# Las Vegas Outdoor Escapes: Your Guide to Hiking, Kayaking, and More

Las Vegas is known for its casinos, nightlife, and shopping. But did you know that it's also a great place to get outdoors and enjoy some fresh air? There are plenty of hiking trails, kayaking spots, and other outdoor activities to choose from.



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In this guide, we'll share some of our favorite outdoor escapes in Las Vegas. Whether you're looking for a challenging hike or a relaxing kayak paddle, we've got you covered.

### **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area is a stunningly beautiful desert landscape located just 20 miles west of Las Vegas. The park is home to towering red rock formations, hiking trails, and scenic drives.

One of the most popular hiking trails in Red Rock Canyon is the Calico Hills Trail. This 2.5-mile loop trail offers breathtaking views of the surrounding desert. The trail is relatively easy, making it a good option for families with young children.

If you're looking for a more challenging hike, try the Lost Creek Wilderness Trail. This 6-mile loop trail takes you through a rugged canyon and offers stunning views of the Las Vegas skyline.

In addition to hiking, there are also plenty of opportunities for kayaking in Red Rock Canyon. The Kayenta Trail is a popular kayaking spot that offers a scenic paddle through the canyon.

#### **Lake Mead National Recreation Area**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area is a vast lake that's located just 30 miles east of Las Vegas. The lake is a popular spot for boating, fishing, swimming, and hiking.

One of the most popular hiking trails in Lake Mead National Recreation Area is the Hoover Dam Trail. This 2-mile loop trail takes you along the rim of the Hoover Dam and offers stunning views of the dam and the surrounding lake.

If you're looking for a more challenging hike, try the Black Canyon Trail. This 6-mile out-and-back trail takes you through a rugged canyon and offers stunning views of Lake Mead.

In addition to hiking, there are also plenty of opportunities for kayaking in Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The Boulder Beach Kayak Trail is a

popular kayaking spot that offers a scenic paddle through the lake.

**Mount Charleston Wilderness Area** 

Mount Charleston Wilderness Area is a mountainous area that's located

just 40 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The wilderness area is home to

towering peaks, hiking trails, and scenic drives.

One of the most popular hiking trails in Mount Charleston Wilderness Area

is the Cathedral Rock Trail. This 4-mile loop trail takes you to the top of

Cathedral Rock, which offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains

and valleys.

If you're looking for a more challenging hike, try the Charleston Peak Trail.

This 6-mile out-and-back trail takes you to the summit of Charleston Peak,

which is the highest point in Nevada.

In addition to hiking, there are also plenty of opportunities for kayaking in

Mount Charleston Wilderness Area. The Lee Canyon Kayak Trail is a

popular kayaking spot that offers a scenic paddle through the canyon.

These are just a few of the many outdoor escapes that Las Vegas has to

offer. Whether you're looking for a challenging hike or a relaxing kayak

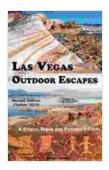
paddle, you're sure to find something to your liking.

So what are you waiting for? Get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of Las

Vegas!

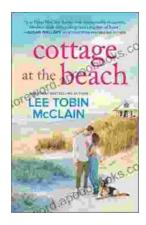
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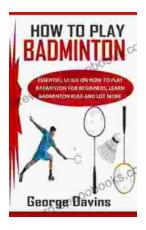
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