

Mountain Ranges Surrounding Las Vegas

The Mountains that surround Las Vegas are:

North:

Looking north from the center of town, to the north/northwest, one will see the Sheep Range. More due north is the Las Vegas Range.

East:

To the east is Sunrise and Frenchman Mountains, divided by a pass. Although the Muddy Mtns do not technically surround the Las Vegas basin, they can be seen to the left (north) of Sunrise and Frenchman Mtns. Further south and east of Frenchman (overlooking Lake Mead) are the River Mountains.

South:

Southeast of the basin, separating off some suburbs of Henderson, one sees the North McCullough Range and more due south from the basin lies the South McCullough Range, which is further away.

West:

Looking west from the basin, beginning in the southwest and moving to the northwest, lies Mt. Potosi, Blue Diamond Hill, the Red Rock Range (Mt. Wilson, Rainbow Mtn. & Bridge Mtn), the Summerlin Peaks, the La Madre Range, including La Madre Mtn., and the Spring Mountains (including Harris Peak, Mt. Charleston, and Mummy Mtn.)

A very good map of the mountains surrounding Las Vegas, which you should study, can be found at http://www.birdandhike.com/Hike/Views/_Views.htm

* Collect and record rocks from the primary geographical and geological areas - east, south, west, north. Try to identify the rocks by name or at least by type, i.e., sedimentary, metamorphic, igneous. (Note: Do not collect rocks from protected areas such as Red Rock or any of the Parks or Conservation Areas.)