



### Go Off-Roading To Stay On Track For The Cure

To promote Breast Cancer Awareness month, Pink Jeep Tours has teamed up with Nevada Cancer Institute through the end of October for "Trek for the Cure." Pink Jeep Tours will donate \$4.80 from the sales of the company's Red Rock Canyon Tour (\$89, four-hour tour). The popular location was chosen because of Red Rock's proximity to the Nevada Cancer Institute's Summerlin location. The dollar amount represents the tour company's 48 years in business. "They're pink, we're pink. Partnering with the Nevada Cancer Institute for Breast Cancer Awareness month is a natural fit," said Alix Reed, general manager of Pink Jeep Tours. "Giving back to the community in a meaningful way is important to our culture of the company. This year's 'Trek for the Cure' marks the beginning of a fruitful partnership." October is also the month that Pink Jeep Tours is debuting its new fleet of 12 Tour Trekkers. The all-terrain, four-wheel drive vehicles are rugged yet luxurious and perfect for the variety of tours offered by the company, including off-road trips at the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Mt. Charleston. Call 888-900-4480 or visit online at pinkjeep.com.

vehicles is \$20, motorcycle riders pay \$10. Pass is good for seven days.

### GRAND CANYON WEST

877-716-9378

Approximately 120 miles east of Las Vegas, this beautiful destination is owned and operated by the Hualapai Nation. They offer tour packages, which include trips to The Hualapai Ranch, offering a true Wild West experience; Guano Point overlooking the Colorado River on the edge of the canyon, with a marketplace featuring handmade crafts & jewelry; and The Skywalk at Eagle Point, featuring the first glass bridge to suspend visitors more than 4,000 feet above the canyon floor and Colorado River. The Skywalk juts out 70 feet from the rim and supports 120 people.

### MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

760-326-6322

Map C12

The 1.6 million-acre preserve, located 60 miles southwest of Las Vegas, protects one of the most diverse desert environments in the world. Sand dunes, volcanic cinder cones, Joshua tree forests, vast vistas and mile-high mountains help define this area. There are visitor's centers in Baker and Needles, Calif., which will help you plan your visit. Fees are charged only when large groups visit, bringing more than 15 people or seven vehicles.

### MOUNT CHARLESTON

702-872-5500

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Take a refreshing drive up to Mount Charleston in the Toiyabe National Forest, only 36 miles from Las Vegas, north on U.S. Hwy. 95. Beautiful forests, picnic facilities, a hotel, hiking trails, camping areas and a lodge

complement the serene, mile-high alpine environment. Summer temperatures are usually 30 degrees cooler than in Las Vegas. During the winter months, Lee Canyon serves as an excellent ski and snowboard area.

### RED ROCK CANYON

702-515-5350

Map D1

Magnificent rock formations in brilliantly colored sandstone and beautiful desert flowers make Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area a "must see." It is also a favorite spot for rock climbers and hikers. Take Charleston Boulevard west for about 20 miles to the scenic 11-mile Red Rock Canyon Loop. The Red Rock Visitors Center is open daily from 8am-5pm, and the scenic loop is open daily from 7am-dusk. A \$5 fee is charged to each vehicle taking the scenic loop.

### SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK

702-875-4141

Map A11

Green pastures and the Wilson Cliffs can be found at this historic spot where travelers on the Mormon and Spanish Trails once rested. Tours of the Spring Mountain Ranch and other historic areas are free. The park fee is \$6 per car. It is located 30 minutes west of Las Vegas between Red Rock Canyon and Bonnie Springs. Park is open daily from 8am until sunset.

### VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

702-397-2088

Map A13

Offers unusual red and white sandstone formations and Indian petroglyphs. Some of the rocks there are 600 million years old. The rocks and cliffs are ablaze with vivid colors throughout the day, but especially at

sunrise and sunset—hence the name Valley of Fire. Visit Mouse's Tank, a natural basin in the rock where water collects after it rains, sometimes for months. Picnic areas and campsites are hidden among the sandstone outcrops. The park is located about one hour north on I-15 at the Valley of Fire turnoff. Park fee is \$6.

### ZION NATIONAL PARK

435-772-3256

Towering sandstone cliffs, narrow canyons, lush vegetation, animal life and the Virgin River are the hallmarks of this unique 229-square-mile national park in Utah. Some beautiful hikes include Weeping Rock, Riverside Walk and the Pa'rus Trail. The new Zion Human History Museum offers exhibits, a new park orientation video and a new bookstore. Go north on I-15 about 7 miles past St. George, Utah, then exit on state Hwy. 9 and drive east to the park's main entrance. Park fee is \$25 for private vehicles. Pedestrians and bike riders pay \$12. Pass is good for seven days. Annual passes available.

## OLD WEST

### BONNIE SPRINGS OLD NEVADA

Red Rock Canyon | 702-875-4191

Map D1

This 1880s mining town reproduction offers horseback riding, stables, petting zoo, historic exhibits and Western shows. Open daily, 10am-5pm. One-hour horseback riding, 9am-3:15pm. Restaurant hours: Mon.-Thur., 9am-9pm weekdays, Fri. 9am-10pm, Sat. 8am-11pm, Sun., 8am-10pm. \$20 entrance fee or a carload of up to six people with \$10 coupon to restaurant, \$1 for each extra person.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY

### AREA 51

The mysterious government base has been the subject of a great deal of rumor and speculation in recent years because it's shrouded in secrecy. Some believe it to be the site of a UFO landing. The facility is off-limits to the public, posted with signs saying trespassers will be arrested. The closest town is Rachel, Nev. To get there from Las Vegas, take I-15 north to U.S. 93, and proceed north on 93 to state Hwy. 375. Take Hwy. 375 west to Rachel and chat with the locals at the Little A'le'Inn café.

### DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

760-786-3200

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At 280 feet below sea level this famed national park is the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere. The Borax Museum tells you how Death Valley got its name and features the oldest house in the area. You should also see Zabriskie Point, Ubehebe Crater and Scotty's Castle. Summertime temperatures in Death Valley commonly peak out in excess of 120 degrees Fahrenheit, yet tourists visit throughout the year. Summertime visitors are encouraged to bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and bottles of water. Death Valley is located about 145 miles west of Las Vegas. Just take U.S. Hwy. 95 north to Lathrop Wells and turn at the Death Valley junction. Park fee for private vehicles is \$20, motorcycle riders pay \$10. Pass is good for seven days.

## TOUR COMPANIES

Would you prefer to leave the driving...or flying...or boating...to someone else? Several Las Vegas tour companies offer excursions to all the destinations mentioned above. They feature numerous ground and