

Guide to the Nevada Division of State Parks Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Nevada. Division of State Parks
Title:	Nevada Division of State Parks Records
ID:	MS-00136
Date [inclusive]:	1863-1981
Date [bulk]:	1920-1970
Physical Description:	1.2 Linear Feet (3 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Nevada State Park System Records consist of materials produced or collected by the Nevada State Park System between 1863 and 1981. The collection includes records produced by the Park System while performing their interpretive mission as well as historic documents regarding properties owned by the organization.

Preferred Citation

Nevada State Park System Records, 1863-1981. MS-00136. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Historical Background

The Nevada State Park System is charged with protecting and managing Nevada's State Parks. It operated until 1963 when the Nevada State Legislature voted to create the Nevada Division of State Parks under the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. As stated on their website, "The Division of State Parks plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors. The Division also preserves areas of scenic, historic and scientific significance in Nevada."

Source:

"History," Nevada State Parks website, accessed June 18, 2015, <http://parks.nv.gov/about-2/>.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Nevada State Park System Records consist of materials produced by the Park System while performing their interpretive duties at Nevada's State Parks between 1937 and 1977. Materials include correspondence between the Park System and other agencies, budget plans and proposals, reports about the state of various parks in Nevada, and plans for improving visitor experiences. The collection also includes historic documentation about Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, including biographical information about individuals connected to the property from 1863 to 1981. All of the materials in this collection were collected by the Nevada Division of State Parks, which was created in 1963 by the Nevada State Legislature to replace the Nevada State Park System.

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Arrangement

Materials remain in original order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 1979 by the Nevada Division of State Parks; accession number 79-79. Additional materials were added to the collection after the initial donation.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard revised and enhanced the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:
Wilson Family Papers, 1880-1972. MS-00125. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

James B. Wilson Photographs. PH-00011. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Parks -- Nevada
- Valley of Fire State Park (Nev.)
- Spring Mountain Ranch State Park (Nev.)
- Caves

Name Note

Collection has been named based upon the request of the donor, as laid out in the donation agreement.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
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Administration and planning records, 1974-1975	box 01	folder 01
Agreement documentation, 1977	box 01	folder 02
Budget-biennial, 1973-1975	box 01	folder 03
Correspondence-recreational study, 1932-1940	box 01	folder 04
Correspondence-Valley of Fire, 1972-1975	box 01	folder 05
Budget-biennial expanded program, 1973-1975	box 01	folder 06
Expenditures, 1952-1959	box 01	folder 07
Interpretive Budget, 1973	box 01	folder 08
Commission Meeting, 1940-1956	box 01	folder 09
Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (S.C.O.R.P.) maintenance, 1973-1974	box 01	folder 10
Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (S.C.O.R.P.) maintenance, tentative work program and budget, 1974-1975	box 01	folder 11
Bowers Mansion Project RAA Park Commission, 1946	box 02	folder 01
Caves-general information, 1940-1958	box 02	folder 02
Death Valley National Monument, 1937-1938	box 02	folder 03
Interpretive Program, 1969-1970	box 02	folder 04
Interpretive Trail Signs, 1969-1970	box 02	folder 05
Lunar Crater Project, 1939	box 02	folder 06
Northumberland Caves, 1938	box 02	folder 07
Pavilion in White Pine near Lehman Caves, undated	box 02	folder 08
Statewide Plan, undated	box 02	folder 09
Valley of Fire, 1939-1941	box 02	folder 10
Valley of Fire, 1966	box 02	folder 11
Boulder Dam Recreational Area Park Commission, 1935-1946	box 02	folder 12
Newspaper clippings, 1962-1977	box 02	folder 13
Newspaper clippings, 1970-1975	box 02	folder 14
Newspaper clippings, 1961-1977	box 02	folder 15
Spring Mountain Ranch, 1911-1981	box 03	folder 01
Blacksmith Shop and Ranch House at Spring Mountain Ranch original documents, undated	box 03	folder 02
Spring Mountain Ranch: stone cabin, north addition from desk, blacksmith shop and ranch house, undated	box 03	folder 03
Spring Mountain Ranch, Tweed Wilson's house, 1900s	box 03	folder 04

Spring Mountain Ranch, 1864-1973	box 03	folder 05
Spring Mountain Ranch, George Papers, Sandstone Land & Cattle Co., 1940-1973	box 03	folder 06
Spring Mountain Ranch, corrugated storage shed, 1924	box 03	folder 07
George Family Papers, 1886-1942	box 03	folder 08
Papers of the Kiel family (possibly Willard George Kiel), 1863-1973	box 03	folder 09
Spring Mountain Ranch, undated	box 03	folder 10