

WETLANDS EXPLORERS CLUB



What is a Wetland?

A **Wetland** is an area covered with water all or part of the year. Wetlands Park has wet areas all year long. All the reclaimed water in the Las Vegas Valley watershed flows to the park on its way back to Lake Mead. Lake Mead is where we get our water.



Why are wetlands important?

- * Wetlands act like sponges, absorbing water, that replenishes ground water.
- * Wetlands prevent flooding by storing excess water in flood plains.
- * Wetlands slow the movement of water. This controls erosion, traps sediment, filters water, and allows plants to remove pollutants.
- * Wetlands provide recreation, birding, photography, education ,and walking/biking trails.
- * Wetland plants are used for medicines, weaving, food for animals, and pollution control.
- * Wetlands attracts insects, birds and animals. Which creates a food web.
- * Biodiversity indicates a healthy balanced environment for all of us.

Wetlands park is important to everyone living in the Las Vegas Valley because we need good clean water to survive.

LESSON



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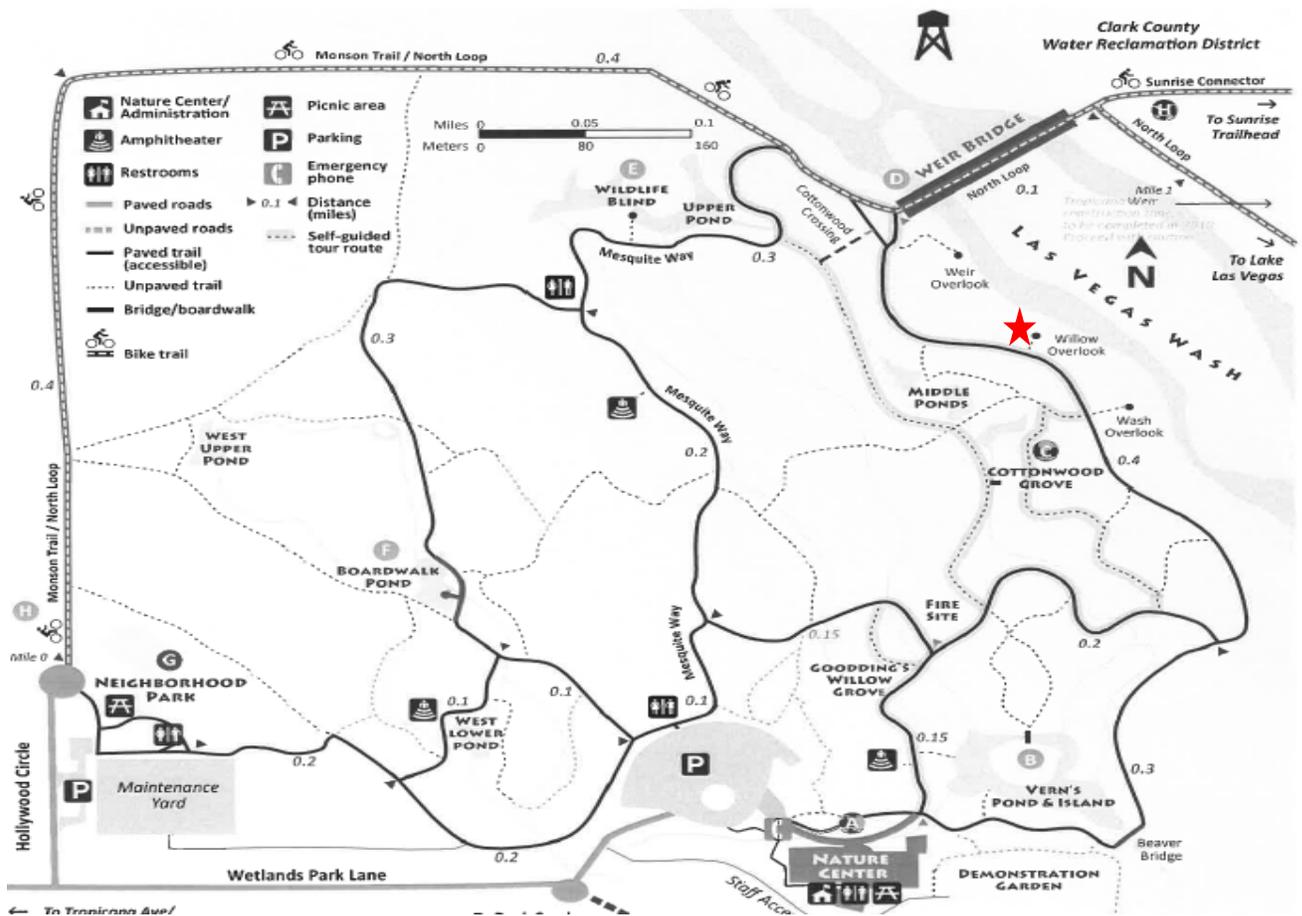
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A great place at Wetlands Park to do today's activity: [Willow Overlook](#)

Willow Overlook has a great view of the Las Vegas Wash. See how fast the water is traveling? Each day 180,000,000 gallons of water pass through the wetlands. That's a lot of water! 22 Weirs have been built to slow the water down. A weir is like a dam used to regulate the flow of water. Under the big bridge is a big weir. Through out the nature preserve you will find some smaller weirs. Use this map and mark where you find weirs.

ACTIVITY



Takeaway... A question for today: How many Weirs did you find?

Question? [Click here to answer.](#)



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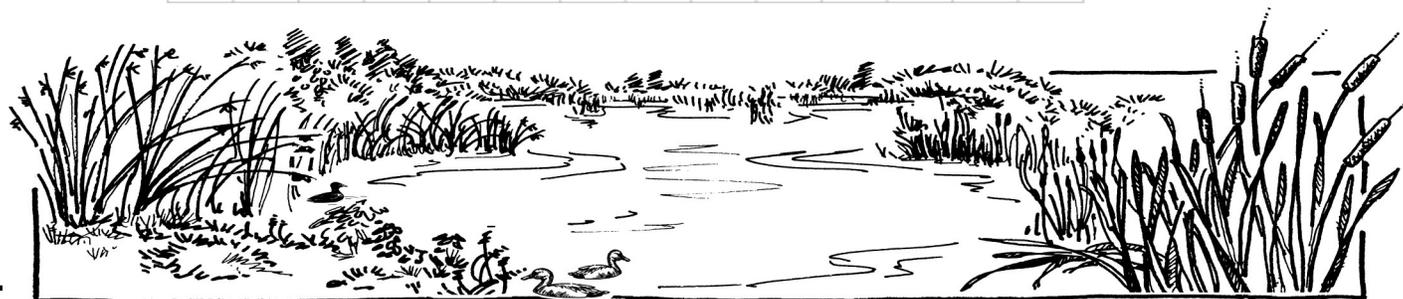


Just for Fun

Benefits of Wetlands

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