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# News Release



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## Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Features “Let’s Explore!” Adventure on December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Don't Miss the Final Event of 2010**

**AMARGOSA VALLEY, Nev.** – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service invites the public to the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, December 11, 2010 for the last in its series of wildlife refuge adventures. The year's final installment of “Let’s Explore Ash Meadows!” focuses on the area's storied past.

The public is welcome to join the fun anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Participants will become time travelers as they go back to the days long before Ash Meadows was home to a national wildlife refuge. Visitors will meet some of the people who were living in the area (as portrayed by actors), sit in the Longstreet Cabin and listen to stories told by the infamous Jack Longstreet (portrayed by Frank King), play an old game of chance, look at historic photographs, search for medicinal plants growing in the desert, taste a mesquite pancake, and imagine what it was like to live in the desert some 100 years ago.

People of all ages are welcome to take part in the day's activities. The event is free of charge and registration is not required. More of these events are planned for 2011 and will be announced as they are scheduled.

Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge ([www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows](http://www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows)), located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, was established in 1984 under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It comprises 23,448 acres of spring fed wetlands and desert uplands that provide habitat for at least 26 plant and animal species that occur nowhere else in the world.

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