



BLACK ROCK DESERT  
HIGH ROCK CANYON  
EMIGRANT TRAILS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

## THE PLAYA

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happened to the lake?

- As the weather began to get warmer, at the end of the Pleistocene ice age, the lake evaporated, which is a part of the water cycle.

When is Burning Man?

- Burning Man is held the week of Labor Day, usually the end of August/ beginning of September.

How can such a large event like Burning Man be allowed within the NCA?

- Burning Man adheres to strict guidelines set by the Bureau of Land Management and has a good track record adhering to Tread Lightly and Leave No Trace ethics.

Why are vehicles not allowed on the Playa when it is wet?

- The silt and dust of the Playa becomes extremely muddy and sticky when it is wet. Cars, even those with four-wheel drive, have gotten stuck and have been abandoned until the mud dried out.

What does "Playa" mean anyway?

- The word "playa" is "beach" in Spanish.

How deep was the lake?

- Lake Lahontan was 886 feet deep at its deepest point.

Frequently Asked Questions

