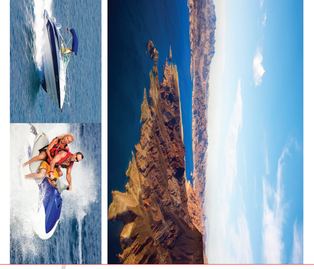

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Boating Access Map

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Anchor Cove - 228
Ann Marguret Beach - 251
Auxiliary Point - 64
Azure Cove - 218
Badger Cove - 194
Bark Bay - 258
Bass Cove - 197
Battleship Rock - 46
Beacon Island - 59
Bearing Cove - 72
Bearing Point - 73
Beehive Island - 8
Beismeir Beach - 244
Big Boulder Island - 19
Bighorn Cove - 71
Bighorn Island - 223
Black Canyon - 1
Black Island - 29
Black Point - 241
Bluepoint Bay - 237
Boat House Cove - 89
Boat Wreck Point - 114
Bonelli Landing - 97
Boulder Point - 85
Boulder Wash - 81
Boundary Point - 177
Boxcar Cove - 39
Bradley Bay - 176
Burro Bay - 139
Burro Point - 9
Calico Bay - 229
Callville Bay - 54
Callville Point - 57
Callville Wash - 55
Canyon Point - 76
Canyon Point Cove - 66
Castle Cove - 7
Castle Reef - 6
Cataract Wash - 210
Catclaw Cove - 206
Cathedral Cove - 214
Center Point - 179
Channel Bay - 152
Channel Island - 153
Channel Reef - 155
Chuckwalla Cove - 182
Cleopatra Cove - 205
Cliffs - 34
Cormorant Cove - 185
Cormorant Rock - 207
Cottonwood Cove - 224
Coyote Cove - 79
Crappie Cove - 168
Crawdad Cove - 40
Cresant Island - 32
Danger Bay - 102
Deadrnan's Cove - 22
Debbie's Cove - 87
Decision Island - 136
Delmar Bay - 126
Detrital Beef - 98
Devils Cove - 171
Dirty Neck Cove - 259
Driftwood Cove - 184
Driftwood Island - 181
East End Light - 84
East Gypsum Bay - 106
East Point - 108
East Point Bay - 107
Ebony Cove - 199
Echo Bay - 226
Engine Beach - 250
Finger Cove - 56
Fire Bowl Cove - 58
Fire Cove - 242
Fish Island - 260
Fishfinder Cove - 12
Flamingo Cove - 80
Flamingo Reef - 65
Fultons Reef - 243
Gateway Cove - 138
Glory Hole - 238
Gods Pocket - 191
Gold Cross Bay - 158
Gordy's Cove - 77
Grand Wash Bay - 188
Granite Cove - 149
Grebe Bay - 115
Greggs Hideout - 144
Gull Island - 220
Gunsight - 212
Gypsum Reefs - 104
Hamblin Bay - 63
Haystack Bay - 124
Haystacks - 125
Head - 117
Hells Kitchen - 170
Hemenway Wall - 11
Heron Island - 219
Heron Point - 129
Hidden Cove - 47
Houseboat Island - 119
Hualapai Bay - 150
Hualapai Island - 154
Iceberg Reef - 173
Indian Canyon Cove - 60
James Bay - 68
Jawbone - 113
Jim Jones Reef - 204
Kendal Cove - 208
Kingman Wash - 2
Kline Hole - 239
Ladder Cove - 134
Lakeside Bays - 112
Last Chance Cove - 225
Lava Point - 183
Lime Cove - 235
Line Cove - 178
Little Bass Cove - 195
Little Bitter Wash - 257
Little Boulder Island - 16
Little Burro Bay - 140
Little Gyp Beds - 86
Lost City Cove - 262
Lower Government Wash - 31
Lower Gypsum Wash - 37
Lovers Rock - 53
Meadows - 246
Meat Hole - 213
Mesa Cove - 142
Middle Boulder Island - 17
Middle Point - 93
Middle Point Islands - 91
Miners Cove - 202
Monkey Cove - 127
Moon Cove - 27
Mushroom Reef - 116
Nepoleons Tomb - 109
Narrows - 263
Never Shines Cove - 193
North Bay - 167
North Beach - 23
North Howland Cove - 175
Old Swim Beach - 253
Overton Beach - 255
Painters Cove - 3
Paiute Point - 189
Petroglyph Bay - 95
Pidgeon Cove - 187
Pierce Bay - 198
Pillars - 35
Pitch Fork Cove - 33
Plane Crash Island - 122
Pool Islands - 96
Powell Bay - 166
Preachers Cove - 221
Pump House Bay - 227
Pump House Cove - 28
Pyramid Island - 24
Quail Bay - 222
Quiet Cove - 49
Ramshead Island - 216
Reef Hay - 148
Roadrunner Cove - 45
Rock Island - 15
Rogers Bay - 236
Rotary Cove - 70
Round Rock Point - 159
Rufus Cove - 69
Saddle Cove - 26
Salamander Cove - 44
Salt Bay - 247
Salt Cove - 249
Salt Spring Bay - 143
Sand Island - 30
Sand Island - 245
Sandy Cove - 62
Sandy Point - 164
Sawtooth Bay - 137
Scanlon Bay - 160
"S" Cove - 209
Secret Cove - 100
Sentinel Island - 5
Shelter Cove -10
Sidewinder Cove - 67
Slide Cove - 145
Smith Bay - 156
South American Point - 19
South Bay - 162
South Beach - 19
South Cove - 161
South Rowland Cove - 174
Special Events Beach - 14
Spring Cove - 146
Stewarts Bay - 240
Stewart Cliffs - 90
Stripper Bay - 133
St. Thomas (Ruins) - 261
Submarine Point - 234
Sunfish Cove - 169
Swallow Bay - 43
Swallow Cove - 49
Swim Beach - 20
Teakettle Bay - 94
Teal Coves - 119
Temple - 130
Temple Bar - 129
Temple Bay - 131
The Campanile - 115
The Narrows - 83
Three Corner Hole - 256
Trail Rapids Bay - 123
Twin Coves - Twin
Twin Peaks Cove - 232
Twin Springs Cove - 203
Upper Government Wash - 41
Upper Gypsum Wash - 36
Virgin Mud Flats - 264
Virgin Reef - 147
Wagon Trail Ray - 157
Walker Bay - 111
Water Barge Cove - 52
Weasel Hole - 211
Weather Raft - 4
West Gypsum Bay - 105
Whale Rock - 233
Wild Burro Bay - 132
Wishing Well Cove - 78

BOAT ESSENTIALS

Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets
- One correctly sized life jacket for each person on board - by law, children under 13 years old must wear it.

Type IV Personal Flotation Device
- Boats 16 feet or longer must carry one Type IV throwable device and a boat over 26 feet must have 30 feet of line attached.

Fire Extinguisher
- Most boats that use gasoline must carry a charged fire extinguisher.
- Less than 26 ft. must have 1
- 26 ft. to less than 40 ft. must have 2
- 40 ft. to less than 65 ft. must have 3

Muffling Device
- Every boat must be properly muffled.

Water Ski and Dive Flags
- If you water ski or dive you need to display the appropriate signal flag.

Lights
- Appropriate and functioning navigation lights are required at night, but they are also a good idea to have in an emergency that might keep you out after sunset.

Anchor
- Although not legally required, an anchor is essential for protecting yourself and your boat in an emergency.

Sound Producing Device
- All boats must carry a horn, whistle or other sound producing device.

Visual Distress Signals
- Though not required, signal flares and flags can attract attention if need arises.

Boating Education
- Persons born on or after January 1, 1983 will need to have completed and passed a boating education course to operate a motorboat of more than 15 horsepower on Nevada's interstate waters.

Boating Safety Seven
- Wear your life jacket
- Take a boating safety class
- Know your boats limitations
- Carry all required safety gear
- Boat sober and be considerate
- Be aware of weather conditions
- Follow boating 'rules of the road'

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Houseboats not recommended beyond this point

Overton Beach
Lat = 36 degrees, 27.0 minutes North
Long = 114 degrees, 21.1 minutes West
Temporarily closed because of low water

226 - ECHO BAY
Lat = 36 degrees, 18.2 minutes North
Long = 114 degrees, 24.8 minutes West

54 - CALLVILLE BAY
Lat = 36 degrees, 8.4 minutes North
Long = 114 degrees, 42.8 minutes West

Temple Bar
Lat = 36 degrees, 18.2 minutes North
Long = 114 degrees, 24.8 minutes West

Las Vegas Bay
Tents only
Temporarily closed because of low water

Entrance Station
Temporarily closed because of low water

Government Wash

Caution shifting sandbars and low water

LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

LAKE MEAD
VIRGIN BASIN
BOULDER BASIN
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TEMPLE BASIN
GREGG BASIN

Virgin River
Muddy River
Lake Las Vegas
Lake Mead Dr
Highway
Pinto Valley
Boulder Wash
Black Mesa
Petroglyph Wash
Kingman Wash
Echo Wash
Gypsum Wash
Fortification Hill
Muddy Peak 5387ft 1642m
Frenchman Mountain 4052ft 1235m
Lava Butte
Boulder Peak
Saddle Island
Delmar Butte
Sandy Point
Glory Hole
St Thomas Point
Boathouse Cove
Devils Cove
Hualapai Bay
Lava Point
Airstrip
South Cove
Temple Bar
Las Vegas Boat Harbor / Lake Mead Marina
Lake Mead Cruises
Boulder Harbor
Boulder Beach
Hemenway Harbor
Lat = 36 degrees, 1.7 minutes North
Long = 114 degrees, 46.1 minutes West
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Entrance Station
Hoover Dam
Boulder City
Overton
Mesquite
Logandale
Bunkerville
Riverside
Nevada (Pacific Time Zone)
Arizona (Mountain Time Zone)

FISH DESCRIPTIONS

Largemouth Bass

- Largemouth bass are dark green on their back and sides and greenish-white on their belly. There is a dark band down the length of their side, which consists of irregular touching patches. When the mouth is closed, the upper jaw extends farther than the back of the eye. These fish live to 10 years old and can typically reach up to 6-7 pounds in Lakes Mead and Mohave. Adult bass are predators, feeding mostly on fish (shad, bluegill) and crayfish. They wait and hide to ambush prey. These reservoirs are widely recognized as a top-notch largemouth bass fishing water. Fishing in spring and early summer is best in shallow water, less than 20 feet deep. Fish the shoreline, looking for any type of cover such as aquatic or submerged terrestrial vegetation, rocks, or ledges. Largemouth bass can be caught on almost any natural bait or artificial lure (plastic worms and jigs, top-water lures, spinner baits, or crankbaits). During the heat of summer or in winter, bass also can be found down to 60 feet. It is best to fish in early morning or the evening and fish where there is little activity such as boating or swimming.

Smallmouth Bass

- Smallies, as smallmouth bass are sometimes called, are dark olive to brown on their back, have vertical bands on their side, and have white bellies. With a closed mouth, their upper jaw does not extend beyond rear edge of the eye. Smallmouth bass became established in Lake Mead during the mid 1990's and are not currently found in Lake Mohave. They grow to over four pounds and are becoming very abundant and popular with anglers. They have very similar foraging habits as largemouth bass, with crayfish as one of their favorite foods. Fish shallow for smallies in the spring, using similar, but smaller, lures as fishing for largemouth bass. They prefer deep gravel points or rocky areas when the temperature heats up and in the fall, they can be found down to 60 feet deep. In winter, fish deep with spoons or jigs.

Striped Bass

- Striped bass, or stripers, are recognized by an olive green back, silvery sides and white belly. They have 7 to 8 dark stripes that run the entire length of their body. Stripers were introduced into Lake Mead in 1969 and today are so abundant and popular they make up 80% of all fish caught from the reservoir. The record from Lake Mead is 52.5 pounds, and the state record of 63 pounds comes from Lake Mohave. Most, however, run from 2 to 4 pounds. They are open water fish, cruising around seeking schooled shad, their favorite prey. Water temperatures are a good indicator of where stripers can be found. During spring and fall when water temperatures are colder than 60°F, they occur near the surface. At warmer temperatures, they descend to deeper water, from 80 to 100 feet. Shad, which can be caught with a cast net from the lake, are one of the best natural baits to catch stripers both shallow and deep. Store bought anchovies can be a good replacement. When stripers "boil" at the surface, lures such as Sassy Shad, Kastmaster, or Jumping Minnow are very successful. Look for boils by watching for flocking gulls waiting to catch shad that swim to the surface to escape feeding stripers.

Channel Catfish

- Channel catfish have no scales and a deeply forked tail with pointed lobes. Its color is bluish-olive on top, bluish-white on its belly, and dark spots. Spots may not occur on larger, older fish. Channel catfish are caught most any time of year, except in extremely cold water, and usually between dusk and early morning. They typically are bottom feeders eating everything from algae, insects, to fish. It is best to use stink bait, cheese bait, fish parts such as anchovies, or chicken livers for the best fishing success. Expect to catch fish from one to 10 pounds, with the record for Lake Mead at nearly 20 pounds and Lake Mohave at over 26 pounds.

Bluegill

- Bluegill are very colorful, having a dark olive back and colors ranging from light to dark blue, bright purple, brown, copper, or orange. They also have faint vertical bars on their sides. The gill cover is often blue with a black spot on the rear of the "ear flap." They are usually small, but in Lake Mead the record is 1.5 pounds and Lake Mohave 1.1 pounds. They live near the shore, in shallow water (10 feet) most of the time, but down to 35 feet depending on time of day and weather. Natural foods include plankton, insects, fish fry, small crayfish, and worms since they have very small mouths. Spring and summer are the best time to catch bluegill. Bluegill usually school up, so where there is one, there are several. To catch them, use a small hook and light line (4 pound test) with live bait such as crickets, grasshoppers, small night crawlers, minnows, small crayfish, and mealworms for the best success. Artificial jigs and spinnerbaits also work great.

LAKE MOHAVE COVE NAMES CROSS REFERENCE LIST:

Airport Cove - 105
Antelope Cove - 135
Apace Tear Cove - 131
Arizona Bay - 113
Arrowhead Cove - 26
Aztec Wash Area - 151
Besalt Cove - 132
Bass Cove - 110
Beaver Cove - 20
Bighorn Cove - 186
Bill Gayes Cove - 94
Black Sheep Cove - 88
Bonnie Brae Cove - 138
Box Cove - 109
Bull Head Cove - 5
Burny Cove - 153
Burro Cove - 32
Burro Wash - 188
Cabinsite Cove - 21
Cactus Cove -75
Camp Thurman - 65
Capital Camp Cove - 155
Carp Cove - 103
Castle Cliff Light - 124
Castle Cove - 122
Catclaw Cove -136
Chemehueve Cove - 73
Chili Pepper Cove - 40
Cholla Cove - 29
Chute - 192
Calm Cove - 72
Copper Basin Cove - 180
Copper Mountain Cove - 116
Cottontail Cove - 106
Cottonwodd East Area - 96
Cottonwood Island - 71
Cottonwood Island Cove - 98
Cotton Valley Cove - 99
Coyote Cove - 46
Coyote Spring Cove - 125
Cranes Net Wash - 191
Davis Cove - 6
Dead Cove - 83
Dead Elephant Cove - 27
Desert Cove - 52
Dixie Cove -173
Dolly Hill Cove - 165
Duble Neck Cove - 179
Eagle Cove - 149
Eighty-Three Dollar Cove - 45
Elizabeth J. Cove - 171
Empire Cove - 68
Fenlon Bend Cove - 184
Finger Cove - 76
Fire Mountain Cove - 158
Fire Mountain LIght - 159
Forked Cove - 24
Fortune Cove - 169
Forty-Niner Cove - 53
Fox Cove - 145
Gasoline Alley - 30
Glory Cove - 80
Glory Hole Area - 84
Gold Bug Cove - 152
Gold Cove - 117
Golden Door Cove - 120
Gold Spike Cove - 141
Golo Cove - 62
Granite Cove - 66
Great West Cove - 139
Green Light Cove - 41
Gremlin Cove - 82
Grotto Wash - 184
Haystack Cove (North) - 74
Haystack Cove (South) - 72
Hog Farm Cove - 90
Indian Cove - 64
Jackrabbit Cove - 23
Jeep Cove - 69
Jeff Davis Cove - 118
Katherine Harbor - 13
Katherine Powerline Cove - 39
Klondike Cove - 114
Levi Cove - 108
Liberty Cove - 162
Little Stopsign Cove - 3
Lode Cove - 58
Lonesome Wash Cove - 176
Lone Tree Cove - 54
Lookout Cove - 144
Lost Cove - 79
Lost Man Hot Spring - 196
Malpais Wash. - 181
Mesa Cove - 81
Mesquite Cove - 95
Millsite Cove - 164
Miners Cove - 7
MIne Shaft Cove - 40
Mohave Crossing Cove - 59
Mohave Pass - 16
Monkey Hole - 187
Morning Star Cove - 161
Navajo Cove - 12
Nellis Cove - 85
Nevada Bay - 128
Nevada Hot Spring - 197
Nevada Sheep Cove - 183
Newberry Cove - 22
Nine Mile Cove - 86
Nine Mile Light - 134
Ninety Foot Cove - 2
North Basin Light Cove - 104
Oil Pan Cove - 170
Old Ranger Station - 190
One Mile Light - 168
Opal Cove - 133
Orion Cove - 142
Oro Cove - 167
Owl Cove - 127
Owl Point Cove - 130
Pack Rat Cove - 61
Painted Canyon Cove - 112
Painted "B" Cove - 185
Paiute Cove - 15
Perkins Cove - 126
Placer Cove - 163
Plateau Cove - 157
Pope Mine Cove - 175
Porter Mine Cove - 156
Portland Cove - 63
Pot Cove - 97
Power Line Wash - 150
Princess Cove - 38
Prospect Cove - 33
Pyramid Cove - 43
Pyrite Cove - 42
Quartz Cove - 48
Quehos Cove - 189
Rams Head Cove - 37
Rattlesnake Cove - 56
Red Cap Cove - 154
Red Cloud Cove -148
Red Light Cove - 47
Red Tail Cove - 146
Ringbolt Hot Spring - 193
Roadrunner Cove - 143
Rockefeller Cove - 121
Rock House Cove - 10
Roman Cove - 50
Russian Cove - 172
Ryolite - 4
Sand Cove - 14
Sand Hole - 119
Sandy Point Cove - 101
Seven-Eleven Cove - 57
Sheeptrail Cove - 137
Shoshone Cove - 35
Sidewinder Cove - 55
Six Mile Area - 92
Six Mile Cove - 91
Ski Cove - 9
Ski Drag - 107
Ski Pass - 8
Solicitor Cove - 111
Sour Dough Cove - 25
Southern Basin Cove - 77
Spirit Cove - 34
Squaw Peaks Cove - 177
Stopsign Cove - 1
Techatticup Cove - 166
Telephone Cove, Nevada - 18
Tequilla Cove - 102
Tornado Cove - 147
Three Mile Cove - 87
Three Mile Flat Area - 89
Three Sisters Cove - 78
Totem Pole Cove - 36
Trout Cove - 31
Tule Wash Cove -160
Turkey Cove - 11
Turtle Cove - 51
Twin Cove - 129
Two Dollar Cove - 123
Two Mile Hot Spring - 195
Tyee Cove - 140
Tyro Cove - 44
Waterspout Cove - 174
Water Wheel Cove - 100
White Rock Canyon - 194
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