

Desert National Wildlife Refuge



The Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex includes:

- Ash Meadows NWR
- Moapa Valley NWR
- Pahrnagat NWR
- Desert NWR

Created in 1936 to provide habitat and protection for desert bighorn sheep, Desert NWR is the largest wildlife refuge outside of Alaska. At 1.6 million acres (643,000 hectares), the refuge can cover Rhode Island twice - and still have enough room left over for a quarter of a million football fields. Teeming with diversity over a vast landscape, Desert NWR boasts over 500 plant species as it transitions from the Mojave to the Great Basin Desert.

While Desert NWR has been home to people for thousands of years, from Nuwuvi (Southern Paiute) to

ranch homesteaders, the refuge still remains largely unchanged by human hands. Over 1.3 million acres (536,000 hectares) of the refuge is proposed wilderness, and has been managed as de facto wilderness since 1974. See collared lizards sunning on rocks, hunt for tracks of elusive mountain lions, or grab your binoculars for a better look at our 320 bird species. A unique and solitary experience awaits you at Desert NWR.

Federal Wildlife Officer expected to encounter Trespassing, Illegal Shooting, ARPA (numerous indigenous peoples historic sites), Off road, Reptile collecting, Waterfowl (Migratory Bird Act), Hunting/fishing violations, Illegal camping, Illegal fires.

It is located about 15 miles North of Las Vegas; The area offers of course everything connected with Las Vegas. Includes the ability to work with BLM, Forest Service NPS as well as some tribal and local connections. On personal time there is great dining, hiking, biking and even snow play on MT. Charleston all of which are within an hour of town. Also available are all the local shows provided in Las Vegas. Weekends allow you the ability to visit the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, San Diego as well.

For more information on Desert Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex visit:

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desert/>