



Program of the Month:

OUTDOOR ESCAPE ROOM

Park Ranger Nick Steuer



Outdoor Escape Room

Unique Program Designed To:

- Give folks the opportunity to visit and learn about cultural, historical and natural resources within our parks while having fun and socially distancing from others.
- Run itself allowing park staff to focus on other duties.



Ash Meadows Outdoor Escape Room

This National Public Lands Day, Ash Meadows is your

OUTDOOR ESCAPE ROOM

Solve riddles • Hunt for clues • Claim your prize



#CommunityintheWild

 **SEPTEMBER 26 & 27**
9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

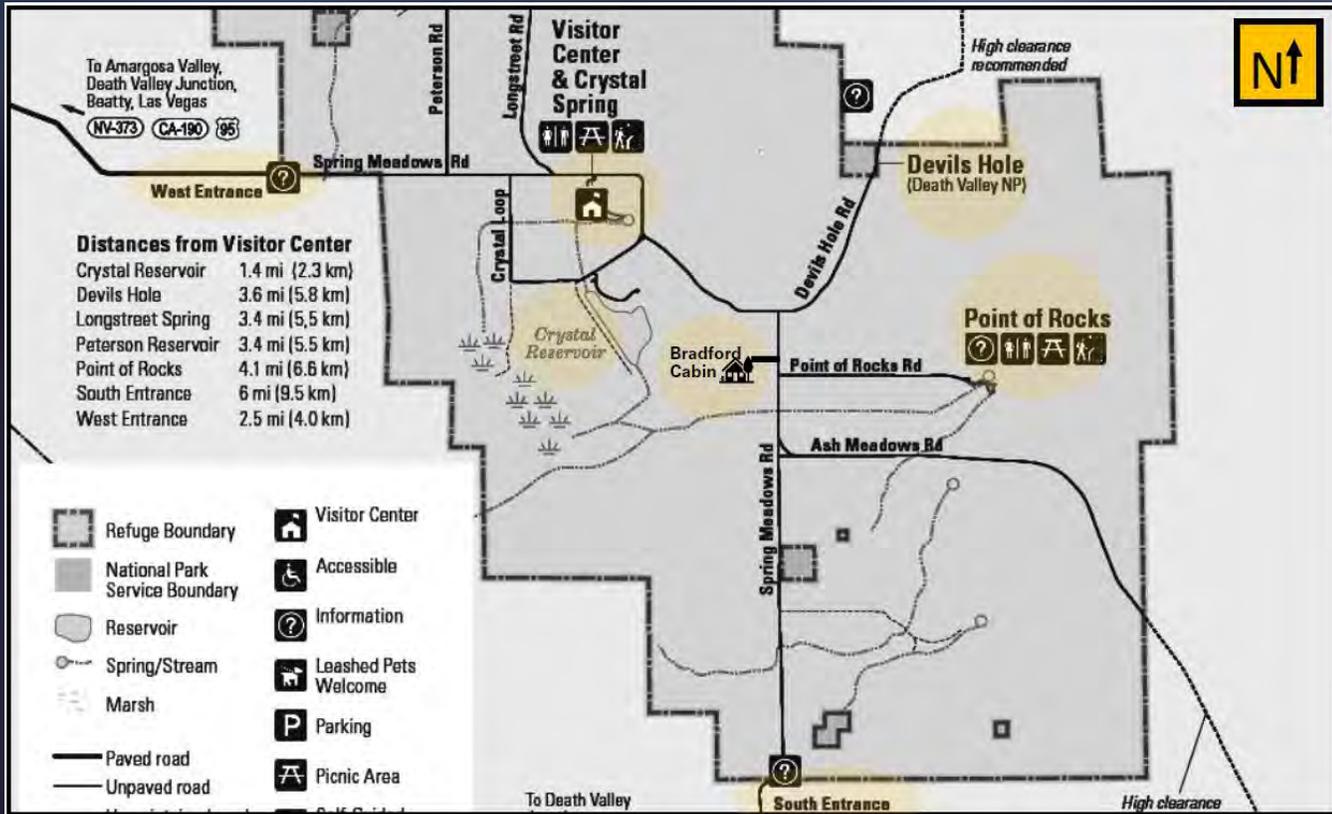
 Ash Meadows Visitor Center
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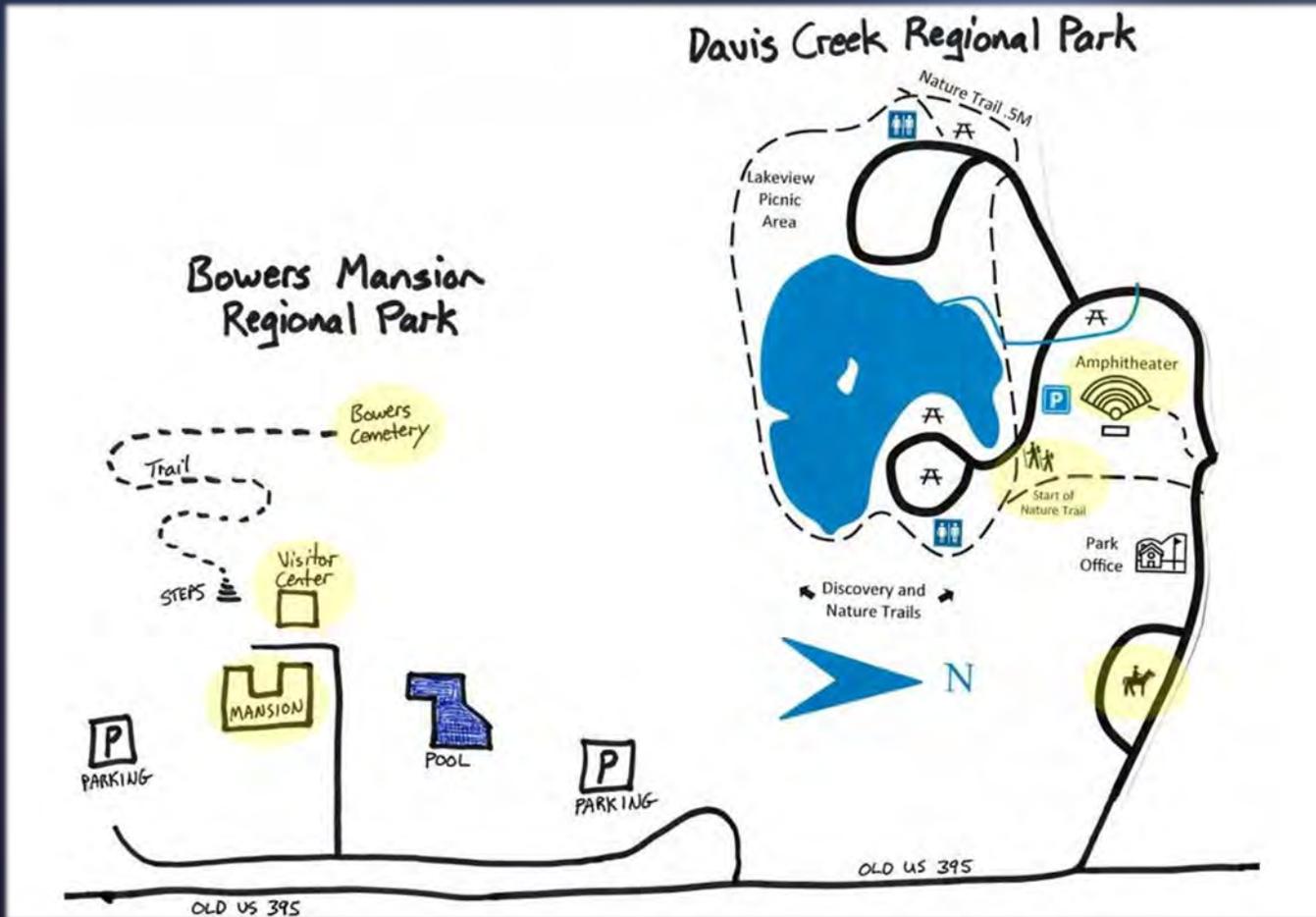


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Outdoor Escape Room – Station A

Your Washoe County Park Escape begins on the front porch of the Bowers Mansion where you'll pickup an activity sheet from the table. The activity sheet includes instructions, a map, and a list of six clues that will guide you...





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INSTRUCTIONS:

First, take a selfie in front of the historic Bowers Mansion. You'll need this later!

Next, read the location clues listed on the activity sheet (opposite side of this paper). These clues will guide you to six stations throughout Bowers Mansion Park and Davis Creek Park. The map below will help you navigate to each station, which are all located along a trail, road, or facility. At each station, you'll find a photo that provides a clue for what words to write above the dashed lines on your activity sheet. Beneath some of those lines are numbers, each of which is associated with a line in the final park riddle at the bottom. Copy whatever letter you write above a specific number into the final riddle.

Finally, once you have solved the final riddle, share your selfie on Facebook with the following as a caption*:

I Escaped Outdoors @[BowersMansionRegionalPark](#)
#[the answer to the park riddle]

*If you do not have a Facebook account, email your photo and answer to nsteuer@washoecounty.us

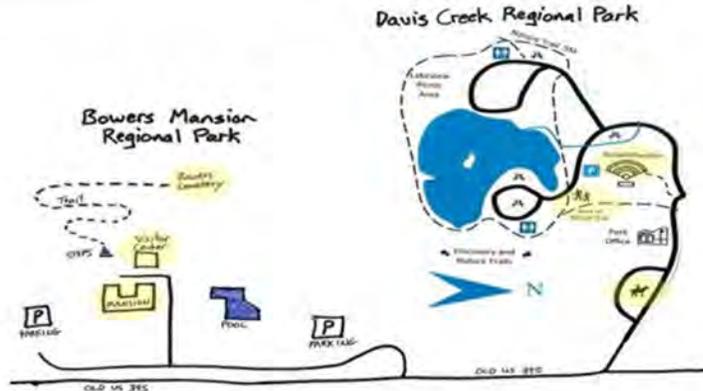
Reward:

After posting the correct answer, you will receive a personalized surprise from your County Park Rangers.

Materials:

Participants should have (a) motor vehicle, (b) smart phone (or camera), (c) writing tool, and (d) plenty of drinking water.

Reference Map:



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STATION (A)

Location Clue: In the 1860's, we earned a fortune near Gold Hill, NV and became Nevada's first Comstock Lode Millionaires.

Who are we? " _____ " & " _____ "

STATION (B)

Location Clue: If you visit this exhibit (*not inside the mansion*), you will learn traditional knowledge and protocols from these people who consider the Lake Tahoe Basin their spiritual and cultural Center.

Who are we? _____

STATION (C)

Location Clue: Atop a hill behind the mansion, you'll see where the Bowers family now rests. From this vantage point, you may even see one of these hawks soaring nearby.

What am I? _____

STATION (D)

Location Clue: This interpretive loop trail at Davis Creek Regional Park will teach you about the natural surroundings. For instance, I am a local region full of mountain ranges and valleys where the rivers never reach the ocean!

What am I? _____

STATION (E)

Location Clue: If you sit on one of these benches at the right time of year, you may get to see the Park Ranger talking about Mule Deer. I built this area as a service project because I know how important it is to volunteer.

Who am I? _____

STATION (F)

Location Clue: Parking here, you may be in the company of horse trailers. Davis Creek Park was once a part of the larger "Winters Ranch", which was well known for these...

What am I? _____

FINAL PARK RIDDLE

Clue: In order to enjoy Washoe County Parks and learn more about their natural, historical, and cultural resources, you need to... # _____

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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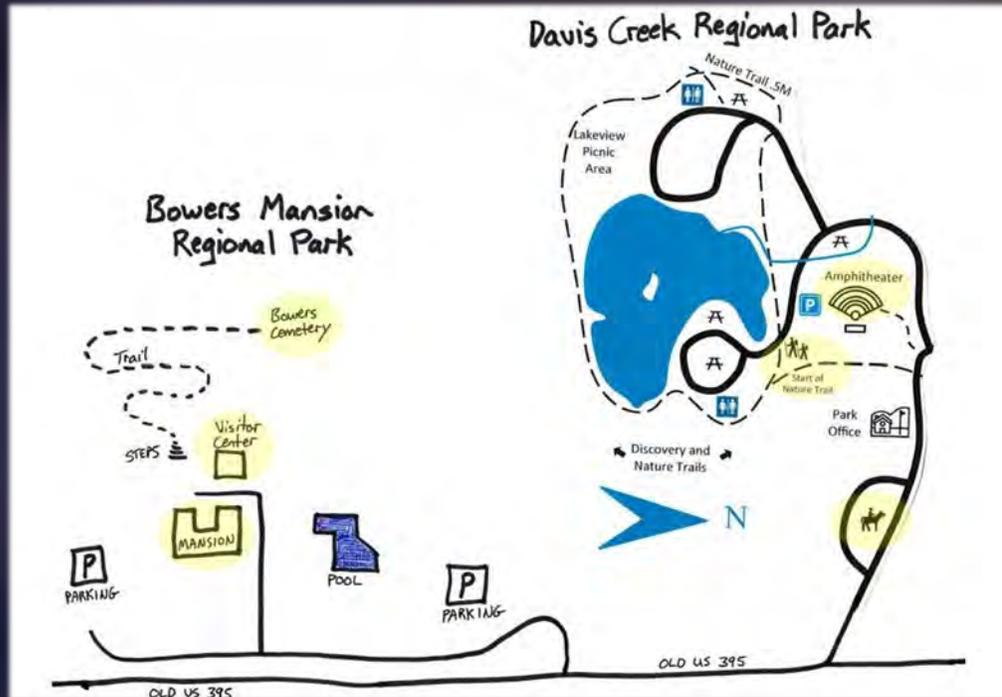
Let's Test Your Wits!

STATION (E)

Location Clue: If you sit on one of these benches at the right time of year, you may get to see the Park Ranger talking about Mule Deer. I built this area as a service project because I know how important it is to volunteer.

Who am I? _____

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Who am I?





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Mary Gunishaw Culpepper is with Chrystal Spraggins and Rachel Sheaffer at Bowers Mansion. 4m · Incline Village · 🌐

We escaped outdoors (with special thanks to Ranger Steuer for a great time!!) @ Bowers Mansion Regional Park!

#getoutside #TeamDoubleTrouble #partyof11



We escaped Outdoors @BowersMansionRegional Park #GETOUTSIDE

Fun little outdoor "escape room" puzzle quest hosted by the Park Rangers. We got to see the historical mansion grounds (including the "haunted" pool), Bowers family cemetery, Davis creek pond, and Maverick caught dragonflies, tadpoles, and water snails.



Write a comment...





Outdoor Escape Room – Prize!

Congratulations on completing our Outdoor Escape Room! You truly know how to #GetOutside and enjoy your Washoe County Parks.

Your friends,
Washoe County Park Rangers



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Outdoor Escape Room – Conclusion

- About 350 total people participated over the 2 days. 😊
- Biggest challenge was social media.
- Would like to run the same program again this Fall for those who missed it in June.
- Ranger Andy is currently working on a 'Galena Edition'.
- Hoping to get other Rangers in other parks to do the same.

Questions?

