



# Lake Mead

## National Recreation Area



Kayaking in Boulder Basin  
Photo courtesy of Desert Adventures

### Paddle Power

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



Kayakers in Black Canyon

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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.100thMeridian.org)  
[www.nps.gov/lake](http://www.nps.gov/lake)

**✓ Clean ✓ Drain ✓ Dry**  
Before you transport your boat or equipment



Quagga mussel infestation on a boat propeller

# 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

## Events and Programs

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

### Saturday Evening Ranger Talks

Jun.-Sept. Boulder Beach Campground  
For information please call 702-293-8990

### Evening Ranger Led Programs at Mohave

Every Friday, Katherine Landing Amphitheater  
Every Saturday, Cottonwood Cove Campground  
Call 928-754-3272 for program information

**NO FIREWORKS**  
At Lake Mead NRA

**Lake Mead Visitor Center  
has gone wireless!**

Please,  
No Styrofoam  
or glass at  
Lake Mead!



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



With triple digit temperatures in the summer, everyone heads to the beach to cool off and relax. People come from all over the world to visit both reservoirs, lakes Mead and Mohave, that make up Lake Mead National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service. Unfortunately, with the increase in visitation, this also means a lot of trash gets left behind along the shoreline. Staff and volunteers can be seen on the beach during the summer asking visitors to help pitch in and clean up the area. Some people may think we are crazy to ask visitors, who are here on vacation,

to help pick up litter in 100 degree weather. Well, just like our visitors, we like to see the desert clean and litter free. So if you are out with your family, church group, Boy Scout troop or by yourself and would like to pitch in for an hour to remove litter, make sure when asked that you say "yes"! If you don't want to participate, we will still hand you a trash bag and ask that you take your trash when you leave.

Help us spread the message of keeping lakes Mead and Mohave clean. You can make a difference!

## 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 site-seeing 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 jetskis. 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](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
- Restaurant
- Slip rentals
- Cafe'
- RV park
- Pump-out

### Echo Bay Marina

702-394-4000, toll free: 800-255-5561  
[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
- Cafe'
- 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/patio 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
- 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/Cabins

## 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.cottonwoodcoveresort.com](http://www.cottonwoodcoveresort.com)

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

### Willow Beach Harbor

928-767-4747  
[www.willowbeachharbor.com](http://www.willowbeachharbor.com)

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

## GET CAUGHT

### Wearing a Lifejacket!



Throughout the summer, especially during busy holiday weekends, park rangers and volunteers will be out to "catch" visitors wearing their life jackets. If you get caught wearing your life jacket, you might win a special t-shirt!

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.

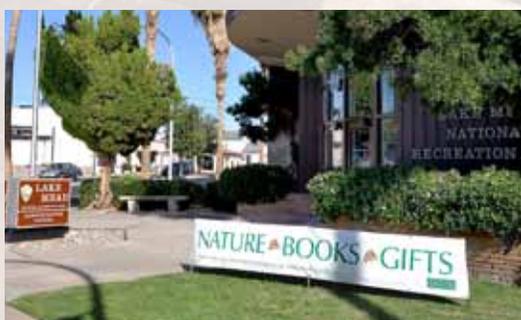
If someone is in trouble in the water, follow these safety steps:

- **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



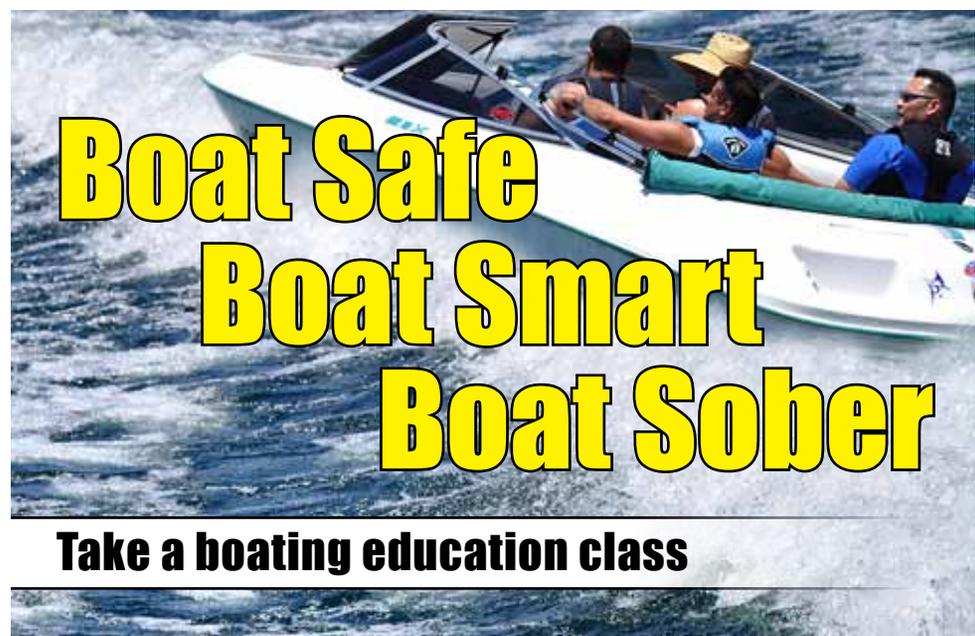
Our temporary visitor center is located at 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, Nevada. Explore a wide selection of Lake Mead and Hoover Dam books, kids' items, movies, postcards, music and much more (see map on back page).

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

WESTERN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION  
[www.wnpa.org](http://www.wnpa.org)

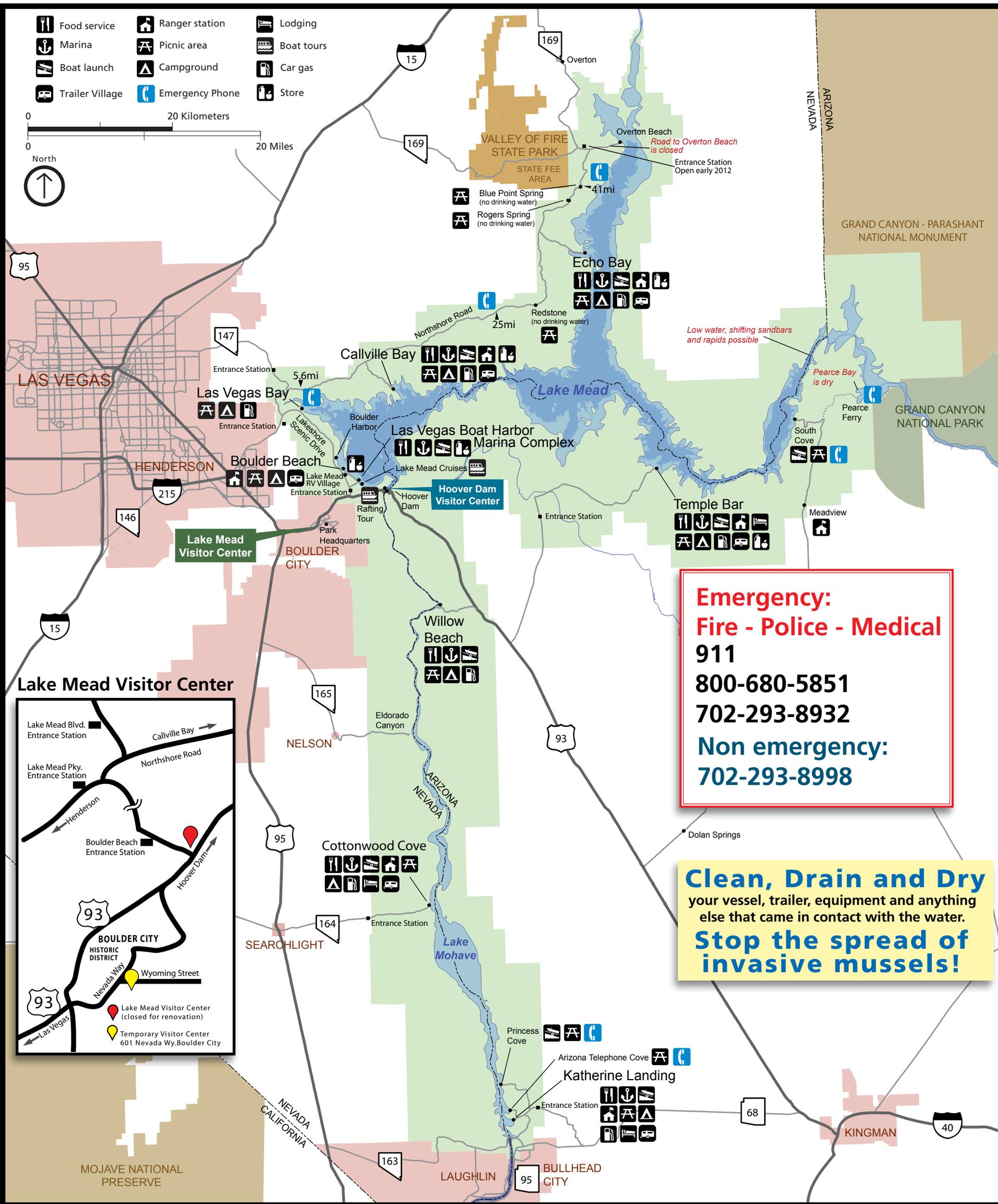
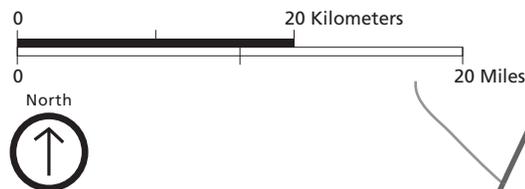


The Lake Mead Bookstore is operated by Western National Parks Association, a nonprofit partner of the National Park Service.



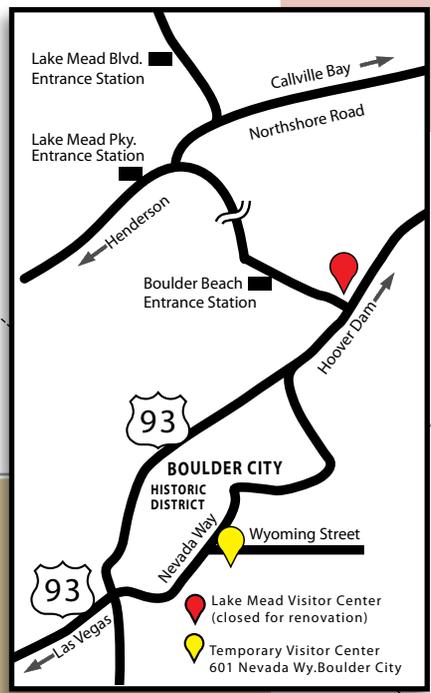
Take a boating education class

- Food service
- Marina
- Boat launch
- Trailer Village
- Ranger station
- Picnic area
- Campground
- Emergency Phone
- Lodging
- Boat tours
- Car gas
- Store



**Emergency:**  
**Fire - Police - Medical**  
**911**  
**800-680-5851**  
**702-293-8932**  
**Non emergency:**  
**702-293-8998**

**Clean, Drain and Dry**  
 your vessel, trailer, equipment and anything  
 else that came in contact with the water.  
**Stop the spread of**  
**invasive mussels!**



**Visitor Information**  
 702-293-8990

**E-mail**  
 lake\_information@nps.gov

**Website**  
 www.nps.gov/lake

**Mailing Address**  
 Lake Mead National Recreation Area  
 601 Nevada Way  
 Boulder City, NV 89005

[www.facebook.com/lakemead](http://www.facebook.com/lakemead)

[www.twitter.com/lakemeadranger](http://www.twitter.com/lakemeadranger)

[www.twitter.com/lakemeadnra](http://www.twitter.com/lakemeadnra)

