



# Lake Mead

## National Recreation Area



Redstone Picnic Area

### Facelift

Five of Lake Mead NRA's existing picnic areas have been improved this last spring and summer. Upgrades include improving picnic and restroom facilities and accessibility for disabled visitors at Blue Point Spring, Rogers Spring, Echo Bay and Boulder Beach on Lake Mead and Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mohave.

*"We've made both a commitment to provide quality visitor facilities and to move as fast as possible to make the park accessible to all visitors,"* said Superintendent Bill Dickinson.

The picnic area improvements were designed so that there will be less need for maintenance. For example, the wood and steel picnic tables were replaced with accessible concrete tables that are easier to maintain.

So pack your potato salad and sandwiches and check out our wonderfully improved picnic areas! Please remember no glass or Styrofoam in the park.



### Protect and Preserve



The National Park Service (NPS) mission is to protect and preserve our parks including native plants. Volunteers and biologists collect seeds in the park and use them to grow native plants in areas of the park that have been disturbed or damaged. This gives the visitor an opportunity to experience the natural desert.

For the past two years, local volunteer groups have been assisting Lake Mead NRA biologists to collect native plant seeds from the south end of the park in anticipation of major construction projects. One example is the Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trails project located on the Colorado River near Laughlin, Nevada. When construction is completed in late 2011, the public will have an opportunity to enjoy more than five miles of beautiful recreational facilities in a natural desert setting.

*Enjoy your native desert!*



### Coyotes

The coyote appears often in the tales and traditions of Native Americans—usually as a very savvy and clever beast; sometimes as a trickster. Hardly any animal in America is more adaptable to changing conditions than the coyote. Coyotes can live just about anywhere. They are found in deserts, swamps, tundra, grasslands, brush, and dense forests, from below sea level to high mountains. They have also learned to live in suburbs and cities like Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New York, Phoenix and Denver.

National Park visitors sometimes leave food out in the open or even feed coyotes in order to get a close-up look at the beautiful creatures. The coyotes at Lake Mead NRA are becoming less and less afraid of people and they may view people as an opportunity to get food. Coyotes have been known to become quite brave in the campgrounds and picnic areas and may even become aggressive. Watch your pets and don't leave pet food out. Please do not ever feed the coyotes or allow them to obtain neglected food.





# Information and Services

## Glass and Styrofoam restriction

Glass beverage containers and Styrofoam products are not allowed at Lake Mead NRA.

## 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.

## 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. You also help Lake Mead NRA to be a climate friendly park.

### 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

[www.nps.gov/lake](http://www.nps.gov/lake)

## Events and Programs

Sign up for Mead programs at 702-293-8990 and for Mohave programs at 928-754-3272

To learn about hikes and programs at Lake Mead NRA, check out our website:

[www.nps.gov/lake](http://www.nps.gov/lake)

## Lake Mead Visitor Center has gone wireless!

The **2003 carbureted two-stroke motor ban** that goes into effect on January 1, 2013 only applies to personal watercraft (Jet-Skis, SeaDoos, WaveRunners, etc).

<http://go.nps.gov/twostroke>

**Make the most of your time** while visiting Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Activities designed to fit within your time schedule are listed here.

## What can you do in less than 3 hours?

### Take a scenic drive!

Lake Mead NRA encompasses nearly 1.5 million acres. Lakeshore Road and Northshore Road both offer you an opportunity to gaze at the wonders of the Mojave Desert from the comfort of your car.

**Become a Junior Ranger!** Free booklets are available at all entrance stations and visitor centers. Call 702-293-8990 for more information.



### Go for a walk!

Several short hikes can be accomplished in less than 3 hours. Brochures and directions are available at the visitor centers located in Boulder City, Nevada and Katherine Landing, Arizona. Remember to take a hat, use sunscreen and stay hydrated.

**Dip your toes** in the refreshing water or even go for a swim while the weather is still warm! Beach areas are located at Boulder Beach on Lake Mead and Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mohave. Please be aware that lifeguards are not available. Swim at your own risk. Wear a lifejacket.

### Have a picnic!

Shaded picnic areas are located at Boulder Beach, Redstone, Rogers Spring, Bluepoint Spring, Willow Beach, Cottonwood Cove, the overlooks on Lakeshore Road and various other areas of the park.

### Be on the lookout for wildlife!

It only takes a little patience and a keen eye for movement and you may see animals ranging from small, darting antelope ground squirrels and lizards to majestic desert bighorn sheep.

## More than 3 hours?

**Challenge yourself** with a guided hike led by an interpretive ranger. During the cooler months, generally October to April, our knowledgeable staff will lead group hikes to a variety of areas in the park. Hikes range in difficulty. Call 702-293-8990 for more information.

**Rent a boat or even take a cruise!** Boat rentals are available at all marinas. Lake Mead offers a paddlewheel cruise and Lake Mohave offers a raft tour.

**Why not experience the lakes up close?** Camp out under the stars! There are over a thousand designated campsites for tents or recreation vehicles at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

Regardless of which opportunity you choose, remember that visiting the Mojave Desert at any time of the year presents a new set of challenges. Always take plenty of drinking water, apply sunscreen, wear a hat, and seek shade during the warmer part of the day.



# Concession Services

## Lake Mead

### Callville Bay Resort and Marina

702-565-8958, rentals: 800-255-5561  
[www.callvillebay.com](http://www.callvillebay.com)

- Marina
- Boat repair
- Campgrounds
- Laundry
- Fish cleaner
- Auto/boat fuel
- Visitor trailer village
- Gift/convenience store
- Boat decontamination services
- Houseboat and small boat rentals
- Launch ramp
- Lounge
- Showers
- Dry storage
- Slip rentals
- Grill
- RV park
- Pump-out

### Echo Bay Marina 702-394-4000

[www.echobaylakemead.com](http://www.echobaylakemead.com)

- Auto/boat fuel
- Boat repair
- Campgrounds
- Dry storage
- Small boat rentals
- Auto/boat fuel
- Visitor trailer village
- Gift/convenience store
- Boat decontamination services
- Launch ramp
- Slip rentals
- Grill
- RV park
- Pump-out
- Fish cleaner

### Lake Mead RV Village 702-293-2540

[www.lakemeadrvvillage.com](http://www.lakemeadrvvillage.com)

- Laundry
- Showers
- RV park
- Activity center
- Dry storage
- Visitor trailer village
- Gift/convenience store
- Lake view RV park

### Lake Mead Cruises 702-293-6180

[www.lakemeadcruises.com](http://www.lakemeadcruises.com)

Scenic boat tours and private charters.

### Las Vegas Boat Harbor

702-293-1191 Main Number

702-293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex

[www.boatinglakemead.com](http://www.boatinglakemead.com)

- Marinas
- Boat repair
- Restaurants
- Small boat rentals
- Convenience and grocery stores
- Boat decontamination services
- Boat fuel
- Banquet room
- Lounges
- Pump-out
- Dry storage

### Temple Bar Marina

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

[www.templebarlakemead.com](http://www.templebarlakemead.com)

- Marina
- Boat repair
- Lake view cafe
- Campgrounds
- Fish cleaner
- Auto/boat fuel
- Visitor trailer village
- Gift/convenience store
- Boat decontamination services
- Houseboat and small boat rentals
- Laundry
- Launch ramp
- Lounge
- Dry storage
- Slip rentals
- RV Park
- Pump-out
- Motel

## Lake Mohave

### Black Canyon/Willow Beach

**River Adventures 702-294-1414**

[www.blackcanyonriveradventures.com](http://www.blackcanyonriveradventures.com)

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

### Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina

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

[www.cottonwoodcoversort.com](http://www.cottonwoodcoversort.com)

- Marina
- Boat repair
- Cafe
- Meeting room
- Beach front motel
- Auto/boat fuel
- Visitor trailer village
- Gift/convenience store
- Boat decontamination services
- Houseboat and small boat rentals
- Laundry
- Launch ramp
- Campgrounds
- Dry storage
- Slip rentals
- RV park
- Pump-out
- Showers
- Fish cleaner

### Lake Mohave Resort, Katherine Landing

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

[www.sevencrown.com](http://www.sevencrown.com)

- Marina
- Auto/boat fuel
- Boat repair
- Campgrounds
- Restaurant and lounge
- Visitor trailer village
- Gift/convenience store
- Boat decontamination services
- Houseboat and small boat rentals
- Laundry
- Launch ramp
- Dry storage
- RV park
- Pump-out
- Showers
- Fish cleaner

### Willow Beach Harbor 928-767-4747

[www.willowbeachharbor.com](http://www.willowbeachharbor.com)

- Auto/boat fuel
- Grill
- Showers
- Laundry
- Gift/convenience store
- Small boat, canoe and kayak rentals
- Tent camping
- Fishing pier
- Launch ramp
- RV park
- Pump-out
- Fish cleaner

## Lake Mead Goes Green!

The Native Plant Nursery at Lake Mead NRA grows native plants in order to restore areas where plants have been removed or damaged due to a construction project or illegal off-road vehicle use. In an effort to grow healthy plants the nursery started a composting program in the summer of 2010. The compost is used for the nursery soil mix and as mulch around landscaped areas.



Composting bins were placed at various locations throughout the park such as employee lunchrooms. Biodegradable bags (BioBags) are provided for employees to toss in their

food scraps. The BioBags are then dumped into the composting bins. The bins are collected once a week and taken to the Lake Mead Nursery where they are placed into the large 12' x 4' x 4' composter. Nursery employees tend the compost and the end result is a rich soil and healthy native plants.



## Vessels

We would like to remind our visitors who have vessels slipped at the marinas that we will be conducting compliance checks for Lake Use Passes on a regular basis. All vessels slipped and/or moored at Lake Mead and Lake Mohave are engaged in lake use and are required to have a Lake Use Pass. Lake Use Passes must be affixed directly to the vessel on the port bow next to, but not overlapping, the state registration. The pass will not be honored if placed elsewhere or if it is not directly affixed to the vessel. Annual passes are valid from date of purchase through December 31 of each year.

The fees collected at Lake Mead and Lake Mohave are used to enhance your experience during your stay at the park. Eighty percent of the money collected stays here to provide services such as information, education, sanitation and park facilities.



## Visit the Lake Mead bookstore

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.



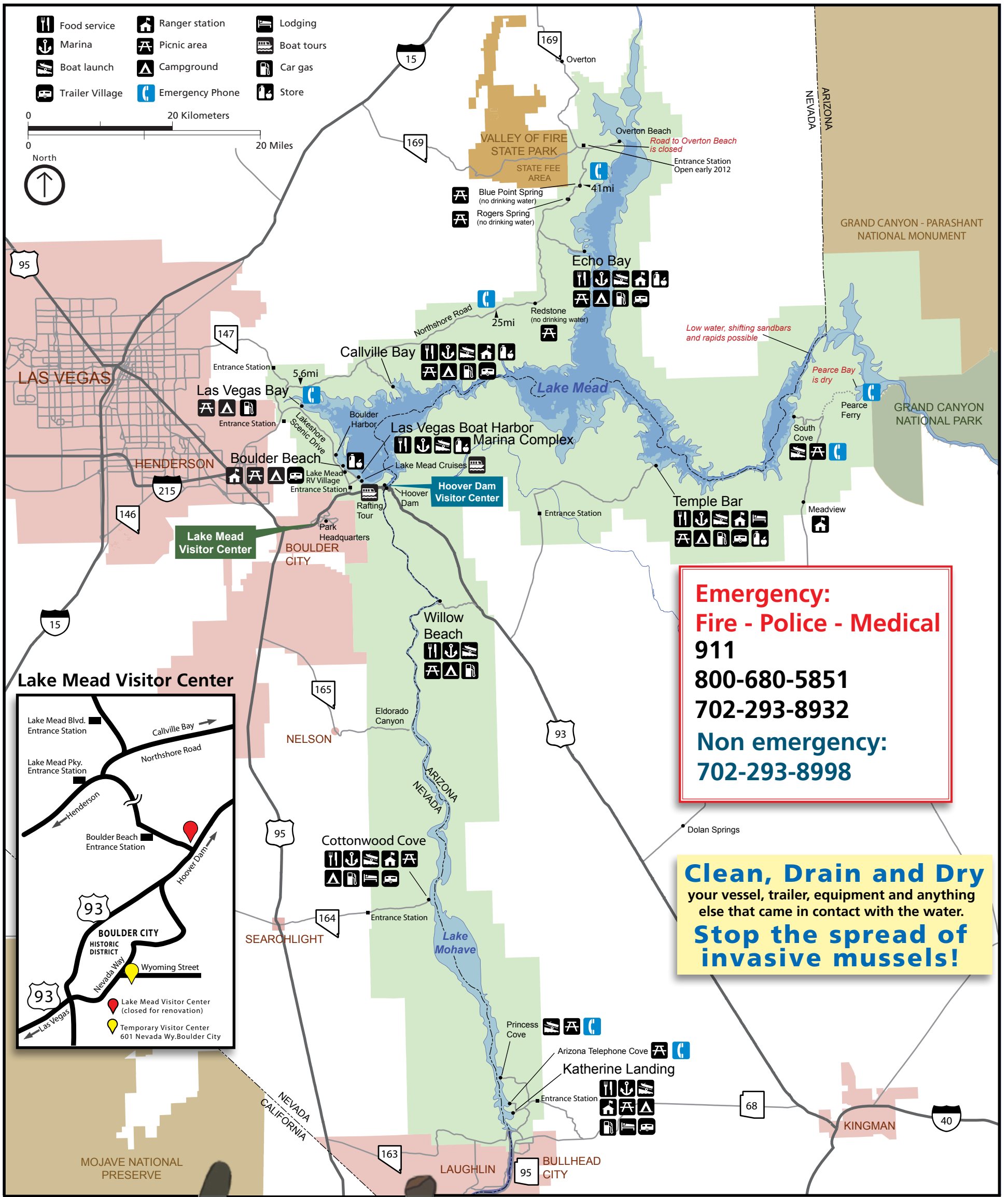
The Lake Mead Bookstore is operated by Western National Parks Association, a non-profit partner of the National Park Service.

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[www.wnpa.org](http://www.wnpa.org)







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www.nps.gov/lake

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601 Nevada Way  
Boulder City, NV 89005

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