

**Sites in tonight's presentation "Southern Nevada Photography and Beyond"
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Red Rock Canyon

- First Creek Waterfall
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- Early morning for wildlife
- Old Car near the Bonnie Springs Road
- Jumping Ewe on Rocky Gap Road
- Small Waterfall near Lost Creek

Valley of Fire

- Rainbow shot during summer Monsoon
- Sunrise and Afternoon are good times (Golden Hour)
- Monsoon is also a great time to visit (Pink - Pastel Canyon)
- Duck Rock area
- Crazy Hill
- White Domes Road
- Wildlife, Bighorn Sheep. Spring for Babies, starting in February
- Summer for mating season, males head butt

Redstone Dune Loop

- Near mile marker 27 on the Northshore road
- Valley of Fire Aztec Sandstone without the crowds
- Must be able to hike through the desert, there are some trails
- Lots of small arches and wind erosion
- Wild Horses are nearby, mostly seen in the early morning
- Great for sunset colors, sunrise blocked by mountains to the east.
- Good spot for astrophotography

Bowl of Fire

- Two ways to enter
- Mile marker 16 (Anniversary Narrows Road) follow Callville wash. Dirt Road is about two miles.
- Short hike in from there. One small rocky area to climb up to get in the area.
- Or you can park on the Northshore Road MM 18 and hike in from there.
- Beautiful Aztec Sandstone and arches no set trail, easy to wander around.
- Be careful no cell phone.

Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness

- Near Searchlight, follow Nevada 164 about eight miles to Wee Thump east road. Not marked
- Wee Thump means “Ancient Ones” in the Paiute language
- Old-growth Joshua Trees
- Growth is ½ a year
- Some trees over 30 feet tall and 900 years old.
- Great for sunrise and sunset
- Great for astrophotography

Sloan Canyon Petroglyphs

- Nawghaw Poa Rd, Henderson, NV
- About a four-mile round trip hike
- More than 300 panels with over 1700 petroglyphs
- Some dating back 4000 years

Keyhole Canyon Petroglyphs and Pictographs

- Between Boulder City and Searchlight
- 15.5 miles south from BC is the turn off
- Dirt road, most cars could make it, but high clearance might be better
- Bird and Hike have great directions to the site.
- Lots of petroglyphs, and pictographs (collectively referred to as Rock Stories) are kind of tucked away but all within a small area.
- There is also a Shaman's indoor workbench with many cupules

Gold Butte National Monument

- Near Mesquite Exit 112 off I15
- Follow Gold Butte Road. The first 21 miles are “paved”. Howard Hughes story
- Whitney Pocket is at the end of the paved road. Nice sandstone formations and Joshua trees, Amber Cat Canyon from here.
- Follow Black Butte Road for the petroglyphs. Falling Man. Many more panels spread out over a large area.
- Little Finland, 4x4 recommended Gold Butte road to Mud Wash. Less than 10 miles from Whitney Pocket.
- Aztec Sandstone, has very delicate formations. Photographers' dream area.

Ash Meadows

- Near Pahrump off Bell Vista Road or Nevada 373 Armagosa Valley
- Virtually all of the water at Ash Meadows is fossil water, believed to have entered the ground water system tens of thousands of years ago. Armagosa River Runs through
- The refuge was created on June 18, 1984, to protect an extremely rare desert oasis in the Southwestern United States
- Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge was established to provide and protect habitat for at least twenty-six endemic plants and animals, meaning they are found nowhere else in the world
- Devils Hole is a geologic formation located in a detached unit of Death Valley National Park and surrounded by the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
- Devils Hole is habitat for the only naturally occurring population of the endangered Devils Hole pupfish

Cathedral Gorge State Park

- Cathedral Gorge State Park is a public recreation area and geologic preserve featuring a dramatic landscape of eroded soft bentonite clay covering almost 1,800 acres in Lincoln County, Nevada. The state park is located along U.S. Route 93 at the west end of State Route 319, two miles northwest of the town of Panaca
- 165 miles from Las Vegas just north of Panca, Nevada
- Beautiful formations, slot canyons another photographers dream area
- Easy to walk around
- Some CCC work, the water tower and picnic area
- Nice astrophotography area
- Colors pop at golden hour or late afternoon

Hemenway Park

- Off Business 93- Ville drive
- Get there early for the best shots
- Rams will head butt from early summer to late fall
- Catch them coming down the hill in a desert environment
- Babies out in early spring till early summer
- Use a long lens and high iso fast shutter speed
- Keep a safe distance and respect the wildlife
- Not uncommon to see coyotes too in the early morning.

Cold Creek

- North on the 95 exit between the prison
- Get there early for the best shots
- Babies out in early spring till early summer
- Use a long lens and high iso fast shutter speed
- Keep a safe distance and respect the wildlife
- Not uncommon to see coyotes too in the early morning.
- Elk a common site in cooler weather

Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve

- E Galleria Dr, Henderson
- Get there early for the best shots
- It is home to thousands of migratory waterfowl as well as numerous resident desert birds. There are nine ponds available for birding
- Babies out in early spring till early summer
- Use a long lens and high iso fast shutter speed
- Keep a safe distance and respect the wildlife
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Eldorado Canyon

- Nelson, Nevada
- Off-highway 95 south of Boulder City
- Lots of great cars, trucks, and buildings to photograph
- Not free, check into the office and a pay fee to shoot.
- You can take the Techatticup Mine tour if you want

Las Vegas Strip

- Shoot during the blue hour for dramatic sky colors and lights
- Use a tripod if possible and remote switch if you have it
- Go with a friend, watch each others back
- Scout out locations before if you have time

Astrophotography Locations Close to Las Vegas

- Lake Mead, Echo Bay, St. Thomas, Nelsons Landing.
- Valley of Fire if camping
- Rhyolite Ghost Town
- Bonnie Claire - Scotty Castle Road
- Ash Meadows
- Death Valley

Lake Mead Water Level

- Government Wash and Boulder Beach area
- Once in-a-lifetime chance to photograph history
- Be very careful around wet mud, you can sink in! Ash Meadows story
- Lots of boats in the Government Wash area. There was a couple boats in the Boulder Beach area. They may be gone