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### DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

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## May events at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Although now a world famous city, Las Vegas began in 1855 with a humble adobe fort along a creek. First settled by Mormon pioneers from Utah, the site later became the center of one of the most important ranches in southern Nevada. Now a state park, the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort preserves and interprets the birthplace of Las Vegas. Join park rangers for one of our many unique Saturday programs and learn about Las Vegas' pioneer heritage.

**Blacksmith Demonstration** – Blacksmithing has been an important activity at the site of the Old Fort since 1855, and this tradition continues today. Come view professional blacksmith Mike Barth as he demonstrates authentic blacksmithing techniques and discusses the history of this forgotten art.

**WHEN:** Saturday May 13, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, 500 E Washington Ave., Las Vegas NV 89101

**COST:** Admission is just \$1.00 per person for ages 13 and over, kids 12 and under are free. (Cash or check only)

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**Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration** – Join park staff for a Dutch Oven cooking demonstration. They will be cooking and sharing some tasty morsels using old-fashioned methods and ingredients grown in the Fort's pioneer garden.

**WHEN:** Saturday May 20, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, 500 E Washington Ave. Las Vegas NV 89101

**COST:** Admission is just \$1.00 per person for ages 13 and over, kids 12 and under are free. (Cash or check only)

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**History Talk: Mining and the Old Fort** – Like most deep-rooted historical sites in Nevada, the Old Fort has intimate connections with regional mining. This ranger-led talk will explore the important relationships between the Old Fort and various mining sites in southern Nevada, with

special attention given to the Mormon lead mining efforts on Mount Potosi and how they contributed to the ultimate failure of the Las Vegas settlement.

**WHEN:** Saturday May 27, 11a.m.

**WHERE:** Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, 500 E Washington Ave. Las Vegas NV 89101

**COST:** Admission is just \$1.00 per person for ages 13 and over, kids 12 and under are free.  
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The **Nevada Division of State Parks** plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of more than 3.3 million visitors a year. The division was established in 1963 by the Nevada Legislature to form a new state park agency within the **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The division manages and maintains 23 parks, historic sites and recreation areas in Nevada.