



DAY TRIP TO NELSON

From Boulder City · Clark County, Nevada



GOLD MINING



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MINE TOURS

Small community of 22 (2020 census) with a private mine-tour business. Tours by reservation.

Nelson is a half-day trip from Boulder City or Las Vegas: the drive down NV 165, a mine tour and time to photograph the yard. Book the tour ahead, because it runs only with a reservation and a group of four adults or more.

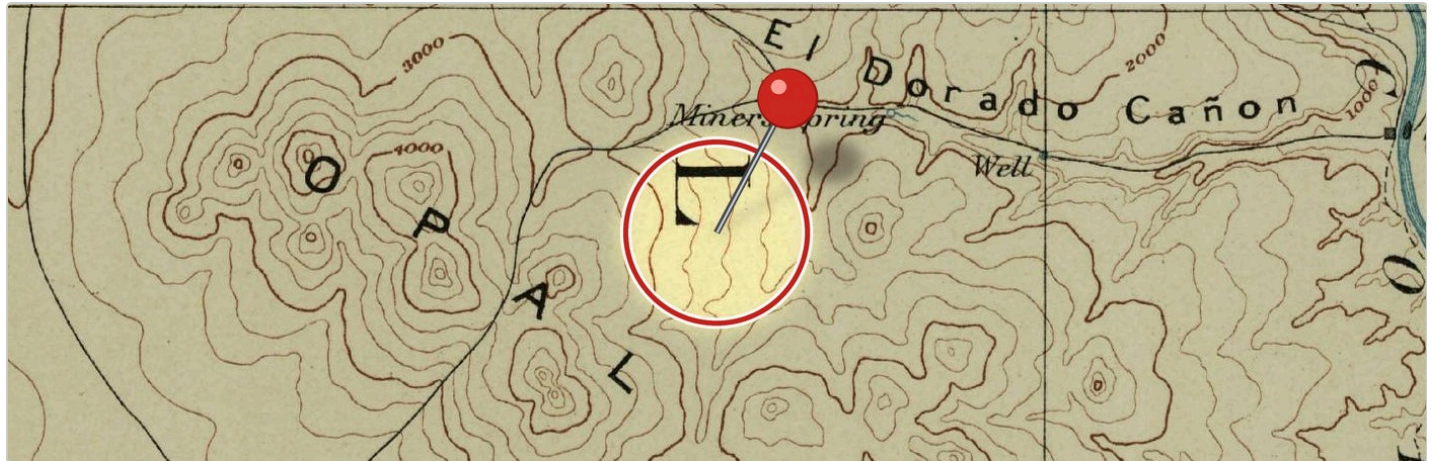
A SAMPLE DAY

- ☐ 8:20 a.m. Leave Boulder City. Head south and turn onto NV 165 into Eldorado Canyon, about 35 minutes.
- ☐ 9 a.m. Morning mine tour at the Techatticup.
- ☐ 10:30 a.m. Photograph the cars, pumps and buildings in the yard.
- ☐ 11:30 a.m. Drive back through Nelson, looking at the town from the road.

Coming from Las Vegas? Allow about 55 minutes and leave by 8 a.m. for the 9 a.m. tour.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The yard.** Rusting cars and gas pumps against the canyon walls, as in the photo at the top of this page.
- **The cars.** In 2018 a pink 1960 Cadillac sat in the yard with the mine buildings on the slope behind it.
- **Inside the mine.** Bring a light source or raise your ISO; the tunnels are dark.
- **Photo shoots.** Organized shoots and filming are rented from the operator. Call ahead.



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

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	25 mi, about 35 min each way from central Boulder City. From Las Vegas: 43 mi, about 53 min.
TOURS	Seven days a week at 9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., by reservation, with at least four adults. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve from noon and Christmas Day.
ADMISSION	\$20 for adults 13 and older, \$12.50 for ages 5 to 12, under 5 free. The operator says prices are subject to change.
TIME ON SITE	The operator puts the tour at about 1 hour 20 minutes and a quarter mile of level gravel walking; Travel Nevada says about 90 minutes. The mine is cool inside, especially in winter.
OTHER ACTIVITIES	Photo shoots, film backdrops, canoe and kayak rentals, a BBQ area and a wedding chapel.
CONTACT	702-291-0026.
WEBSITE	eldoradocanyonminetours.com

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- 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 35.70722, -114.82611 • 35°42'26"N
114°49'34"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/nevada/nelson/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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