

**Hike:** Las Vegas Overlook (aka Muffin Boulders) - up and back

**Trailhead:** – Horse Stables on State Route 159 - marked

**Distance:** 4 miles (up and back)

**Elevation gain:** 830 feet

**Elevation peak:** none

**Time:** 2 to 3 hours (up and back)

**Difficulty:** 2

**Danger level:** 2

**Class:** 1

**How easy to follow:** 1

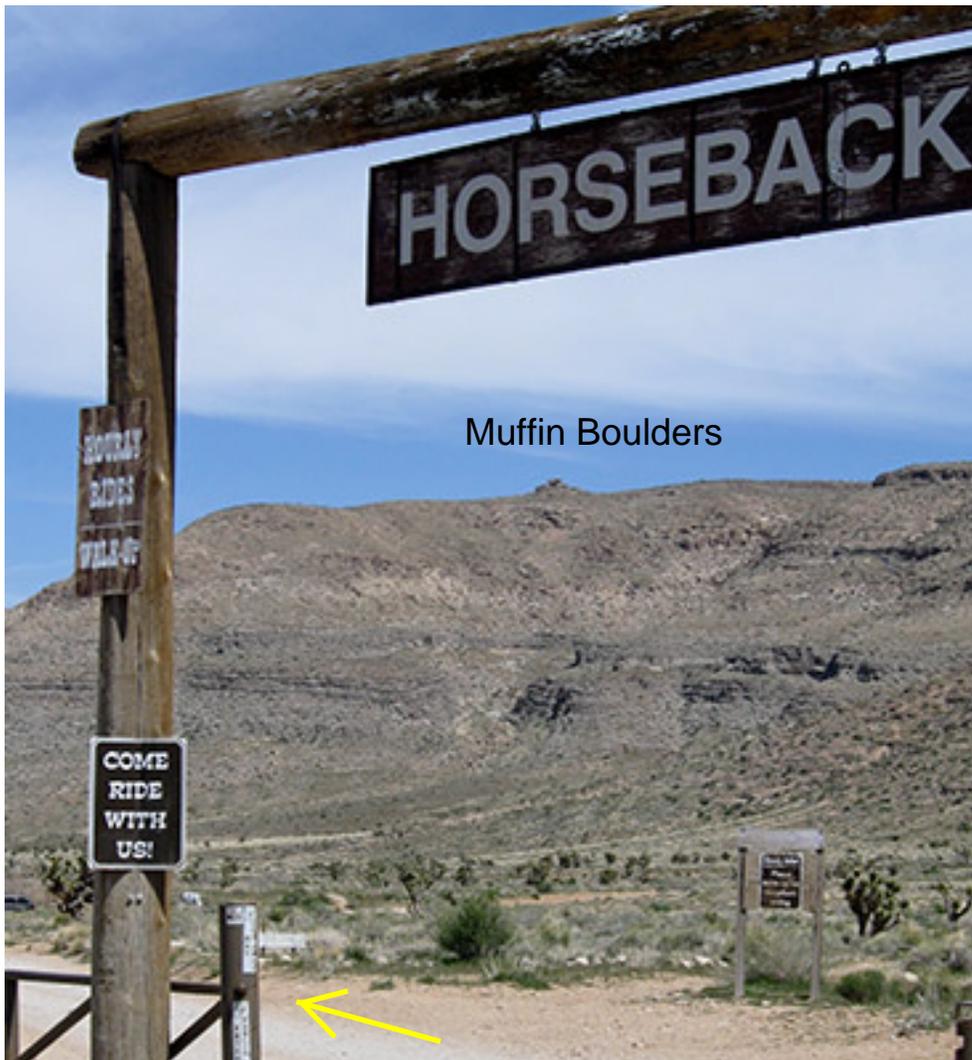
**Fees:** None

**Children:** yes

**Waypoints** (WGS 84): See Page 3

**Best Season:** Spring and autumn

**Directions:** From the Mirage on Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip) go north three miles and turn left (west) onto Charleston Boulevard. Drive 17 miles on Charleston to the parking lot for the horseback riding stables.



Muffin Boulders

([Waypoint 1](#)) It's about one mile past the turnoff for Red Rock Canyon.

**Comments:** Great vistas of Red Rock Peaks and Las Vegas are seen from the boulders. The “Muffin” boulders are really huge conglomerate boulders. How did they get up there? It makes you stop and wonder. **Photo 1** shows an overview of the route and the Muffin boulders.

**The Hike:** Hike the dirt road about 100 yards to the horse corral. As the road bends to the right, turn left on an unmarked path ([Waypoint 2](#)) that parallels the horse corral. As the path

Photo 1



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**Photo 2**

passes the horse corral it crosses a small drainage. Once on the other side of the drainage, veer left, cross a prominent trail, walk 10 yards and turn right onto a less prominent path ([Waypoint 3](#)) that heads directly for the Muffin boulders (See **Photo 2.**)

Follow the path about 300 yards where it intersects a prominent trail ([Waypoint 4](#)). Go left following the trail about .25 of a mile (always stay on the main trail) to a drainage. Cross the drainage and follow the trail ([Waypoint 5](#)) as it switchbacks up a slope. Continue on the main trail ([Waypoint 6](#)); do not turn right onto a prominent trail.

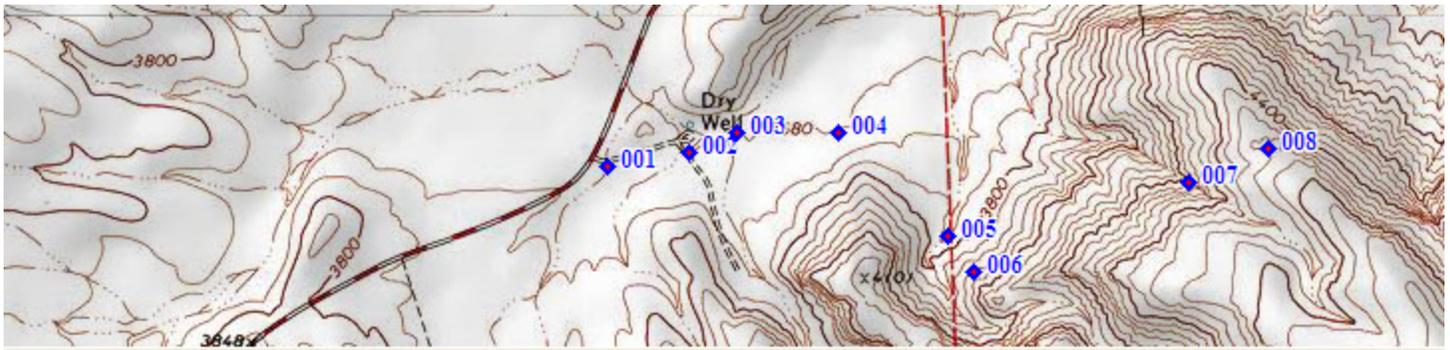
After several hundred yards the trail parallels a drainage. It eventually crosses the drainage ([Waypoint 7](#)) near a dry fall. It then heads up a slope via switchbacks. Soon the Muffin boulders come into view. (See **Photo 3.**) Follow the trail to the boulders. ([Waypoint 8](#))

There's no cairn or sign-in book, but the views are outstanding. Out to the west are numerous peaks in Red Rock Canyon. Back to the east is Las Vegas.

**To Descend:** Retrace your steps.



**Photo 3**



Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Message
◆ 001	36.12129° N	115.43367° W	3695 ft.	15-APR-10 2:17:44PM - Trailhead
◆ 002	36.12162° N	115.43123° W	3662 ft.	15-APR-10 2:20:29PM - left by horse corral
◆ 003	36.12214° N	115.42975° W	3654 ft.	15-APR-10 2:22:15PM - right on less prominent trail
◆ 004	36.12212° N	115.42667° W	3664 ft.	15-APR-10 2:25:31PM - veer left onto prominent trail
◆ 005	36.11961° N	115.42335° W	3739 ft.	15-APR-10 2:31:10PM - right onto trail past the drainage
◆ 006	36.11871° N	115.42261° W	3894 ft.	15-APR-10 2:36:04PM - just past prominent trail to the right
◆ 007	36.12089° N	115.41609° W	4185 ft.	15-APR-10 2:48:20PM - final drainage
◆ 008	36.12173° N	115.41366° W	4501 ft.	15-APR-10 2:57:58PM - Muffin boulders