

# SPRING MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA WINTER VISITOR GUIDE



## EXPLORE

The Spring Mountains rise up out of the Mojave Desert to provide a forested, spring-fed oasis that offers a haven for wildlife, a cool retreat for visitors, a sacred area for Native people and a vital watershed fed by numerous springs.



## LEARN

These “sky islands” support seven diverse life zones with a wide variety of plants and wildlife including 26 species not found anywhere else in the world. The higher elevations are dominated by Bristlecone pines, which are possibly the world’s oldest living organisms.



## VOLUNTEER

The Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute) people consider the Spring Mountains their creation place. They think of the mountains as powerful yet delicate, and to sustain this balance Nuwuvi treat all beings with the utmost respect. We can all continue honoring that tradition by caring for this fragile environment.

## CONTACT US

**Emergency: 911**

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

**Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway**  
2525 Kyle Canyon Rd / SR 157  
Open Daily 9am-4pm  
Forest Service Info & Permits: (702) 872-5486



**Recreation Site Reservations:**  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) · (877)-444-6777  
**NDOT Road Conditions:**  
Dial 511 or visit [NVRoads.com](http://NVRoads.com)  
Report A Fire: (702) 515-5300



### Parking Restrictions

Roadside parking is prohibited between Lee Meadows and the Ski Resort in Lee Canyon (HWY 156)  
Roadside parking is prohibited in Kyle Canyon (Hwy 157), except in designated areas, past the intersection of Hwy 157 and Hwy 158/Deer Creek Highway

### Restricciones de estacionamiento

No se permite estacionarse sobre el camino entre el área de Lee Meadows y el centro para esquiar en Lee Canyon. Está prohibido estacionarse sobre la 157 pasando la intersección de la 157 y la 158 en Kyle Canyon.



## HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST





YOU CAN HELP!



**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Our Snow Hosts greet visitors and help them have a fun snow play experience while promoting safety & forest protection.

Every year volunteers dedicate thousands of hours to enhance recreational opportunities and care for ecosystems across the Spring Mountains NRA. Numerous opportunities exist for volunteers, from trail work to education to restoration. You can participate in a one-time project or serve over several months, seasons or year round in various programs.

To find out more, check out [www.gomtcharleston.com/volunteer.html](http://www.gomtcharleston.com/volunteer.html)



Programs are held throughout the winter.

Visit [www.GoMtCharleston.com/Calendar.html](http://www.GoMtCharleston.com/Calendar.html) for the current schedule.

Our programs are made possible thanks to generous grants and donations. All funds donated to GO Mt. Charleston go directly to visitor information, education programs, and volunteer efforts on the mountain.

CAMPING



Reservations for campsites and group picnic areas can be made in advance, and must be made at least 3 days prior to arrival.

Some areas may have sites available on a first-come first-served basis as well. Large groups must reserve a group campsite or picnic area in advance.

Make reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or (877) 444-6777

WHERE TO PARK IN WINTER

Lee Canyon (HWY 156) is your best option. This is the third exit from US95 North. Open places include the Lee Meadows, Sawmill Picnic Area, Bristlecone Trail for snowshoe hiking, and various pullouts on Lee Canyon Road (HWY 156) and Deer Creek Highway (HWY 158).



SNOW PLAY SAFETY TIPS

- ❄ Consider wearing a helmet while sledding.
- ❄ Make sure paths are clear and weather is good.
- ❄ Never sled near roads or vehicles.
- ❄ Avoid dangerous objects like large rocks and trees.
- ❄ Be aware of others so you don't run into them! Sleds can reach speeds of up to 10-20 mph.
- ❄ No sledding in areas with less than 12" of snow.
- ❄ No snow play on private or "closed" areas.



¿DÓNDE JUGAR EN LA NIEVE?

Lee Canyon (HWY 156) es la major opción. Está en la 2a salida del US95 North. Las áreas abiertas incluyen Lee Meadows, Sawmill Picnic Area, Bristlecone Trail para hacer hiking en la nieve, y hay varios estacionamientos sobre Lee Canyon Road (HWY 156) y Deer Creek Highway (HWY 158).

CONSEJOS DE SEGURIDAD PARA JUGAR EN LA NIEVE

- ❄ Nunca se deslice cerca de caminos o de vehículos.
- ❄ Evite objetos peligrosos como rocas grandes o árboles.
- ❄ ¡Esté al tanto de otras personas para que no las atropelle al deslizarse por la nieve!
- ❄ No se deslice sobre áreas que tienen menos de doce pulgadas de nieve.
- ❄ No puede jugar en la nieve en áreas privadas o "cerradas".

RECREATION AREAS

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| Kyle Canyon Picnic Area | \$ ♀ ♂ 🔥 ♿ 🚰 🚰 | Foxtail Picnic Area      | \$ ♀ ♂ 🔥 ♿ 🚰 🚰     |
| Saw Mill Picnic Area    | ♀ ♂ 🚰 🐾 🚮 🚶    | McWilliams Campground    | \$ 🚰 🔥 ♿ ♀ ♂ ⚠ ⚠   |
| Old Mill Picnic Area    | \$ ♀ ♂ 🔥 📞 🚰 🚰 | Fletcher View Campground | \$ 🚰 📞 🔥 ♿ ♀ ♂ ⚠ ⚠ |
| Lee Meadows             | 📞 🚮            |                          |                    |



The historic Mount Charleston Lodge is located at the end of Kyle Canyon Rd/SR 157, with rustic lodging in 23 log cabins and a scenic restaurant & lounge serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. [www.mtcharlestonlodge.com](http://www.mtcharlestonlodge.com)



The Resort on Mt Charleston is a rustic and relaxing pet friendly property in mid-Kyle Canyon with hotel rooms, a lounge, restaurant, and banquet facilities. [www.mtcharlestonresort.com](http://www.mtcharlestonresort.com)



For the full listing of recreation areas, visit [www.GoMtCharleston.com/PlanYourVisit.html](http://www.GoMtCharleston.com/PlanYourVisit.html)





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| <div></div> National Forest            | <div></div> Bureau of Land Management (BLM) | <div></div> State Highways |
| <div></div> National Forest Wilderness | <div></div> BLM Wilderness                  | <div></div> Forest Roads   |
| <div></div> State Park                 | <div></div> Other – including private       | <div></div> Trails         |

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <div></div> Campground  | <div></div> Restroom    | <div></div> Ski Area | <div></div> Hiking Trail  | <div></div> Equestrian Trail   |
| <div></div> Information | <div></div> Overlook    | <div></div> Showers  | <div></div> Cycling Trail | <div></div> Interpretive Trail |
| <div></div> Parking     | <div></div> Picnic Area |                      |                           |                                |

\*All distances are one-way except trails marked "loop"

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# TIPS FOR A GREAT VISIT

**PLAN AHEAD.** Tell someone where you are going, when you expect to return and what to do if you don't. For safety, don't hike alone. If you get lost or become disorientated, stay calm and stay put! Wait for help to arrive. Keeping warm is more important than finding food and water.

**BE COURTEOUS.** Please be considerate of fellow visitors so that everyone has a great experience. With thousands of visitors trying to enjoy the limited areas and even more limited parking, visitors should keep in mind that everyone is there for the same reason – to have a great time!

**HYPOTHERMIA-TAKE A JACKET.** Hypothermia is possible even in mid-summer at cooler high elevations. Bring extra clothes to stay warm and dry. Storms form quickly in the mountains. Snow can occur year round at higher elevations

**PETS-KEEP THEM ON A LEASH.** Pets must be on a leash in developed sites such as campgrounds and picnic areas. On trails, it is safer to keep pets leashed to avoid contact with other animals and hikers. And of course, please clean up after your pets.

**TRASH-PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.** Dumpsters are located only at the Visitor Center and developed camping and picnic areas. If you can't get to a dumpster, please take trash back home.

**TOILETS.** Toilets are available at the Visitor Center and developed camping and picnic areas. If you are unable to find a toilet, dig a hole to bury toilet paper and human waste or consider bringing along "Wag Bags" to avoid unhealthy situations when the snow melts.

**CELL PHONES-LIMITED RECEPTION.** Much of Lee Canyon has no reception. Reception in Kyle Canyon is limited.

**DRINKING WATER-LIMITED AVAILABILITY.** Don't drink untreated water from streams or springs. The Visitor Center, Resort, Lodge, and Ski Area sell water during business hours.

**PICNICS AND CAMPING.** For campsite or large group picnic area reservations, please call (877) 444-6777 or visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). If you choose to picnic outside of the developed areas make sure you are not on private property. Leave no trash or food behind.

**CAMPFIRES ALLOWED IN DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS.** Fires must be in a campground fire ring. Please check with the Visitor Center for current status and further regulations.

**AVALANCHES** are common in the Spring Mountains due to the steep mountain terrain. Barren chutes indicate where avalanches frequently flow. Learn to recognize and avoid avalanche terrain and signs of unstable snow. Carry and know how to use avalanche rescue gear. For avalanche survival techniques and information check [www.avalanche.org](http://www.avalanche.org)

**BE AWARE OF WILDERNESS AREAS.** Watch for wilderness boundary signs so you'll know when you've entered the wilderness area. Motorized vehicle use, bicycles, mechanized equipment, and geocaching are not allowed in the wilderness areas.

**DON'T ERASE THE TRACES OF AMERICA'S PAST.** Archaeological and historic sites hold clues to America's past. If disturbed, a part of our heritage may be lost forever. Historic sites and artifacts on federal lands are protected by federal law. If you discover such remains, please leave them undisturbed.

## ES IMPORTANTE SABER QUE...

**La recepción de los teléfonos celulares no es buena en esta área.** Hay teléfonos en el área de picnic Foxtail y frente a Lee Meadows.

**Debe estacionarse fuera del camino.** Todos los vehículos deben estar a la derecha de la línea blanca (línea de niebla) para permitir el paso de los vehículos de emergencia. Los autos que estén estacionados de manera ilegal recibirán una multa y serán retirados con una grúa.

**Los baños públicos** están localizados en las áreas de picnic de Deer Creek y Sawmill, en el centro de visitantes y en las áreas abiertas para acampar.

**Debe poner la basura en** los contenedores o basureros, o debe llevársela de regreso a casa.

**Las mascotas deben** tener su correa puesta y deben estar amarradas en todo momento. Por favor limpie los desechos de sus mascotas.

**No hay gasolineras,** comience su visita con un tanque lleno.



### CAMPFIRES

Obey fire restrictions. Check for current restrictions and fire information year round at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/districts/smnra](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/districts/smnra) or by calling (702) 515-5400

- Where campfires are allowed, build them away from low-hanging branches and in an area clear of vegetation. Use existing fire rings where possible. You may gather enough dead and downed wood (no cutting live or standing dead trees) to use while visiting. Campers may not take any wood with them when they leave and any leftover wood must be scattered.

- Do not leave fires unattended and be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving. Consider using a camp stove as an alternative to campfires.

- During extreme fire danger, smoking is prohibited except in an enclosed vehicle or at a developed recreation site.

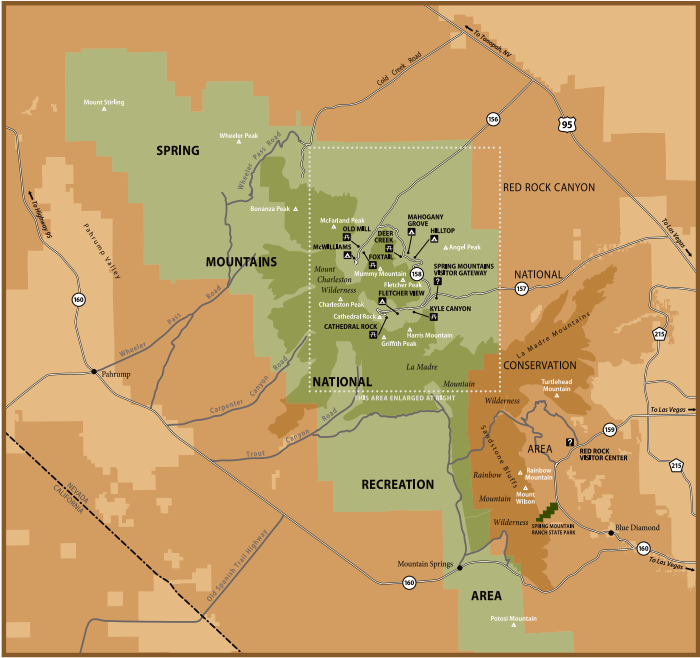


**Lee Canyon Winter Resort** is located in Lee Canyon and offers programs and terrain for all ability levels. Open 9am-4pm every day of the week! Season runs Nov 29th - April 6th weather permitting Visit [www.leecanyonlv.com](http://www.leecanyonlv.com) to check out local specials!

## OUR PROGRAMS



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### DISPLAY YOUR LOVE FOR THE SPRING MOUNTAINS

The Mt. Charleston license plate fund supports “the natural environment of the Mount Charleston area including programs to improve wildlife habitat, the ecosystem, the forest, public access to the area, and its recreational use” including many of GO Mt. Charleston’s programs! Visit a DMV office or go to [dmvnv.com/platescharitable.htm](http://dmvnv.com/platescharitable.htm) for details.



**GO Mt. Charleston programs in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area are provided by Southern Nevada Conservancy in partnership with the US Forest Service. For more information, please visit [www.GoMtCharleston.com](http://www.GoMtCharleston.com)**

