



TRAILS FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: This scenic component of the 180-acre Springs Preserve has been left largely undeveloped due to the abundance of significant historical and archaeological resources on the site. A series of trails will introduce visitors to unique and historic features including a cienega wetlands area, a historic spring mound, two springhouses and other authentic artifacts that offer a glimpse into the history and pre-history of the valley. Waysides and ramadas (covered areas along the trails) offer interpretive elements on early adobe structures, well derricks, plants, animals, prehistoric artifacts and historical structures, among others.

The Trails will be constructed in two phases, with the final phase scheduled for completion in 2008.

SIZE: 1.5 miles (Phase 1); 2.6 miles upon completion

LOCATION: Springs Preserve
333 S. Valley View Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada

OPENING: June 8, 2007

DESIGNER: Carter & Burgess, Inc. (Las Vegas, NV)

KEY FEATURES:

Crossroads Trail

Interpretive signage near a historic springhouse provides visitors with an introduction to the cultural stories of the site. Features of the trail include a plant recognition wayside, Big Spring Springhouse interpretive station, the Water Works pump station and the Las Vegas Valley rare plant communities ramada.

Spring Trail

The Spring Trail exhibits the various cultural communities that have occupied the site, the materials they relied on for survival and how they adapted to desert life. Elements include a prehistoric hearth interpretive station with reconstructed shelters, a reconstructed barn that doubles as an outdoor classroom, the Chicken Coop wayside, historic chimney and caretaker's house, a shanty and settling basin, a dugout wayside and a Las Vegas Bearpoppy wayside.

Cienega Trail

The Cienega Trail features a 2.5-acre cienega wetland and provides visitors with opportunities to view wildlife in an immersive experience. This loop will run along the western edge of the Cienega and will include a place for hiking,

walking, docent demonstrations and wildlife observation. Elements include a Cienega stream channel, an observation station, a viewing blind ramada and the Cienega cauldron pool.

Spring Mound Trail

This trail exhibits a 10,000 year-old spring mound and is one of the few remaining in the Las Vegas Valley. This important geologic remnant still holds numerous significant historic assemblages with associated features and artifacts. Ongoing research alongside these trails will allow visitors to observe scientists as they continue to piece together the puzzle of our past. Elements include a spring mound and a restored well house wayside. Other interpretive elements will be featured as archaeological work continues.

Exploration Trail

The Exploration Trail explores the farthest reaches of the Springs Preserve, allowing a visitor to imagine what the site was like 100 years ago. This trail will follow the northern perimeter of the Springs Preserve site to include interpretive ramadas that highlight the historic Stewart Ranch and educate visitors on the historic routes that Native Americans and early pioneers used to access the Springs. Features include a rare plant ramada, the Little Spring House interpretive station, the Middle Springs wayside, a subsidence and derrick wayside, the Stewart Ranch interpretive station, a naturalist's station, the Clark Street Pump Station wayside and Reservoir #1 interpretive station.

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