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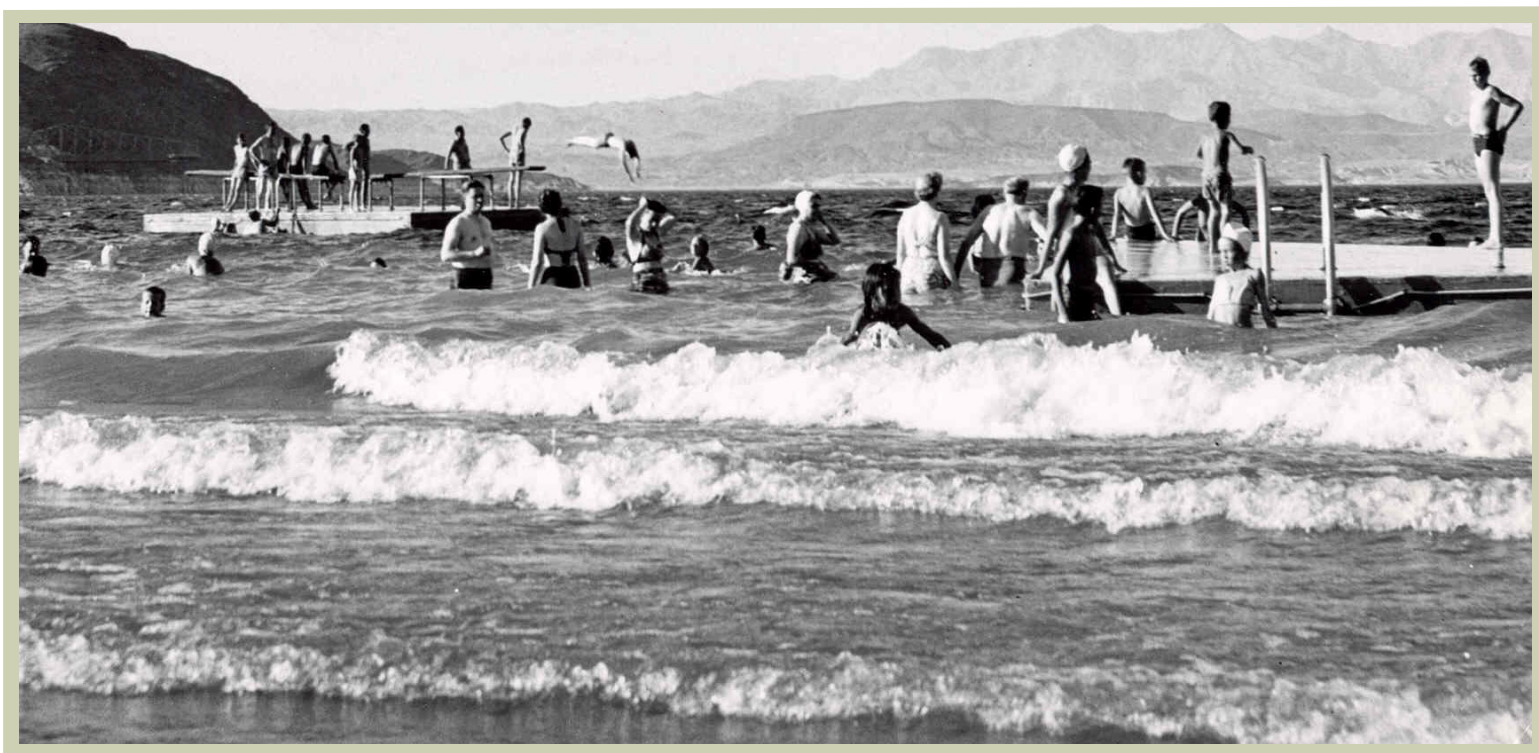
## *Lake Mead: A Man-made Oasis in the Desert*

The Lake Mead National Recreation Area is located in southwestern Nevada and northwestern Arizona, and is open all year for recreational activities such as swimming, hiking, boating, and sportfishing. The recreation area also offers ranger-led educational programs for children. These programs include natural science and safety and protection classes.

Lake Mead was formed as a result of the creation of Boulder Dam, later known as Hoover Dam. The massive construction project that culminated in the creation of Hoover Dam and Lake Mead resulted from the Reclamation Act of 1902. The act of Congress had the primary goals of opening the West to large-scale agriculture, and to provide farming opportunities for families. Both of these endeavors required unprecedented irrigation of the otherwise arid West, which was only possible through the damming of the Colorado River.

Lake Mead was named for Dr. Elwood Mead, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation for the period 1924–36. It was under Dr. Mead's leadership that work was begun on the damming of the Colorado River and the creation of the world's largest artificial lake. Lake Mead held that distinction until other, larger lakes were formed.

The Bureau of Reclamation created Lake Mead in the 1930s. Today, the Lake Mead National Recreation Area is supervised and maintained by the National Park Service through its office in Boulder City, Nevada. Vacationers and adventurers visit throughout the year not only to relax in the oasis of Lake Mead, but to explore the expansive nearby desert, or to sightsee on impressive heights atop Hoover Dam.



*Above:* Vacationers enjoy Lake Mead, summer 1947. Correspondence Relating to National Parks, Monuments, and Recreational Areas, 1927–1953; Southwest Area Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Records of the National Park Service, Record Group 79; Courtesy of National Archives at Denver

# NARA WestCoast August 2011

Official car storage in federal garage,  
Boulder City, June 3, 1932  
Records of the Bureau of Reclamation  
Record Group 115  
Courtesy of National Archives at Denver



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 San Bruno, CA <b>Preserving Your History</b> 9 A.M.-1 P.M. General Public Workshop 650-238-3501	6
7	8	9	10	11 Seattle, WA <b>"Brick Wall"</b> Genealogical Discussion Group 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115	12	13 Seattle, WA <b>Washington Women Win the Vote in 1910</b> 1 P.M. General Public Lecture 206-336-5115
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Seattle, WA <b>Seattle World's Fair 50th-Anniversary Curriculum</b> All day K-12 Teachers Workshop and Tour 206-336-5115	30	31	<b>Exhibit: Seattle, WA "Woman's Suffrage in Washington" 7/1/-8/20/11</b>		

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# NARA East Coast August 2011

**Railroad relocation with train engine, 1938**  
Records of the Tennessee Valley Authority,  
Record Group 142  
Courtesy of National Archives at Atlanta



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Morrow, GA <b>Slavery and Freedom in Black and White</b> 8 A.M. General Public 770-968-2555	Waltham, MA <b>Census, Passenger Lists, &amp; Naturalization Records</b> 2 P.M. General Public Workshop and Tour 866-406-2379				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Morrow, GA <b>Friends of the National Archives Webinar</b> 7 P.M. Genealogists Lecture 770-968-2555		Morrow, GA <b>Finding Your Family on NARA's Web Site</b> 12:30 P.M. Genealogists Workshop 770-968-2555		<b>Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA "Documented Rights" 5/13-8/19/11</b>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				New York, NY <b>Family History Game Show at Ellis Island Museum</b> 1-2:30 P.M. General Public Workshop 866-840-1752		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Morrow, GA <b>Home School History</b> 10 A.M. K-12 Students Guided Group Research Visit 770-968-2530			
28	29	30	31	<b>Exhibit: Atlanta, GA "Slavery and Freedom in Black and White" 6/3-10/15/11</b>		
<b>Exhibit: Boston, MA "Documented Rights" Ongoing</b>						

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**Chippewa Indian girl in native dress sitting in doorway of reed summer house, ca. 1935**  
Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Record Group 75  
Courtesy of National Archives at Kansas City



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Overland Park, KS <b>What's New at the National Archives</b> Noon Lecture General Public 816-268-8000	2	3 Kansas City, MO <b>Lewis and Clark</b> 9:30 A.M. K-12 Students Workshop 816-268-8000  Kansas City, MO <b>Telling the Civil War through Photography</b> 2 P.M. K-12 Students Workshop 816-268-8000	4	5 Fort Worth, TX <b>Blogging for Genealogists</b> Noon-1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 817-831-5620  Kansas City, MO <b>Introduction to Naturalizations</b> 1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000	6
7	8	9 Kansas City, MO <b>Grant and Lee: A Study in Comparative Generalship</b> 6 P.M. Lecture General Public 816-268-8000  Kansas City, MO <b>Introduction to Genealogy</b> 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000	10	11	12	13 <b>Exhibit:</b> <b>Kansas City, MO</b> <b>"Picture This!"</b> <b>7/2-12/31/11</b>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <b>Exhibit:</b> <b>Chicago, IL</b> <b>"James B. Parsons: More Than a Judge"</b> <b>Ongoing</b>
21 <b>Exhibit:</b> <b>Kansas City, MO</b> <b>"Lee and Grant"</b> <b>4/19-10/22/11</b>	22	23 Kansas City, MO <b>Introduction to Genealogy</b> 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 816-268-8000	24	25 Chicago, IL <b>Immigration Records</b> 10 A.M. Archival and Allied Professionals Lecture 816-268-8000	26	27
28	29	30 Kansas City, MO <b>Black America Series: Kansas City</b> 6:30 P.M. Author, Delia Gillis 816-268-8000	31	<b>Exhibit:</b> <b>Chicago, IL</b> <b>"Becoming American: Immigrants, the Federal Courts in Chicago, and the Expansion of Citizenship, 1872-1991"</b> <b>Ongoing</b>		

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