

**Hike:** Lost Creek Canyon / Children's Discovery Trail — trail

**Trailhead:** Lost Creek — marked

**Distance:** 1 mile — up and back

**Elevation gain:** 240 feet

**Highest elevation:** 4,450 feet

**Time:** 60 minutes – up and back

**Difficulty:** 1

**Danger level:** 1

**Class:** 1

**How easy to follow:** 1

**Children:** Yes

**Waypoints** (WGS84):

**Fees:** \$7 per car; \$30 for a yearly pass. National Park Pass accepted.

**Best seasons:** Spring, autumn and winter

**Driving directions:** From the Mirage on Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip) go north three miles and turn left (west) onto Charleston Boulevard.

Drive 16 miles on Charleston to Red Rock Canyon.

Turn right, drive to the fee booth, and through the Scenic Loop gate.

Drive 7.3 miles and turn right at the signed turnoff for Willow Springs.

Drive 0.2 of a mile to the signed Lost Creek parking area. [Waypoint 1](#).



**Photo 1**

**Comments:** This is a great beginner's hike. The seasonal waterfall is spectacular considering it's in the desert. You can start at either trailhead, since they form a loop. **Photo 1** is the waterfall during late winter.

**The Hike:** The Lost Creek Trail heads SW toward the mouth of Lost Creek. The trail remains almost flat the entire hike. In about 50 yards, the trail climbs enough to see the greenery near the mouth of the canyon. This is an unexpected sight in the middle of the desert. The trail crosses Red Rock Wash and goes up a set of stone steps. Soon a minor fork comes in at the left, which leads to the creek. It's only a 30-yard walk, well worth the effort.

There is a metal bench for people to sit and view the

water.

The trail soon encounters another fork, which leads to the same creek. As the trail climbs a small hill, it passes by two wooden benches and divides. If you want to make a loop out of the hike without going to the waterfall, go right at the divide and continue onto the Children's Discovery Trail.

Most hikers continue on the Lost Creek Trail, which leads to the waterfall. After about 100 yards, you'll finally **cross** Lost Creek. A boulder has fallen from above providing an arch the trail goes under. The waterfall is in sight from this point.

**To Descend:** Retrace your steps or start back on the same trail, crossing Lost Creek and heading left (west) onto the Children's Discovery Trail by the wooden benches. Follow the trail to the parking lot.

**Waypoint:**

1. 36.157408N 115.493873W 4450 feet Trailhead