

Welcome to the Refuge!

Desert National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is the largest Refuge outside of Alaska. At 1.6 million acres, the sheer size of Desert NWR can be overwhelming. Start your visit at the Corn Creek Visitor Center and trails to learn more about the Refuge.

Corn Creek is the hub of Desert NWR. It is excellent for a stand-alone visit or as a starting point. Stop in the Visitor Center before setting out on one of our five trails (Birdsong is temporarily closed), three of which are accessible (trail map on reverse). Take a peek at the endangered Pahrump poolfish in our refugium on your way to the Railroad Tie Cabin. Built with railroad ties from the abandoned Las Vegas & Tonopah Railroad, scars from the railroad spikes still mark the walls of this 1920s historic home.

National Wildlife Refuge Week October 8th-15th

Visitors are invited to celebrate by walking or moving 5K through the Corn Creek trail system. You can take self-guided walks, join our programs on October 15, or any combination of both to reach 5 kilometers (3.1 miles)!

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Sunday, October 15 Guided Walks

Bird walk-8:00 am-9:30 am

Join a local expert from the Red Rock Audubon on an early morning bird hike and discover the diversity of birds at the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

This walk will start at 8 a.m. at the visitor center and go around the refuge trails. Check in outside the visitor center and come prepared with sturdy, close-toed shoes, water, and sun protection. Recommended equipment includes binoculars and a bird identification app or book.

Historic people and creatures of Corn Creek-10:00 am-11:30 am

Join rangers from Tule Spring Fossil Beds National Monument for a late morning walk to discover the past human and animal inhabitants of Corn Creek. This walk will start at 10 a.m. at the visitor center and go around the refuge trails.

Check in outside the visitor center and come prepared with sturdy, close-toed shoes, water, and sun protection.

A Desert Full of Life-12:00 pm-1:30 pm

Join an NDOW education ranger for a walk around the trails of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge and learn where wildlife might be hiding and how we can better look for them! Along this guided walk, the group will practice their nature identification skills, practice looking for wildlife, and learn some fun facts about how Southern Nevada's animals coexist in such a delicate yet harsh environment.

This walk will start at 12:00 p.m. at the visitor center and go around the refuge trails. Check in outside the visitor center and come prepared with sturdy, close-toed shoes, water, and sun protection.