

Hike: Red and Black Mountain — trail
Trailhead: River Mountain Trail System — marked
Distance: 6 — round trip, both peaks
Elevation gain: 1,085 feet
Elevation peak: 3,640 and 3,460 feet
Time: 2 to 4 hours – up and back
Difficulty: 2
Danger level: 1
Class: 1
How easy to follow: 1
Children: Yes
Waypoints (WGS-84): See Page 2
Fees: None
Best season to hike: Winter

Driving directions: From the intersection of Highway 93 and 95 in **Boulder City, NV**, drive east on **Highway 93** three miles through Boulder City and make a left at the second stop light onto south 93 (Sign reads: Lake Mead – Hoover Dam).

Drive 0.7 miles to the marked River Mountain Trail parking lot on the left.

Comments: This is a good family hike with great views of Las Vegas and Lake Mead. You can do both peaks or just one. The trail is well signed, but you have to watch for the signs. Dogs are allowed on the trail with a leash. No bikes. Hoover Dam is a short seven mile drive from the trailhead.

The Hike: The River Mountain Trail starts to the left of the kiosk ([Waypoint 1](#)), which is located at the far end of the parking lot. (See **Photo 1**.) The trail parallels a concrete water retention channel for about 100 yards before turning west (left). In another 100 yards the trail makes a hard right as indicated by a green trail sign. When the trail crosses a gravel road, continue straight as indicated by the trail sign in **Photo 2**.

[Waypoint 2](#) is just beyond the trail sign in Photo 2. Red and Black Mountains comes into view as the trail

heads toward a saddle, which lies between the two mountains.



Photo 1

Switchbacks lead to a saddle that stands between the two mountains ([Waypoint 3](#)). The saddle has a trail sign indicating both Red and Black Mountains.

From the saddle head west (left) toward Red Mountain, which has a 10 foot high pole at the summit. In about 100 yards the



Photo 2

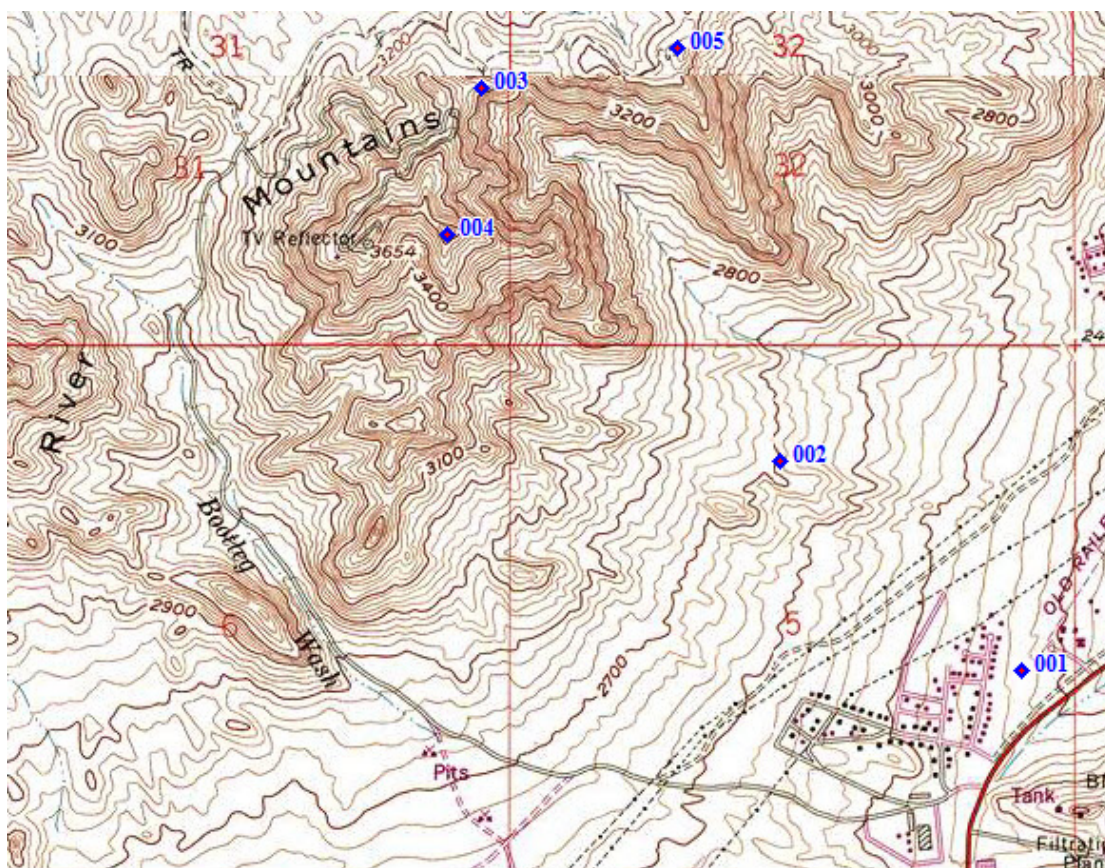
trail intersects a road and parking area. The trail veers to the left. A gate blocks cars from driving on the road. Follow the trail as it switchbacks to the summit ([Waypoint 4](#)), which is marked by a black and silver pole. If you are lucky, you can watch people zip lining down the mountain. Check out Bootleg Canyon Flightlines for more information (702) - 293-6885. The views are awesome from the peak.

Retrace your steps back to the saddle.

To Black Mountain: Continue straight on the main trail and veer right in less than 50 yards as indicated by the trail sign. Follow the trail a little less than a half mile to the summit of Black Mountain ([Waypoint 5](#)).

There's a bench and two informational plaques at the overlook. The views are awesome.

To Descend: Follow the trail back to the saddle. Descend the River Mountain Trail to the trailhead.



Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Message
◆ 001	35.98467° N	114.84294° W	2414 ft.	Trailhead
◆ 002	35.99007° N	114.85062° W	2671 ft.	Trail sign in Photo 2
◆ 003	35.99964° N	114.86004° W	3296 ft.	Saddle
◆ 004	35.99587° N	114.86112° W	3635 ft.	Red Mountain
◆ 005	36.00066° N	114.85384° W	3539 ft.	Black Mountain