



## SPRINGS PRESERVE FACT SHEET

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**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** The Springs Preserve (Preserve) is a cultural and historic attraction offering an entertaining, educational and recreational gathering place to commemorate Las Vegas' dynamic history and provide a vision for a sustainable future. Commonly known as the "birthplace of Las Vegas," the Preserve features museums and galleries, an outdoor amphitheater, an interpretive trail system, a botanical garden, an outdoor children's playground, the Nevada State Museum, a restaurant and a gift shop, among other amenities.

**HISTORIC OVERVIEW:** The Preserve served as the original source of water for Native Americans living here thousands of years ago, and later for travelers on the Old Spanish Trail and Mormons who came to settle the west. The site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

**SIZE:** 180 acres

**LOCATION:** 333 S. Valley View Blvd.  
Las Vegas, Nevada (between US 95 and Alta Drive)

**GRAND OPENING:** June 8, 2007

**GROUND BREAKING:** May 31, 2005

**PROJECT COST:** \$250 million

**BUILDING ARCHITECTS:** Luchessi Galati Architects, Inc. (Las Vegas, NV)  
Paul Steelman Design Group (Las Vegas, NV)  
Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects (Las Vegas, NV)

**GENERAL CONTRACTORS:** J.A. Tiberti Construction (Las Vegas, NV)  
Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. (Las Vegas, NV)

### ATTRACTION FEATURES:

**Orientation Plaza:** The first stop for many visitors of the Preserve, the tiered outdoor seating allows a place for school and tour groups to gather together to learn more about the Preserve before entering the attraction.

**Guest Services:** Comprises the Information Center, Springs Preserve gift shop, admissions, first aid, and the Springs Preserve Café operated by Wolfgang Puck and offering a view of the Las Vegas Strip.

**Origen Experience:** Comprised of three historic museum galleries featuring interactive, stationary and live animal exhibits and the Big Springs theater, the Origen Experience is designed to capture the essence of the land and early inhabitants who once made the Preserve site their home.

**Desert Living Center:** A complex of five buildings which house the Sustainability Gallery, Dialogue Center, Design Lab, Temporary Exhibit Galleries, the Nature Exchange, Gardens of the World, a 250-seat

outdoor Gardens amphitheater, and meeting and classroom space. The Desert Living Center will provide a forum where visitors can learn practical means of protecting valuable environmental resources without compromising their quality of life.

**The Trails:** Approximately 2.6 mile trail system (upon completion) that features interpretive overlooks, historic structures and archaeological sites. This area of the Preserve has been left largely undeveloped due to the abundance of significant historical and archaeological resources that offer insight into the history and pre-history of the valley.

**The Gardens:** An 8-acre botanical garden featuring thousands of native and drought-tolerant plants, outdoor classroom instruction areas, an outdoor cooking demonstration area, and an Enabling Garden for people with physical challenges, among other features.

**The Cienega:** A desert wetland that borders The Trails and serves as a tranquil home for hundreds of native plant, bird and animal species. A reconstructed cauldron pool depicts the natural springs that once bubbled from beneath the valley floor.

**Springs Amphitheater:** With the capacity for 1,800 seats, the open-air amphitheater features seasonal concerts under the stars and other events and performances.

**Children's Playground:** Resembling a desert canyon, the Children's Playground features oversized wildlife replicas such as a Peregrine Falcon and its baby, the skeleton of a Woolly Mammoth and a Sidewinder snake.

**Nevada State Museum:** Scheduled to open in summer 2008, this longstanding Las Vegas community attraction will relocate to the Preserve to become an integral part of the visitor experience. The museum, offering interpretive and interactive exhibits spanning Nevada state history, will remain an independent facility operated by the State of Nevada and will help provide a more complete historical experience for visitors.

**SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS:**

- Will be the first attraction in the U.S. to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum Certification.
- Largest commercial straw-bale project in the U.S.
- Solar panels on site will generate enough solar energy to power approximately 70 percent of the Preserve attraction.
- The Preserve is home to more than 250 species of wildlife.
- Water on site will be filtered and reused to irrigate plants and flush toilets at the Preserve.

**LEED CERTIFICATION:**

The Desert Living Center and the Origen Experience structures are both targeting LEED Platinum Certification. The designation, the highest a building can receive from the U.S. Green Building Council, requires that a majority of required building materials be recycled, re-used or recyclable, among other things.

**WEB SITE:**

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