



RAINBOW VISTA TRAIL - VALLEY OF FIRE



Rating: Easy hike

Length: 1 hour (1.2 miles)

Gear: Standard Hiking Gear

Maps: VALLEY OF FIRE WEST, NV

Water: None.

Season: Any, though summers can be hot.

Waypoints:

Trailhead

11S 722672mE 4036824mN

N36° 27' 03" W114° 30' 55"

Fire Overlook

11S 723299mE 4036384mN

N36° 26' 48" W114° 30' 31"

Viewpoint

11S 723015mE 4036742mN

N36° 27' 00" W114° 30' 42"

Hype

Rainbow Vista hike is an excellent family-friendly hike with beautiful views. The standard loop goes to an overlook of Fire Canyon, then circles back taking in another view of Fire Canyon before crossing an open area back to the trailhead. The hike gets its name from the incredible colors of the rock seen along the trail. It is a popular trail, and for a good reason!

Note: This hike can be done any time of year, but can be brutally hot in the summer. If visiting in the summer, I think an evening hike would provide excellent lighting for photos and cooler temperatures.

Tags: *hike, dog friendly, family friendly, beginner, access: paved*

Trailhead

Reach the park visitor center by taking exit 93 from I-15 if coming from the east, or exit 75 if coming from the west (Las Vegas). From the highway, the route to the park is well signed. There is a fee to enter the park (\$10 as of 2018 for day use).

From the Visitor Center, go north on the Mouse's Tank Rd/White Domes Rd for 1.7 miles to a signed parking area on the right that is the trailhead.

Route

From the trailhead, follow the well-worn trail as it heads west. It braids as it crosses the open area, generally stay on the most used path on the right. After just a few minutes, the out-and-back junction for the Fire Canyon Overlook is reached. The Fire Canyon Overlook is a nice side trip and recommended. The side trail ends at a dryfall overlooking Fire Canyon below. Return the back to the junction when complete.

The trail loops back on the north side of the open area. Be sure to follow the social trail up the slickrock near the Fire Canyon Junction to a viewpoint.

