



# Water Canyon

## Field Trip Kit

Water Canyon is a precious natural resource and a precious *local* natural resource for the residents of Winnemucca. But how much have you given thought to the water at Water Canyon? It may surprise you to hear that over thousands of years many other plants, animals and people have come to Water Canyon because of this precious resource. In Nevada's desert areas, water is a scarce and sacred resource. It is a resource that should be protected so that present and future generations may continue to enjoy it.

The purpose of this kit is to educate students—young and old—about the importance Water Canyon. If people are educated about the ecology, heritage, history and resources at Water Canyon, then they will be empowered to help protect it. By taking ownership of this unique piece of public land, residents of Winnemucca and northern Nevada can work together to ensure that integrity of Water Canyon will be maintained for another thousand years.

This educational kit is designed to be used by traditional classroom teachers and other non-formal educators. It is divided into five sections: riparian zone/stream health, animal life, Paiute Indians, geology, and local history. Each section contains background information and correlating lesson plans. The lessons in this kit may used together in one comprehensive unit on Water Canyon or they may be used individually or as a mini-unit on just one component. Ideally, the unit would conclude with a culminating event at Water Canyon, however, all of the lessons can be done in the classroom. The idea is for you, the educator, to tailor this kit to meet your needs and the needs of your class.

Nevada Outdoor School is available to accompany your class as an interpretive specialist on a field trip to Water Canyon. Please contact the Program Coordinator for more information or to schedule a date.

Thank you for your interest in Water Canyon. We hope you enjoy this educational kit. May you help instill in your students a love and respect of *their* unique natural resource so that they may become stewards of Water Canyon.