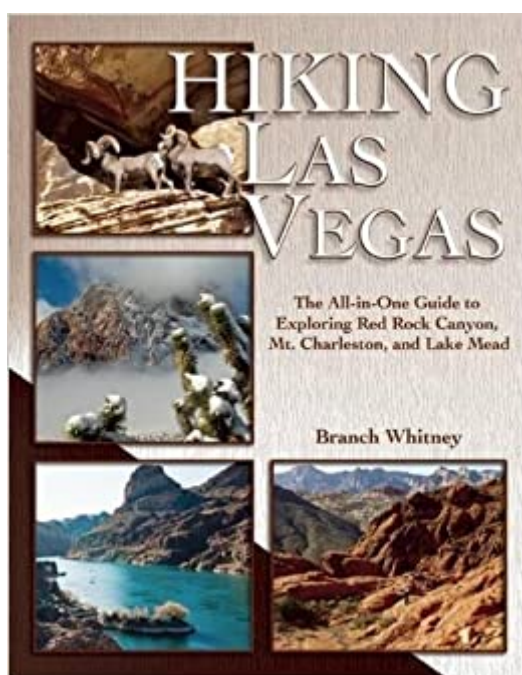


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# Hiking Las Vegas: The All-in-One Guide To Exploring Red Rock Canyon, Mt. Charleston, And Lake Mead



## Synopsis

Branch Whitney has hiked and climbed more than 3,000 miles, led more than 2,000 hikers to summits, and blazed wild and rewarding scrambling routes all over the Southwest. When Whitney claims that some of the best hiking and rock-scrambling in the United States are within an hour of the Las Vegas Strip, you can believe him. Covering Red Rock Canyon, Mount Charleston, and Lake Mead, *Hiking Las Vegas* is the definitive all-encompassing guide to the best outdoor adventures surrounding Sin City. The hikes range from relaxing trails perfect for families to challenging climbs for advanced daredevils. Whatever your level of fitness and experience, this book has an adventure for you. Every hike includes driving directions to the trailhead; a quick-reference guide to difficulty, distance, elevation, and completion time; step-by-step instructions on how to get from the trailhead to the final destination; gorgeous color photos and helpful waypoints; and dozens of quick tips so you can stay safe while getting the best views possible.

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Branch Whitney, also the author of *Hiking Southern Nevada*, *Hiking The High Sierra*, and *Hiking the Southwest*, has led more than 2,000 hikers to more than 100 different summits in southern Nevada and beyond. He has named over 25 peaks in southern Nevada and has found over 60 routes. His website ([hikinglasvegas.com](http://hikinglasvegas.com)) is the primary source for hiking and mountaineering information for southern Nevada.

I am formerly a hiker from NH and the White Mountains where the Appalachian Mountain Club

writes a White Mountain Guide and updates it every four years...I could follow any trail in the White Mountains with it, I could count on it's difficulty ratings and everything related. Unfortunately, this book does not do quite the same job the AMC guide does, but this region lacks guides and this is known as one of the better ones. We hiked one of the hikes that gave a difficulty rating of a 2, when we really feel it was a 4 on a scale of 1-5. Had we brought anyone less experienced than us, this would have been a tremendous error. luckily we are very experienced and handled it well. Branch does know the hiking out here very well, so he is a great resource and so are the books, but I highly recommend joining the group he runs and hiking with them. I found some of the layout confusing, there should be more specific directions to trailheads as many people out here are just visiting and don't know the roads, I've had trouble finding some of them and live here. Nevertheless, it's probably one of the better books for the area.

This is the definitive book for hiking Las Vegas. I have used it many times after replacing it with the older one that was published in the 1990's. The only comment I have is some of the hikes once I've done them seem somewhat harder in person than they were listed as in the book. However I don't think that's the author's fault. I'm an intermediate hiker not advanced. If you're like me a hike that says easy may actually seem moderate, and a moderate hike may actually seem a bit difficult at times, so just keep that in mind and bring a little extra water or just do 3/4 of a hike instead of the whole thing, you'll still experience the absolute beauty of the amazing Las Vegas area hikes featured in this book. I also think it'd make a great gift.

Coming from Michigan (elevation 900 ft) I found the hikes were harder than described. Great descriptions of hikes. Evaluation ratings helpful once you get calibrated. Irritation is the total lack of maps to locate hikes or to guide you (a Google Earth snapshot with the route outlined would be very helpful).

Great reference book for serious and not so serious hikers in the southwest. If you plan on hiking more than once within the Las Vegas area, this book is a great investment.

A must have book if you live in the Las Vegas area

Excellent!!

Difficult to follow. Wish there was more pics. Useless book.

Nice book. Can't wait to use it for hikes on my next trip to Vegas.

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