

Red Rock Canyon

KEYSTONE VISITOR GUIDE

NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Red Rock by Car

IT'S NOT CALLED THE SCENIC DRIVE FOR NOTHING...

So sit back and enjoy the drive. The maximum speed limit on the 13-Mile Scenic Drive is 35 mph and in some sections the speed limit is lower. By not exceeding the posted speed limits, you can enjoy the spectacular scenery while driving at a speed that is safe for you and your fellow motorists, bicyclists, runners and wildlife.

Now once you've followed the speed limit to your favorite turnout, it's time to park. Fortunately parking lots have been created for your convenience; however they do have limits. If the lot remains full, do not create your own parking spot by parking off road on

vegetation. These plants are native to the arid Mojave Desert and can take decades to regrow. You can pick a new spot to visit or reenter the 13-Mile Scenic Drive (your amenity fee is good for a full day).

The upside to following these easy tips is that you are more likely to safely enjoy your visit to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, leaving it undamaged by your activities. Note: law enforcement rangers can cite visitors that disregard regulations.

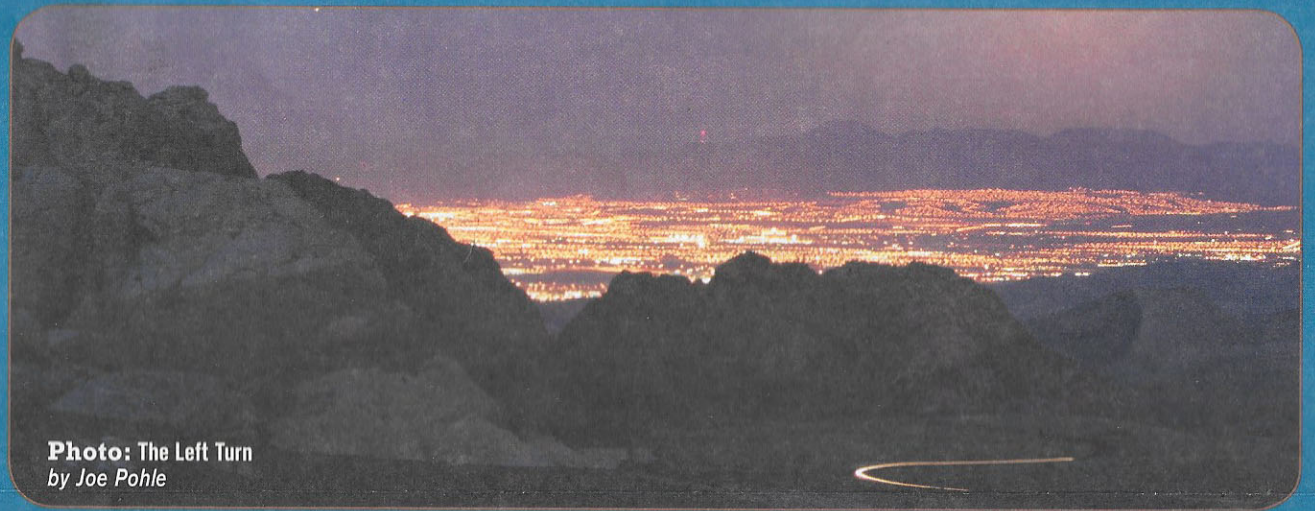


Photo: The Left Turn
by Joe Pohle

If you are looking for more information, please stop by the visitor center to view exhibits, pick up more handouts and talk with staff about how you can make your visit more special. Once you get home, take a peek at our website – www.nv.blm.gov/redrockcanyon.

Desert Safety Tips

EACH YEAR THERE ARE OVER 100 SEARCH AND RESCUE AND MEDICAL INCIDENTS AT THE RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA. THE MOJAVE DESERT IS AN EXTREME ENVIRONMENT SUBJECT TO INTENSE HEAT IN THE SUMMER, VERY COLD TEMPERATURES IN THE WINTER ESPECIALLY AT HIGHER ALTITUDES AND WINDY CONDITIONS. YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS BELOW:

Let friends or family members know where you are going and what time you expect to be back. Don't rely on cell phones during your visit as coverage in the area can be unreliable or non-existent, especially within canyons. Leave your valuables at home. If you leave your car, take your purse or backpack with you and lock your doors. Never leave packages in plain sight where they may tempt someone to break in to your vehicle.

DESERT DWELLERS

Watch where you put your hands and feet. Rattlesnakes, scorpions or venomous spiders may be sheltered behind boulders or under rocks and shrubs. Do not touch, collect or try to kill these animals.

WATER

Drink at least one gallon (four liters) per day if you are hiking, the day is hot or the trail is exposed to direct sunlight. Carry at least one gallon of extra water per person in your vehicle. Bottled water is available for purchase at the visitor center. This is the only location where drinking water is available in the national conservation area.

HEAT

Temperatures in Red Rock Canyon can average more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer months. The best protection against heat is drinking plenty of water and limiting exposure to the sun during the hottest parts of the day. If you

feel dizzy, nauseous or get a headache, immediately get out of the sun and drink plenty of water. Dampen your clothing to lower your body temperature.

PROTECTIVE GEAR

For hiking, select shoes that will provide a comfortable fit, ankle stability and protection against cactus spines. Wear clothes that provide protection against the sun (i.e. hats, long sleeves, long pants, etc.) and apply sunscreen.

FLASH FLOODS

When hiking, avoid canyons during rainstorms and be prepared to move to higher ground. While driving, be alert for water running in the normally dry desert washes and across road dips. Do not walk or drive through flood water flowing across a road.

LIGHTNING

Lightning storms frequently occur in the afternoon during the summer months. To prevent lightning from striking you, avoid high places and seek cover in buildings or in vehicles with the windows rolled up. If caught outdoors, crouch down on both feet with your arms wrapped around your knees and wait out the storm.

STEEP CLIFFS

Falls from cliffs have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on stone are slippery. Never throw or roll rocks. There may be hikers below you.

What's Inside

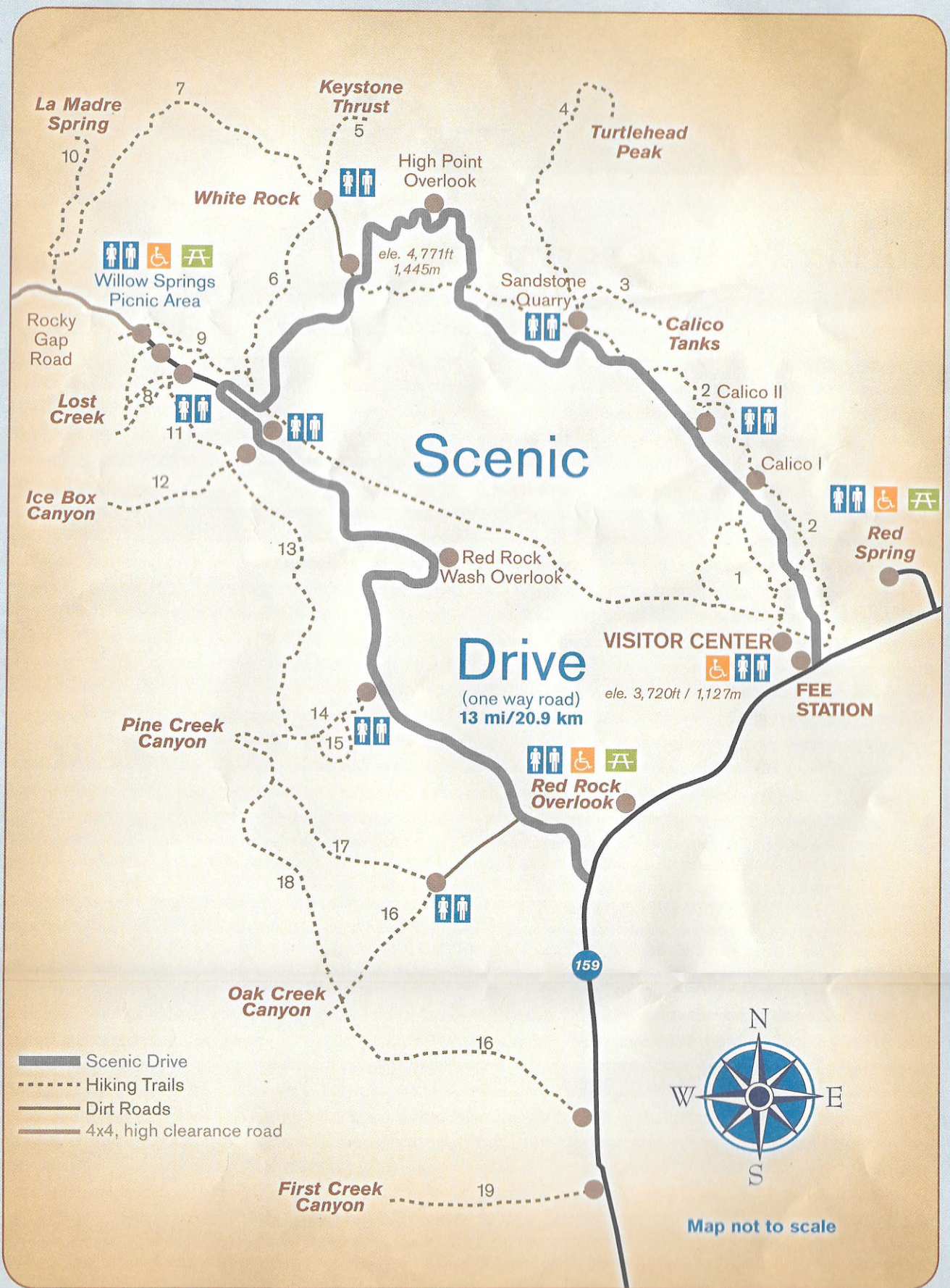
[2] License Plate, Rock Climbing, Fees and Annual Passes

[3] Hike Trail Descriptions, Hike Ratings

[4] Hiking Map, Additional Information, Hours

Photo: Red River Bed
by Jeff Yost

Hiking Map



- Restrooms
- Parking Area
- Wheelchair Access
- Picnic Area

Additional Information

PLEASE NOTE: Certain types of activities are prohibited, such as launching or landing unmanned aircraft commonly called “drones.”

Other activities require a permit. These activities include, but are not limited to: overnight or late night exits; providing commercial services, sponsoring commercial and noncommercial guided tours, and commercial filming.

HOURS OF OPERATION

◆ Visitor Center	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
◆ 13-Mile Scenic Drive, Red Rock Overlook on State Route 159 and Red Spring	
NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY	6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MARCH	6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
APRIL - SEPTEMBER	6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
OCTOBER	6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR VISITING
RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL
CONSERVATION AREA.



Photo:
Great Spreadwing
(Archilestes grandis)
by Athena Sparks

Red Rock Canyon Contact Information

www.nv.blm.gov/redrockcanyon

Emergency or Fire
[702] 293-8932 or 911

BLM Southern Nevada District Office
[702] 515-5000

Red Rock Visitor Center
[702] 515-5350

Climbing Permits
[702] 515-5050

Gift & Book Store
[702] 515-5379

Friends of Red Rock Canyon
[702] 515-5360

Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association
Organized Hikes
[702] 515-5367

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Photo: Indigobush (*Psoralea fremontii*)
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