



# Nevada News



Hiker enjoys the Clear Creek Trail, a segment of the Carson Valley Trails system located in Douglas County. Photo: Carson Valley Trails Association

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2014

- NPS Unit
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### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Beatty Habitat Trails**  
Beatty Habitat Committee
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Lower Colorado River Water Trail Alliance
- 3. Sierra Vista Park**  
City of Reno
- 4. Winchester Community Garden**  
Clark County

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## Recent Success

### Carson Valley Trails

The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA), in partnership with Douglas County, The Nature Conservancy, Carson City, Nevada Land Trust, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and many community partners are working to implement a 100-mile loop trail that will provide access to the Carson Range, Pine Nut Mountains, Pony Express National Historic Trail, and Tahoe Rim Trail, and a system of shorter trails that connect to adjacent communities.

To date, over 40 miles of trails, trailheads, interpretive signs, and maps have been completed through grants, local donations, and thousands of volunteer hours. Most recently, the CVTA raised funds for expedited trail planning on BLM lands, resulting in the approval of an additional 5-mile segment.

Building on a vision established by the Douglas County Comprehensive Trails Plan and CVTA Strategic Plan, NPS staff supported the project by facilitating landowner outreach team meetings, creating outreach materials, and preparing a template for trail easements. The landowner outreach team continues to work together to develop partnerships with landowners and complete trail connections.

### ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

## We're Here For You!

Could your project benefit from NPS Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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## 2013 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,357 Miles of Trail Developed

736 Miles of River Conserved

20,270 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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# Current Projects

## 1. Beatty Habitat Trails

Project Partner: Beatty Habitat Committee  
NPS Contact: Sally Sheridan  
Location: Beatty  
Congressional District: NV - 4

### Project Goal

Establish a one-mile trail with interpretation and amenities along the Amargosa River as it travels through the center of Beatty.

### NPS Role

Develop a conceptual plan that builds upon the previous *Beatty Trails and Gateway Design Workshop* and defines a more detailed trail alignment and design.

## 2. Black Canyon Water Trail

Project Partner: Lower Colorado River Water Trail Alliance  
NPS Contact: Deborah Reardon  
Location: Hoover Dam in Boulder City to Nevada-Arizona State Line  
Congressional Districts: AZ - 2; NV - 3

### Project Goal

Promote and increase awareness of this 30-mile segment of the Colorado River. Establish a long-term water trail partnership.

### NPS Role

Facilitate agreement on the vision, goals, and roles for the Lower Colorado River Water Trail Alliance and prepare content for outreach products.

## 3. Sierra Vista Park

Project Partner: City of Reno  
NPS Contact: Sally Sheridan  
Location: Northwest Reno  
Congressional District: NV - 2

### Project Goal

Transform a 206-acre previous golf course into a community asset that includes trails, recreation, and restored native habitat.

### NPS Role

Facilitate the development of a shared vision and conceptual plan for Sierra Vista Park through community engagement and a design charrette, completed in partnership with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

## 4. Winchester Community Garden

Project Partner: Clark County  
NPS Contact: Deborah Reardon  
Location: Winchester, located in east-central Las Vegas  
Congressional District: NV - 1

### Project Goal

Create a community garden located in an underutilized portion of the Winchester Park and Cultural Center.

### NPS Role

Facilitate agreement on goals, design elements, and partner roles. Facilitate the completion of a site design, completed in collaboration with ASLA.



A kayaker explores Emerald Cave, located along the Black Canyon segment of the Lower Colorado River Water Trail. Photo: Izzy Collett