laws before entering the park. Target shooting is prohibited.

Social Media
Social media has arrived at our park, and you can join in the conversation. Our Facebook page, ‘National Park Service—Lake Mead National Recreation Area’ is a great place to learn about hikes, programs and other events. Post your questions on our page and a Ranger will get back to you. Follow us on Twitter to learn about park news or follow a Park Ranger and get a glimpse into ‘a day in the life of a Park Ranger’.

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 are not allowed to be left in cars at Lake Mead NRA and Hoover Dam. Please consider your pet’s needs for water and shade in higher temperatures.

Lake Mead is a climate friendly park.
Every five minutes, Americans use over two million plastic bottles and one million aluminum cans. Most end up in landfills, but you can control where yours go by recycling your plastic water bottles and beverage cans here at Lake Mead NRA. You could give them a second life as furniture, jackets or decking.

What to Recycle:
• Aluminum beverage cans
• Plastic bottles marked with 1 or 2 on the bottom
Where:
• Echo Bay
• Willow Beach
• Boulder Beach picnic area
• Marinas and other locations within the park

Lake Mead Visitor Center has gone wireless!
www.nps.gov/lake

Less than three hours?
Take a cruise. Daily cruises are offered on a Mississippi-style paddlewheel boat in the Boulder Basin of Lake Mead. Experience relaxing sightseeing and a spectacular view of Hoover Dam. 702-293-6180

Have a picnic. Shaded picnic areas are located throughout the park (see map on back). Many marinas have stores with groceries and ice for a last minute picnic. Relax, eat and enjoy the scenery.

Take a scenic drive. Lakeshore Road and Northshore Road present beautiful views of the Boulder Basin. Pull off at several of the many pull outs and picnic areas to stretch and enjoy the scenery. Be sure to carry lots of water when traveling in the desert both for you and your car.

Visit our temporary Visitor Center in Boulder City, Nevada. Western National Parks Association sells books, games, puzzles, tee shirts, hats, posters and other gifts. Enjoy our exhibits and hands-on table. Our renovated Lake Mead Visitor Center located in the park will reopen in September, 2012.

More than three hours?
Paddle a kayak. Paddling through the refreshing water is a wonderful way to experience Lake Mead and Lake Mohave. Please call the Visitor Center for more information: 702-293-8990
Raft Black Canyon. Cold currents and steep canyons wind from Hoover Dam down to Willow Beach. Enjoy the calm float down the river while keeping an eye out for desert bighorn sheep.
Rent a boat. All of our marinas rent a variety of boats. From full service houseboats to fishing boats and jet skis. Explore the vast reaches of both lakes in comfort. Be very cautious of thunderstorms as they can come up quickly without warning with lightning and high winds. The staff at Lake Mead recommends that the captain and all passengers wear a life jacket at all times.

Remember that visiting the Mojave Desert during the summer presents many challenges. Take plenty of water for you and your vehicle, apply sunscreen, wear a hat and seek shade during the hotter time of the day. Have fun and be safe!
**Concession Services**

**Lake Mead**

- Callville Bay Resort and Marina
  - 702-565-8958, rentals: 800-255-5561
  - www.callvillebay.com

- Echo Bay Marina
  - 702-394-4000, toll free: 800-255-5561
  - www.echobaylakemead.com

- Temple Bar Marina
  - 928-767-3211, rentals: 800-255-5561
  - www.templebarlakemead.com

- Lake Mohave Resort, Katherine Landing
  - 928-754-3245, reservations: 800-752-9669
  - www.sevencrown.com

- Willow Beach Harbor
  - 928-767-4747
  - www.willowbeachharbor.com

- Black Canyon/Willow Beach River Adventures
  - 702-294-1414
  - www.blackcanyonriveradventures.com

- Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina
  - 702-297-1464, rentals: 800-255-5561
  - www.cottonwoodcoveresort.com

**Lake Mead Cruises**

- 702-293-6180
  - www.lakemeadcruises.com

**Get Caught**

**Wearing a Lifejacket!**

This boating season, our park rangers at Lake Mead NRA are partnering with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Sea Partners in an extensive water safety education effort.

If someone is in trouble in the water, follow these safety steps:

- **Talk** to the person first
- **Reach** out to the person with something - but not yourself
- **Throw** a floating object to the person
- **Don’t Go** in the water after them

Here are some water safety education tips to help keep you safe while enjoying Lake Mead and Lake Mohave this summer:

- Learn to swim
- Wear a properly fitted Coast Guard approved life jacket
- Learn to float
- Don’t overload your boat
- Stay with your boat
- Look before you leap and never dive into the water
- Learn boating rules
- Do not use alcohol or drugs while boating

**Visit the Lake Mead Park Store**

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

**Boat Safe**

**Boat Smart**

**Boat Sober**

**Take a boating education class**