

SPRINGS PRESERVE OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW:	The Springs Preserve opened on June 8, 2007. Located three miles from the famed Las Vegas Strip, the Springs Preserve is a 180-acre national historic site featuring botanical gardens, trails, historical structures, restored wetlands, wildlife exhibits, a child's play area and a 1,800-seat amphitheater. Indoor experiences include exhibition galleries dedicated to showcasing art and traveling exhibitions of local and national significance, on-site, technologically advanced learning centers and interactive museum exhibits, and the Springs Cafe by Wolfgang Puck. The Springs Preserve also hosts seasonal special events including concerts, arts shows and holiday experiences. The springs at the Preserve served as the original source of water for Native Americans thousands of years ago, and later for travelers on the Old Spanish Trail and pioneers who came to settle the west. The site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1978.
LOCATION/HOURS:	333 S. Valley View Blvd. (between U.S. 95 and Alta Drive) Las Vegas, Nevada. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week; hours vary for special events.
ADMISSION:	General admission cost for Nevada residents is \$9.95 for adults, \$8.95 for students, seniors, teachers and military, \$4.95 for children ages 5 – 17, and kids 4 and under are free. Value Memberships are \$25 for individuals or \$60 for a family, which include annual access for two adults and up to six dependent children under the age of 18 within the same household. Donor level memberships are also available. Memberships are good for one year from the date of purchase and include additional benefits outlined on the Springs Preserve website. Admission for non-residents adults is \$18.95, \$17.05 for seniors, students and military, \$10.95 for children ages 5 – 17, and kids 4 and under are free. Cost for admission to special events and classes vary and can be found at springspreserve.org
ARCHITECTS:	Lucchesi, 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)
EXHIBIT DESIGNERS:	Aldrich Pears Associates, Ltd. (Vancouver, BC) The Nassal Company (Orlando, FL) Playground Media Group (Los Angeles, CA) West Office Exhibition Design (Oakland, CA)

ATTRACTION FEATURES:

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

Guest Services: Houses admissions, membership and amenities rentals, first aid, the Gift Shop and Library, and the Springs Cafe by Wolfgang Puck, which offers a view of the Las Vegas Strip.

Origen Museum: Comprising two historic museum galleries featuring interactive, stationary and live native Mojave animal exhibits, the state-of-the-art, panoramic Big Springs Theater, a space for traveling experiential exhibits, and a fine art area, the Origen Museum is designed to capture the essence of the land and the culture of Las Vegas inhabitants throughout history and into the future.

Desert Living Center: A group of buildings which houses the Information Center and Gift Shop / Welcome Gallery, Nature Exchange, Activities Center, Garden Center, Patio and Rotunda Galleries, Sustainability Gallery, Dialogue Center, a 200-seat outdoor Gardens amphitheater, and meeting/classroom space. The Desert Living Center is a Platinum LEED certified complex that provides a forum where visitors can learn practical means of protecting valuable environmental resources without compromising quality of life.

The Trails: Approximately 1.8 mile trail system featuring interpretive overlooks, historic structures and archaeological sites. This area 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 completion of phase two, currently underway, will increase the trail length to more than 2 miles.

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.

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, events, and performances.

Children's Playground: Resembling a desert canyon, the 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: This longstanding Las Vegas community attraction is in the process of relocating to the Preserve to become an integral part of the visitor experience. The museum, offering interpretive exhibits focusing on Nevada state history, will remain an independent facility operated by the State of Nevada.

ITEMS OF NOTE:

Springs Preserve is the first attraction in the U.S. to receive two LEED Platinum Certifications on one site (DLC and Origen Museum/Guest Services buildings.) It is the largest commercial straw-bale project in the U.S. The solar panels on site generate enough solar energy to power approximately 75 percent of the Preserve attraction. The Preserve is home to more than 250 species of wildlife. The water on site is filtered and reused to irrigate plants and operate restroom commodes at the Preserve.