

Stanley B. Springs

Hike: Stanley B. Springs

Trailhead: Along State Route 157

Distance: 2.4 miles

Elevation gain: 690 feet

Elevation peak: none

Time: 1 hour + time you take to look at the mines

Difficulty: 1

Danger level: 1

How easy to follow: 1

Children: yes

Map: Charleston Peak, NEV

Directions: From the Mirage on Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip) go north 1.5 miles and turn west (left) onto Sahara. In less than one mile, turn north (right) onto I-15. Take I-15 two miles to US 95 north. Take US 95 north 14 miles to State Route 157. Turn west (left) on State Route 157 and drive 19.5 miles to a small paved pullout on the right side of the road.

Overview: The **trail**, which once was a full access road, heads west to a junction. Go right at the junction onto a path that leads to the mines.

Comments: The hike follows a springs and then passes by abandoned mines.

The Hike: Walk west along State Route 157 about 75 yards to a steep gravel road with the single iron pole gate. (See in Photo 1.) It's on the north (right) side of State Route 157. Hike NE up the gravel road. Trees provide shade as the trail bends to the north. When the trail turns NW, you get your first view of Cockscomb Ridge. In a little less than a mile, you'll come to an open area where people have camped. The trail continues NW toward Cockscomb Ridge. The dry drainage to your left is Stanley B. Springs. It depends on rainfall or snowmelt how soon it becomes filled with water. A variety of pines flourish along this section of the trail.



Photo 1

In about 1.3 miles from the trailhead you come to a junction. Look for a sign that reads “Leroy Mining Claim” on a tall pine. Head NE (right) onto a path that follows the drainage. In less than 100 yards an abandoned lead mine sits to your left. Lead filled water flows year-round from the mine making it unsuitable for drinking. I also recommend against going into the mine, since I’ve heard the water is chest-deep in places.

If you continue another 75 yards NE in the drainage, you’ll pass two caves that have also be turned into mines. These mines are high on the left bank. Keep a sharp eye out for them; they are easily missed. **Do not enter these mines; they are dangerous.**

To Descend: Retrace your steps SW to the junction. Go left onto the trail. When you come to a divide, take the left fork and continue back to the trailhead.

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