DAY TRIP TO HARDYVILLE

From Kingman · Mohave County, Arizona

RIVER AND LAKE

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INSIDE BULLHEAD CITY

Townsite built over by Bullhead City. The pioneer cemetery is a fenced city historic site on Dorado Drive (2026).

The Hardyville Pioneer Cemetery is a short stop, so make it part of a river day. From Kingman, AZ 68 drops to the Colorado in about 50 minutes. Pair the cemetery with the river below Davis Dam, where its rival Polhamus Landing stood, and come home over Sitgreaves Pass through Oatman.

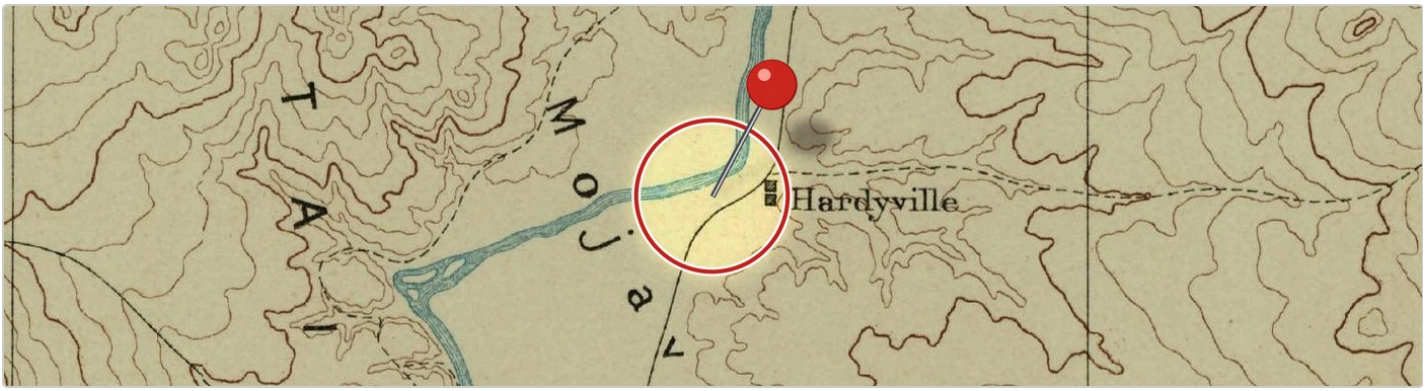
A SAMPLE DAY

☐	8:30 a.m.	Leave downtown Kingman. Take US 93 north to exit 67 and AZ 68 west to Bullhead City, about 50 minutes.
☐	**9:20 a.m.**	Walk up to the Hardyville Pioneer Cemetery on Dorado Drive. Read the 1999 DAR marker and find the mural of William Hardy beside it.
☐	10 a.m.	Drive north on AZ 95 to Davis Camp, a Mohave County park on the river below Davis Dam. Day use is $12 per vehicle. The published coordinates for Polhamus Landing fall on the river at the park's north edge.
☐	11:30 a.m.	Head south on AZ 95 and turn up Boundary Cone Road, which climbs about 20 road miles from Bullhead City to Oatman.
☐	**12:15 p.m.**	Lunch in Oatman, then the 1:30 p.m. shootout on Main Street.
☐	2:30 p.m.	Return to Kingman on Route 66 over Sitgreaves Pass, about 55 minutes. Vehicles over 40 feet aren't allowed on the pass, so return on AZ 68 instead.

Coming from Las Vegas? The route crosses the Colorado at Laughlin, and the cemetery is on the way into town.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The graves.** Seventeen cobble-covered graves inside an iron fence. Shoot through or over the fence; don't step inside it.
- **The markers.** The DAR marker and memorial monument name five of the men buried here. Fill the frame so the text is readable.
- **The setting.** The cemetery looks down on a shopping plaza on AZ 95, with desert mountains behind. A wide shot tells the story of a pioneer town under a modern city.
- **The Hardy mural.** The mural beside the cemetery shows Hardy next to a river full of boats.
- **The river.** Nothing marks the landing. The Colorado below Davis Dam gives the setting for the steamboat story.



USGS topographic map, 1886 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	36 mi, about 48 min each way from downtown Kingman. From Las Vegas: 100 mi, about 1 h 54 min.
OPEN	We found no posted hours or fees. The cemetery is a fenced city historic site on Dorado Drive.
RESTROOMS	None listed at the cemetery.
FOOD AND FUEL	None at the cemetery. The BLM lists fuel in Bullhead City, which surrounds the site.
PARKING	No posted rules. Park legally on nearby streets.
ON FOOT	The graves sit on a small hilltop above Dorado Drive. Stay off them, and don't move the cobbles that cover them.
ROAD	Paved highways and city streets all the way.
SEASON	Any time of year. From May to September, go early in the day; Bullhead City summers are very hot.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 35.12060, −114.58710 · 35°07′14″N 114°35′14″W

Directions Google Maps

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/arizona/hardyville/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.