

Valley of Fire State Park

The Valley of Fire State Park is Nevada's oldest, and largest, State Park, dedicated in 1935. It is located just 55 miles from Las Vegas, off Interstate 15 at Exit #75.

The name comes from the Colorful Red Rock Formations that were formed 150 million years ago during the age of the dinosaurs. Great shifting sand dunes created the incredible landscape that is the Valley of Fire. Incredible rock art petroglyphs can still be seen at several locations within the park.

The Visitor's Center is open daily from 8:30-4:30 and the exhibits include information about the geology, ecology, and history of the park and nearby regions.

Fees

- Entrance Fee: \$10 per vehicle
- \$2 discount for Nevada Residents



PETROGLYPH TRAIL:

This interpretive Trail begins just north of the Visitor's Center, is 1/2 mile long, and follows some of the best petroglyph available in the Valley of Fire. This is an easy hike along a sandy trail. The trail ends at Mouse's Tank.

It is VERY important that you do NOT touch the petroglyphs, as they can be easily damaged and history of this sort can't simply be repaired for replaced.

Although nobody can say for certain what the petroglyphs mean, there is a sign at the beginning of the trail that explains the most commonly accepted meanings.

GPS Coordinates:

Latitude: 36.44107

Longitude: 114.51659

MOUSES TANK

The Mouse's Tank in the Valley of Fire State Park derive's its name from the legend of a an alleged outlaw Indian named Little Mouse. The legend tells that he was wanted for murder and hid out in Mouse's Tank in the 1890's. There are a few versions of the legend, and a few rebuttals, you can read more about it by googling Little Mouse! Mouse's Tank is reached via a half mile trail from the parking area. It is a natural depression in the sandstone and after rainfall, water collects here. Because it is mostly shaded, the water sometimes remains for months.

Degrees Minutes Seconds:

Latitude: 36-26'28" N

Longitude: 114-30'58" W

Decimal Degrees:

Latitude: 36.4410866

Longitude: -114.5160935

THE CABINS

There are 2 Rock Cabins in the Valley of Fire State Park, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. The Cabins were built using native sandstone, and they were built to shelter weary travelers. GREAT picture taking spot!

Coordinates:

N 36-25'39"

W 114-28'59"

See park brochure for more great spots!

LOST CITY MUSEUM

The Lost City Museum is located at 721 South Moapa Valley Blvd. in Overton, NV, about a 15 minute drive from the Valley of Fire State Park.

The Lost City Museum was established in 1935 by the National Park Service, in an effort to preserve and exhibit the artifacts that were being excavated from the Pueblo Grande de Nevada, which was being flooded with the water from Lake Mead as the Hoover Dam was being built. After the Lake was filled completely, approximately 5 miles of these Anasazi sites had been covered by the rising water.

The Civilian Conservation Corps also helped in the building of the museum, and the building was constructed of sun-dried adobe brick in a pueblo- revival style, and there is a reconstruction of an Anasazi Building that is open to the public. The museum is located on an actual prehistoric site of Ancestral Puebloan Indians who first populated southern Nevada beginning about 300 B.C. On display are an excavated pit house and reconstructed Puebloan houses

In addition to the regular exhibits, the Lost City Museum frequently offers special exhibits and offerings by local artisans. There is a gift shop in the museum

The Lost City Museum is open from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Thursday through Sunday (closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day).

Admission is \$5 per person for adults. Kids under 18 and Museum Members are free

