



Regional Open Space & Trails System Frequently Asked Questions Trail Access

1. When will the trails be completed and open for public use?

- *Off-street Urban Trails:* There are 760 miles of urban off-street multi-purpose use trails in the approved Regional Trails System (Neon to Nature). Of this total, 145 miles are completed and available for use. An additional 155 miles are funded and in various stages of design and construction.
- *On-street Urban Trails:* There are 735 miles of on-street bike lanes and 395 miles of on-street bike routes in the approved Regional Plan (Neon to Nature). Of this total, 210 miles of bike lanes and 78 miles of bike routes are completed and available for use.
- *Backcountry Trails:* Presently, there are 252 miles of backcountry trails on adjacent federal public lands completed and available for public use. This number will increase once on-going trail planning is completed and construction begins.

2. Where are the trails and how best can you access them?

- Trails are located throughout Southern Nevada. The best way to access trails is at trailheads, parks and designated parking lots. For information on trail and trailhead locations, go to the Regional Transportation Commission website at: www.rtcnv.com.

3. What is not allowed on trails

- Unauthorized motor vehicles, motorized scooters, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and off-highway vehicles (OHVs) are not allowed on the Neon to Nature Regional Trail System.

4. What types of activities are acceptable for location specific trails?

- Horseback riding and mountain biking



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5. Will I encounter vehicle traffic while on trails?

- Vehicular traffic is not allowed on the trail systems. However, special maintenance vehicles may enter permitted areas of the trail system to conduct maintenance. Additionally, emergency responders may require access in the event a trail user is injured and emergency response is requested along the trail.

6. Can I bike on all trails?

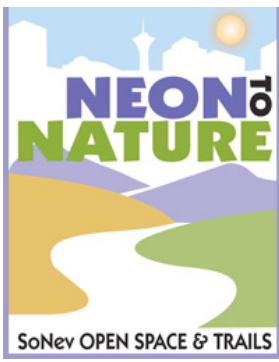
- *Urban Trails* - Bicycles are allowed on the paved urban trails. Share the path.
- *Back Country Trails*– Bicycles are allowed on some trails. Bikes are not allowed on designated hiking trails. Motor vehicle regulations for bicycles apply while in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. Motorized vehicles are limited to designated roads.

7. What will I see on the trails – wildlife, natural desert, etc.?

- Scenery along the Neon to Nature Regional Trail System varies greatly by location. Traversing both urbanized and pristine areas, trail users may view desert plants and animals, scenic vistas, historic and cultural sites, rock art, natural features and rock formations

8. Where can I view birds and wildlife along trails?

- Though animal habitats can be viewed along any trail, rural trails are perfect locations for bird and wildlife observation. Some of Southern Nevada's scenic trails are located at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Las Vegas Wash, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Valley of Fire State Park, and Spring Mountain Ranch State Park.



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9. When is the best time/s to use the trails?

- The trails can be used year round, however, during summer months users would want to use them early in the morning or early in the evening as most trails will not be lighted for night use.

10. Can I use trails at night?

- Hours during which the trails may be used varies depending on location. Urban Trails in North Las Vegas may be used from 5 am to Midnight. City of Las Vegas lighted trails can be used from 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m. and non-lighted trails from dawn to dusk. Clark County trails can be used during day-light hours only. Boulder City trails are all lighted and have no nighttime restrictions. Henderson trails are open for use from 5:00a.m.-11:00p.m.
- Most backcountry trails can be used at night.

11. Are the trails lighted?

- *Urban Trails* – Most urban trails are lighted for use after sundown.
- *Back Country Trails* – Are not lighted.

12. What kind of weather might I encounter in the summer and other seasons?

- Summer weather in Las Vegas is typically sunny, hot and dry, with mid-afternoon July temperatures ranging from 100 to the 110s. Morning temperatures range from the mid 70s to upper 80s. The Southwest Monsoon season begins in August and is characterized by an increase in humidity and a higher probability of afternoon thunderstorms. The fall months are generally pleasant, with temperatures in the 50s, 60s and 70s. December, January and February are cooler, with elevated chances for precipitation and generally good for hiking, except at the higher elevations where snow can be encountered.



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13. What kind of weather might I encounter in the summer and other seasons?

- Based on a 30-year average, the following temperatures can be expected:
- Average High/Low in January - 57.1 / 36.8 F
Average maximum temperature - 104.1 / 78.2 F
- Annual Precipitation - 4.49 inches
- Annual Sunshine - 310 days

14. Are there any amenities such as restrooms, informational kiosks, lighting, benches, etc.?

- Regional trail systems crossing over County and multiple city boundaries consist of a regional trail marker system and informational kiosks about the Las Vegas Valley's history, or the surrounding environment and/or species found in the area. There is lighting along the urban trails, but not the rural trails. Benches, waste receptacles, and pet waste stations are also provided. Generally, there are restroom at most urban trailheads.
- Local trail systems will have differing amenities depending on which community the trail is located. However, most trail systems will have informational or directional signage to identify the trail you are on and waste receptacles and benches for trail use.

15. What kind of footwear is best for the various types of trails?

- *Urban Trails* – Sneakers with good heel support is best. All leather is not necessary. Socks are important.
- *Back Country Trail* - Hiking footwear with good heel support is best. All leather is not necessary. Socks are important; there are new blends that dry quickly and cushion well. All cotton is not recommended. Whatever hiking boot or shoe you wear, make sure it's broken in before you begin the Trail.



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16. Will I need special equipment?

- Depending on the time of the year and the activity or experience you want to achieve, special equipment may be needed for some terrain. However, the essentials for any trek include sunscreen, water, and perhaps a snack for energy. In the fall and winter months, layered clothing is wise, since the weather can change drastically from sun up to sundown.

17. Is there cell phone access on the trails?

- Depending upon your phone and system, cell phones may work in some places and not in others. A cell phone is not a dependable emergency contact for all situations. Trail users should always leave their plans, routes and timeline with someone. Satellite phones can provide more reliable phone service.

18. Are pets welcome on trails?

- Dogs on leashes are allowed on the urban trails and most backcountry trails. Dogs must be leashed at all times. You must be in control of your dog at all times. Dog walker must remove all feces.

19. Are trails near flood channels and will I encounter flood waters?

- Several trails run along flood channels and other storm water facilities due to the natural alignment along embankments and water. Flash flood season is typically in the summer months. It is important that users stay on the provided paths to avoid the potential for flash flooding. However, the majority of local trails do not run along flood channels and you should be safe to travel on these trails.