



Lake Mead

National Recreation Area

Fall-Winter 2013/2014



Mountain biking on River Mountains Loop Trail

Mountain Biking Around Boulder Basin

Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA) attracts visitors from all over the world to recreate on the water and on the land. Lake Mead was created when Hoover Dam backed up the Colorado River to form the Boulder, Virgin, Overton and Gregg Basins. Lake Mead is the largest man-made reservoir in the United States.

Trails near the lake and in nearby mountains give mountain bikers an opportunity to get out and enjoy the spectacular scenery at Lake Mead. Please be aware that Lake Mead NRA is a fee area (\$5 per person, on a bike, for a week or \$30 for a yearly pass).

River Mountains Loop Trail

The Lake Mead Visitor Center is a great place to begin and end your journey on the River Mountains Loop Trail. The 35-mile loop trail follows the shoreline of Boulder Basin and then heads out through the River Mountains, where you can explore side trails, such as Bootleg Canyon in Boulder City. The trail connects Boulder City, Henderson and Las Vegas to the scenic Lake Mead NRA.

Historic Railroad Trail

The Historic Railroad Trail follows an old railroad bed from Boulder City to Hoover Dam via Lake Mead. Trains were used to haul heavy equipment and supplies to the construction site of Hoover Dam. Today, it is a dirt trail from the trailhead to the

Hoover Dam parking garage. For a longer ride, you can reach the trailhead from Marina Drive in Boulder City or for a shorter ride, start just below the Visitor Center at the Historic Railroad Trail parking lot. Enjoy spectacular views of the Boulder Basin and five historic tunnels along the way. To learn more about the history, stop and read the many interpretive panels located along the trail. Scan the cliffs between tunnels and you may see desert bighorn sheep. They are well camouflaged so look carefully for their white rump patch. Please note that the trail is closed after the fifth tunnel at sunset.

Regulations

When biking at Lake Mead NRA, riding in single file is mandatory on roadways. Biking is only allowed on paved surfaces, backcountry roads or trails marked for bike use. Desert soils are extremely fragile, scar easily and recovery of the soil can take many years. Please remember, wildlife has the right of way.

When to Go

The best time to enjoy land-based recreation at Lake Mead NRA is from October through April when the temperatures are milder. The rangers at Lake Mead NRA do not recommend mountain biking during the hot summer months. Springtime wildflowers and cacti bloom along the trails during the months of March and April when temperatures are in the 70s and 80s.

Please pack what you need on your bike trip:

- *Plenty of water*
- *Sunscreen*
- *Helmet*
- *Bike/tire repair kit*
- *Tire pump*
- *First aid kit*
- *Snacks*
- *GPS*

Play it Smart

Always tell someone the route you are taking and when you plan to return.



Hydration and Conservation

So far, Lake Mead National Recreation Area visitors have kept more than 14,300 water bottles (and counting) out of landfills by using a new hydration station at the Lake Mead Visitor Center.



Hydration Station display panel

The hydration station provides visitors with cold, filtered water. It functions as a standard drinking fountain but also has a shelf with a sensor for filling water bottles. The sensor initiates the

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Information and Services

Emergencies

In case of an emergency, dial 911 or contact the police using your marine band radio on channels 16 or 22A. Report suspicious activity and non-emergencies to 702-293-8998. Emergency call boxes are located throughout the park. See the map on the back page 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 the visitors to understand and comply with all applicable firearm laws before entering the park. Target shooting is prohibited.

Social Media

Join the conversation! Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lakemead to learn about programs and other events. Post your questions and a ranger will get back to you. Follow us on Twitter at @LakeMeadNRA to learn about park news. View pictures of the park and events on flickr at www.flickr.com/lakemeadnra and our videos at www.youtube.com/LakeMeadNRA.

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 should not be left in cars at Lake Mead NRA. Please consider your pet's needs for water and shade in warmer temperatures.

Wear it for life

Children age 12 and younger must wear a lifejacket while on board a vessel. Each person aboard a personal watercraft, must also wear a lifejacket. Due to the cold temperatures and currents between Hoover Dam and Mile 43 on Lake Mohave, all occupants of hand-propelled craft in that area must wear lifejackets when underway. Lake Mead NRA recommends wearing a lifejacket while on or in the water.

Clean, Drain and Dry your boat

Don't move a mussel – a quagga mussel that is. It's the law. Quagga mussels are small aquatic invasive species that can latch onto your vessels and hitchhike to other bodies of water. Once there, the mussels can cause millions of dollars in damages.

Help us keep quagga mussels out of other lakes. Before you leave the park, CLEAN plants, animals and mud from your boat, motor and trailer. DRAIN water from the bilge, live-well and engine. DRY the watercraft, vehicle and equipment.

Sign up for ranger-led programs at 702-293-8990

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NO STYROFOAM
NO GLASS
at Lake Mead NRA 

Cell Phones
WILL NOT WORK
in many areas of
Lake Mead NRA 

Keep Wildlife Wild 
DON'T touch feed approach

2 stroke PWC IMPORTANT information
nps.gov/lake/parkmgmt/twostroke.htm

www.nps.gov/lake

New Art and New Film at Lake Mead Visitor Center

The latest addition to the remodeled Lake Mead Visitor Center is a painting by local artist Crystal DiPietro. The colorful, scenic "Morning Creeps Into the Bowl of Fire" is a large (36" x 60") acrylic on canvas painting that hangs just outside of the newly remodeled theater. "As an avid hiker, I spend as much time as possible in the Wilderness Areas of Lake Mead NRA. It is in these spaces that I find great beauty and inspiration, which I hope to share with others through my art," said DiPietro.



DiPietro painting, "Morning Creeps Into the Bowl of Fire" displayed at entrance to Lake Mead Visitor Center Theater

The painting was unveiled at the premiere of the new park film "Life in the Desert: Lake Mead National Recreation Area" which won the prestigious Spring 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Award. The film explores the nation's first national recreation area as a vibrant, ever-changing, living desert landscape, with two lakes that provide a much-needed respite to millions of people. Narrated by Stockard Channing, the film describes the sacredness of park lands to Native Americans through

the eyes of a local tribe member and also features unscripted interviews with park visitors enjoying the park as they pursue a variety of recreational activities, including hiking, bicycling, fishing, swimming and boating.

Park Superintendent Bill Dickinson said, "We deeply appreciate the work of the film's producer, film production team and the park staff for this extraordinary film which captures the complex and inspiring nature of Lake Mead National Recreation Area."

The film's producer and director, Chuck Dunkerly of the National Park Service Harpers Ferry Center, added, "I am really proud of the film and grateful to all the efforts the production crew, park and the Lake Mead community has put into it. I am particularly happy that CINE had recognized all the work and passion everyone offered to make this film what it is."

The 21-minute film is shown Wed-Sun at the Lake Mead Visitor Center, located three miles south of Boulder City on U.S. Highway 93.



Visitor at Bowl of Fire



Guest at Lake Mead Visitor Center fills reusable water bottle

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water fill, and every time a bottle is filled, it is automatically counted and displayed.

"Word is getting around that this is the place to stop and refill your water bottle, which with the heat and everything else, that's a really good message to have," said Michelle Riter, a Lake Mead NRA district interpreter.

Riter said installation of the hydration station is part of the Lake Mead NRA's Climate Friendly Parks action plan to cut down on plastic water bottle waste. This plan includes initiatives to increase visitor use of refillable water bottles, increase number of filling stations in the park and collaborate with the visitor center store to sell less expensive refillable water bottles.

Once the hydration station was installed, Riter said they stopped selling bottled water at the visitor center store and began selling more varieties of refillable water bottles.

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Visitor Services

Lake Mead

Callville Bay Resort and Marina

702-565-8958, rentals: 800-255-5561
www.callvillebay.com

Marina/boat slip rentals
 Launch ramp
 Fuel (auto/boat)
 Boat rental
 (houseboats & small vessels)
 Campgrounds
 Visitor trailer village
 RV park
 Pump-out
 Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage
 Boat repair
 Cafe'
 Marina snack bar
 Restaurant
 Lounge
 Quagga boat wash
 Fish cleaner
 Showers
 Laundry

Echo Bay

702-394-4000, toll free: 800-255-5561
www.lakemeadrvvillage.com

Launch ramp
 Fuel (auto)
 Campgrounds
 Visitor trailer village
 RV park

Pump-out
 Store (gift/convenience)
 Dry boat storage
 Fish cleaner

Lake Mead Cruises

702-293-6180
www.lakemeadcruises.com
 Scenic boat tours and private charters with food service and snack bar on floating dock.

Lake Mead RV Village

702-293-2540
www.lakemeadrvvillage.com

Visitor trailer village
 RV park (some lake views)
 Pump-out
 Store (gift/convenience)
 Activity center/meeting room

Dry boat storage
 Fish cleaner
 Showers
 Laundry

Las Vegas Bay

702-293-1191 Las Vegas Boat Harbor
 702-293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex
www.boatinglakemead.com

Fuel (auto)
 Campgrounds

Dry boat storage
 Fish cleaner



Picnic area at Redstone

Las Vegas Boat Harbor Complex

702-293-1191 Main Number
 702-293-3484 Lake Mead Marina Complex
www.boatinglakemead.com

Marina/boat slip rentals
 Launch ramp
 Fuel (boat)
 Boat rental
 (patio boats & small vessels)
 Pump-out
 Store (gift/convenience)
 Dry boat storage

Boat repair
 Cafe'
 Restaurants
 Lounges
 Quagga boat wash
 Showers
 Banquet/meeting room

Temple Bar Marina

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

Marina/boat slip rentals
 Launch ramp
 Fuel (auto/boat)
 Boat rental
 Campgrounds
 Visitor trailer village
 RV park
 Pump-out
 Motels/cabins

Store (gift/convenience)
 Dry boat storage
 Boat repair (limited)
 Cafe'
 Restaurant
 Lounge
 Quagga boat wash
 Fish cleaner
 Laundry

Lake Mohave

Black Canyon/Willow Beach River Adventures

702-294-1414
www.blackcanyonriveradventures.com

Scenic flat water raft trip through Black Canyon with views of Hoover Dam. On the water food service available.

Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina

702-297-1464, rentals: 800-255-5561
www.cottonwoodcoveresort.com

Marina/boat slip rentals
 Launch ramp
 Fuel (auto/boat)
 Boat rental
 (houseboats & small vessels)
 Motel (beach front)
 Campgrounds
 Visitor trailer village
 RV park
 Pump-out

Store (gift/convenience)
 Dry boat storage
 Boat repair
 Cafe'
 Quagga boat wash
 Fish cleaner
 Showers
 Meeting Room
 Laundry

Lake Mohave Resort, Katherine Landing

928-754-3245, reservations: 800-752-9669
www.sevencrown.com

Marina/boat slip rentals
 Launch ramp
 Fuel (auto/boat)
 Boat rental (small vessels)
 Motel
 Campgrounds
 Visitor trailer village
 RV park
 Pump-out
 Store (gift/convenience)

Dry boat storage
 Boat repair
 Cafe'
 Restaurant
 Lounge
 Quagga boat wash
 Fish cleaner
 Showers
 Laundry

Willow Beach Harbor

928-767-4747
www.willowbeachharbor.com

Marina/boat slip rentals
 Launch ramp
 Fuel (auto/boat)
 Boat rental
 (small vessels, canoe & kayak)
 Campgrounds (tent camping)
 RV park

Pump-out
 Store (gift/convenience)
 Cafe'
 Quagga boat wash
 Fishing pier
 Fish cleaner
 Laundry

Recycling at Lake Mead NRA, an Amazing Success

In just three months, recycling has increased an estimated 20 percent at Lake Mead National Recreation Area thanks to a new single stream no-sort recycling program.

More than 30 single stream dumpsters have been placed around Boulder Beach, Callville Bay and Katherine Landing, allowing visitors to throw all of their recyclables into one bin without sorting.

David Hughey, the park's field operations supervisor, said this program will help Lake Mead NRA meet the Department of Interior's goal to divert at least 50 percent of nonhazardous solid waste by fiscal year 2015.

The bright green dumpsters are easy to spot, and they're clearly labeled with information about

what to recycle. Traditional trash dumpsters are still located beside the single stream dumpsters to collect any remaining garbage.

Single stream dumpsters will continue to be added throughout the park. The plan is to have 100 in place by summer 2014.



Visitors are doing the right thing

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Not just popular with families, large tour groups often stop by the visitor center and have been receptive to purchasing and using refillable water bottles, according to Gabriel Zurn, Western National Parks Association WNPA bookstore manager.

She said she has seen campground users come to refill their water bottles at the hydration station, as well because they prefer the cold, filtered water.

"Park visitors, especially local hikers and bicyclists who use the trails, have been

spreading the news about the new hydration station by word of mouth and through traditional and social media," Riter added. They are excited to see how many water bottles have been refilled and want hydration stations to be installed in other areas of the park.

The existing water fountain was out of service, but thanks to WNPA funding, the hydration station was installed. Riter and her staff will continue observing visitor use of the hydration station, and they are looking into ways to expand the climate friendly program.

Explore the Visitor Center Park Store

Located off Highway 93, minutes from Hoover Dam and Boulder City, the Lake Mead Visitor Center offers visitors opportunities to discover the Recreation Area and the Mojave Desert.

Explore the park store's wide selection of Lake Mead NRA and Hoover Dam books, kid's items, movies, postcards, music, jewelry and much more.



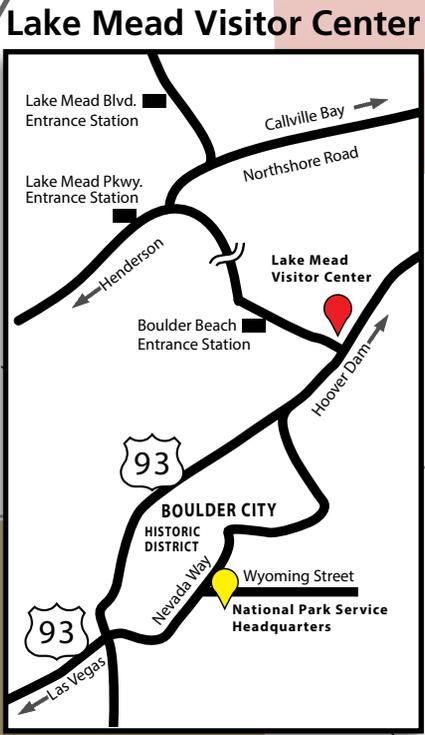
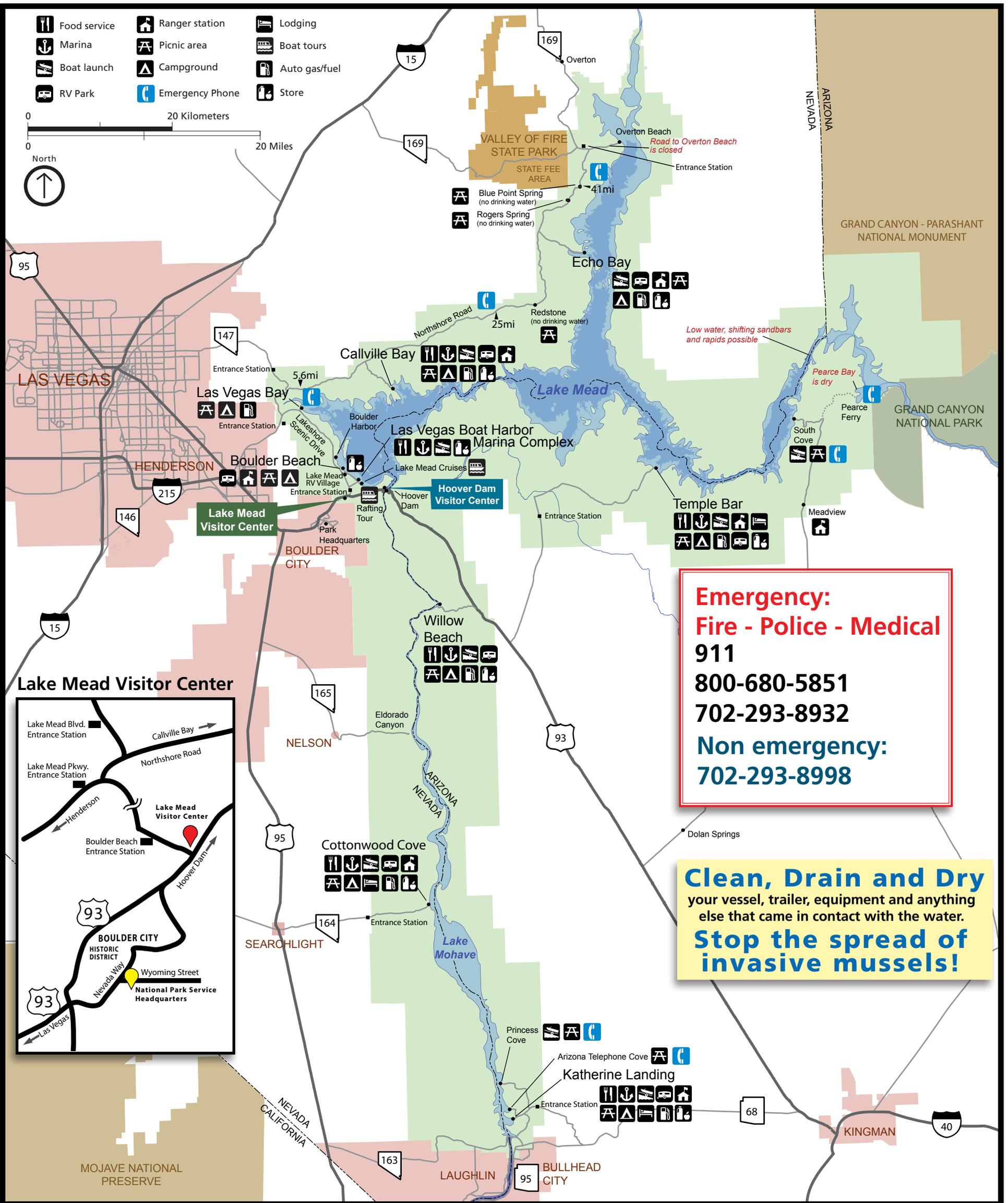
You can feel good about shopping! Your tax-free purchases directly support outreach and education at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

The Visitor Center is free to visit and is open Wednesday-Sunday. See the map on the back page for our location or call 702-293-8990 for details.

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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!

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 702-293-8990

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 lake_information@nps.gov

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 www.nps.gov/lake

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 601 Nevada Way
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