

Hike: Mary Jane Falls — trail

Trailhead: Mary Jane Falls parking lot — marked.

Distance: 2.5 miles — up and back

Elevation gain: 900 feet

Elevation of highest point: 8,400 feet

Time: 60 to 90 minutes — 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: Late spring and summer

Driving directions: From the Mirage on Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip) go north 1.5 miles and turn left (west) onto Sahara. In less than one mile, turn right (north) onto I-15. Take I-15 two miles to US 95 north. Take US 95 north 14 miles to State Route 157. Go left on 157 for 20 miles and veer onto Echo Drive at the hairpin curve. Drive 0.4 of a mile and turn left at the sign for Mary Jane Falls. Drive 0.2 of a mile on the gravel road to the parking lot. The trailhead is located at the far side (north side) of the parking lot ([Waypoint 1](#)). A passenger car can drive to the trailhead.



Photo 1

most awesome waterfall in Mt. Charleston. There's an unmark divided at 0.75 of a mile. Veer right continuing on the trail. See **Photo 1** – [Waypoint 2](#). As you proceed up the trail, Big Falls comes into view out to the south. It's the most spectacular waterfall in Mt. Charleston.

Comments: This is a perfect hike for beginners or for those who are unsure if they will like hiking. If you don't enjoy this hike, forget hiking. Mary Jane Falls is the most popular hike in Mt. Charleston.

The Hike: The trail begins at a leisurely pace winding through ponderosa pines and aspens. As you head NW, it becomes apparent the trail leads into a huge canyon. Looking toward the south, you see the cliffs that hide Big Falls, which is the



Several switchbacks take you up to and along the north canyon wall. The trail continues to climb and then heads directly to Mary Jane Falls. See **Photo 2** – [Waypoint 3](#).

An alcove **behind** the waterfall lets you look out through the waterfall into the canyon below. Caution must be used climbing to the alcove. The wet rocks are slippery and each year people get hurt.

The waterfall flows year around, but flows heaviest in springtime when the snow melts. The trail continues for about 100 yards and terminates at another large cave.

Photo 2

To Descend: Retrace your steps. If you have the energy, you can hike to Big Falls.

