LOCATION GUIDE

Nellis & Creech AFB, Nevada

Housing, BAH, schools, gates, contacts and desert know-how for Las Vegas, the Thunderbirds and Red Flag.

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FROM
Your current duty station

TO
Las Vegas, NV

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Location

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BAH AREA
Nellis AFB / Las Vegas

BASES
Nellis · Creech

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WELCOME

Nellis and Creech at a glance

Nellis sits on the northeast edge of Las Vegas and runs some of the Air Force's biggest training. Creech is about 45 miles northwest in Indian Springs. Both share the Las Vegas BAH area.

FACT	DETAIL
Nellis AFB	About 8 miles northeast of downtown Las Vegas
Nellis missions	USAF Warfare Center, 57th Wing (Red Flag), 99th Air Base Wing, the Thunderbirds
Creech AFB	Indian Springs, about 45 miles northwest on US-95; remotely piloted aircraft missions
Training ranges	The Nevada Test and Training Range, about 2.9 million acres
BAH housing area	Nellis AFB / Las Vegas, NV (covers Creech)
On-base housing	Hunt Military Communities at Nellis; no family housing at Creech
Hospital	Mike O'Callaghan Federal Medical Center, a joint Air Force–VA hospital at Nellis

Getting here

OPTION	DETAIL
Harry Reid International (LAS)	About 20–30 minutes from Nellis; a major hub with many flights
By car	I-15 and the I-215 beltway; the Nellis Main Gate is on Las Vegas Boulevard North
To Creech	US-95 north; about 45–60 minutes from northwest Las Vegas

Assigned to Creech?

Most Creech families live in northwest Las Vegas — Centennial Hills or Skye Canyon — to cut the drive. Compare commutes before you sign.

COUNTDOWN

Before you arrive

Las Vegas rentals move fast, and summer heat makes moving hard. Apply for housing within 30 days of orders and plan the move for early mornings.

As soon as you have orders 90+ DAYS OUT

- [ ] Apply with the Nellis Housing Office within 30 days of orders
- [ ] Call the School Liaison about schools and charters
- [ ] Look up your BAH for Nellis / Las Vegas
- [ ] Decide: Nellis-side or Creech-side commute
- [ ] Request a sponsor from your gaining unit
- [ ] In EFMP? Contact EFMP-Family Support now
- [ ] Request child care on MilitaryChildCare.com
- [ ] Join local military spouse groups

Book the move 60 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Schedule household goods or plan your PPM
- [ ] Start the off-base rental or home search
- [ ] Check pet limits for on-base housing
- [ ] Reserve base lodging
- [ ] Gather school, shot and IEP/504 records

Final prep 30 DAYS OUT

- [ ] Print at least 10 copies of orders
- [ ] Book a DEERS/ID card appointment if needed
- [ ] Confirm arrival date with your sponsor
- [ ] Set up utilities and internet at the new address

Extreme heat

Summer highs often top 110°F. Move early in the morning, keep water in the car and never leave kids or pets in a parked car.

DAY ONE

Arrival and in-processing

During duty hours, report straight to your unit. After hours, sign in at the 24-hour arrival point in the Lodging office. In-processing usually takes 5–15 duty days.

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Your unit and the MPF

Check in through your Commander's Support Staff or MPF Customer Support, weekdays 8 AM to 3 PM: (702) 652-1628. They schedule Right Start.

2

Finance

Finance in-processing runs through the 99th Comptroller Squadron "Chat with us" page on the Nellis site.

Bring with you

- At least 10 copies of orders
- Travel pay and moving paperwork with receipts
- School transcripts and pet records
- Marriage and birth certificates for dependents
- Medical, dental and shot records
- Utility letters of credit to help waive deposits

Gates to know

GATE	NOTES
Main Gate	Las Vegas Boulevard North
Visitor Control Center	4625 Fitzgerald Blvd; weekdays 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Other gates	Hours vary — check before you go

Creech members

Your Creech unit and sponsor give you check-in steps. Many in-processing offices are still at Nellis, so plan for the drive.

WHERE TO LIVE

On-base and off-base housing

Hunt Military Communities runs family housing at Nellis, and living on base is optional. Most families rent or buy across the Las Vegas valley.

On base HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES

- Apply within 30 days of orders; processing can take 30–60 days
- No family housing at Creech
- Up to two pets, with weight limits
- Housing Office: (702) 652-1840, Building 4601

Off base PICK BY COMMUTE

AREA	BEST FOR	COMMUTE
North Las Vegas / Aliante	Nellis; newer homes	15–30 min to Nellis
Centennial Hills / Skye Canyon	Creech; or a split commute	35–48 min to Nellis
Summerlin	Parks and schools; higher prices	35–45 min to Nellis
Henderson / Green Valley	Quiet suburbs, good schools	30–40 min to Nellis
East Las Vegas	Closest and cheapest	10–20 min; check the neighborhood

Let the housing office review your lease

The Housing Office can review a lease before you sign and help with landlord problems.

THE NUMBERS

2026 BAH and rent vs. buy

Nellis and Creech members use the Nellis AFB / Las Vegas, NV housing area. Monthly rates below.

GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT	GRADE	WITH DEPS	WITHOUT
E-1 to E-4	$1,941	$1,629	W-5	$2,577	$2,283
E-5	$2,070	$1,737	O-1	$2,094	$1,806
E-6	$2,208	$1,818	O-2	$2,205	$2,031
E-7	$2,268	$1,941	O-3	$2,382	$2,151
E-8	$2,337	$2,103	O-4	$2,610	$2,265
E-9	$2,445	$2,133	O-5	$2,775	$2,301
W-1	$2,223	$1,908	O-6	$2,796	$2,361
W-2	$2,298	$2,100	O-1E	$2,277	$2,067
W-3	$2,385	$2,139	O-2E	$2,370	$2,127
W-4	$2,469	$2,214	O-3E	$2,487	$2,196

Source: DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc

Double-check your rate before you budget — BAH changes every January: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing/BAH-Rate-Lookup/

Some high-cost areas also pay CONUS COLA: travel.dod.mil/Allowances/CONUS-Cost-of-Living-Allowance/

Rent or buy?

- Nevada has no state income tax, which helps any budget
- Many newer homes have HOA fees — add them to the monthly cost
- Buying can work for a 3+ year tour; prices swing with the Las Vegas market
- Summer power bills for air conditioning can run high

Budget for summer power

Cooling a home through a 110°F summer can double the power bill. Ask the landlord or seller for past bills.

KIDS

Schools and child care

There are no DoDEA schools at Nellis. Clark County School District serves the whole valley, and your address decides the school. Charters and magnets are popular.

DISTRICT OR SCHOOL	SERVES
Clark County School District	All of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson and Indian Springs
Coral Academy of Science (on base)	Public charter, PreK–8; lottery runs November 1 to February 28
Magnet and charter schools	Apply early — many have fall deadlines and lotteries
Other options	Private schools across the valley

School Liaison

Ask the M&FRC for the School Liaison for district help and IEP or 504 transitions.

Military Interstate Compact

Nevada is a member — it helps with placement and graduation rules.

Colleges nearby

UNLV, College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State University.

Child care

- Request Child Development Center care on MilitaryChildCare.com as soon as you have orders
- Youth programs run before and after school and in summer
- Family Child Care homes on base fill gaps
- Fee assistance can help with off-base care

FAMILY LIFE

Spouse, family and Nevada rules

Spouse support

- The M&FRC helps with job searches and federal applications
- Nevada offers licensing help for military spouses
- Las Vegas has jobs in hospitality, health care, education and tech
- MyCAA can fund certificates for eligible spouses

Family programs

- M&FRC (relocation and sponsors): (702) 652-3327
- Right Start newcomers orientation
- EFMP-Family Support through the M&FRC
- Key Spouse program in your unit

Nevada rules for military families

TOPIC	WHAT TO KNOW
State income tax	Nevada has no state income tax
Spouse income	No state income tax, so no state return for Nevada wages
Driver's license	Service members and dependents with a valid home-state license can keep it
Vehicle registration	Nonresident service members can keep home-state registration
Heat and water	Summer heat is dangerous; many cities limit lawn watering

OFF DUTY

Living here

You'll need a car. The I-215 beltway loops the valley, and the Strip is about 20 minutes from Nellis.

Climate

Very hot, dry summers and mild winters. Sunny almost all year.

Shopping

BX and commissary at Nellis. Every big-name store is in the valley.

On base

Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, the Aviation Nation air show, golf and outdoor rec.

Day trips

DESTINATION	DRIVE	WHY GO
Red Rock Canyon	~40 min	Scenic drive, hiking and climbing
Lake Mead	~30 min	Boating, swimming and paddling
Hoover Dam	~45 min	Tours and the bypass bridge walk
Valley of Fire State Park	~50 min	Red sandstone and petroglyphs
Mount Charleston	~50 min	Cool summer hikes; winter snow play
Death Valley	~2 hr	Best in winter
Zion National Park	~2.5 hr	Canyons and river hikes
Grand Canyon (South Rim)	~4.5 hr	Bucket-list views

KEEP THIS HANDY

Key contacts

Phone numbers change — call ahead to confirm hours before you drive over.

OFFICE	PHONE
Military & Family Readiness Center	(702) 652-3327
Housing Office	(702) 652-1840
MPF Customer Support	(702) 652-1628
DEERS (MPF)	(702) 652-5212
Visitor Control Center	(702) 652-3216

OFFICE	PHONE
Lodging	(702) 652-2711
Dorm management	(702) 652-4974
TRICARE West	(888) 874-9378
Nurse advice line	1-800-874-2273

Add your own

CREECH UNIT

MIKE O'CALLAGHAN APPOINTMENTS

SCHOOL LIAISON

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Links

Nellis AFB newcomers · Creech AFB · Nellis Housing · BAH Rate Lookup · Plan My Move

Sources: Military OneSource Nellis AFB check-in and housing pages; Nevada Real Estate Group Nellis PCS guide (2026); DoD 2026 BAH rates via FedRateCalc.

READY FOR THE FULL PLAYBOOK?

Go step by step with the kits.

Worksheets, trackers and a complete binder setup for every stage of your move.

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WORKSHEET

Plan your landing

My housing budget

ITEM	AMOUNT
My monthly BAH	$
Rent or mortgage	$
Utilities (estimate)	$
Renter's or homeowner's insurance	$
Left over (BAH minus costs)	$

Neighborhood comparison

AREA / ADDRESS	RENT OR PRICE	COMMUTE TO BASE	SCHOOL DISTRICT	NOTES

First-week checklist

- [ ] Report to your unit
- [ ] Update DEERS; get dependent IDs
- [ ] Turn in travel and moving paperwork
- [ ] Register with Child and Youth Programs
- [ ] Attend Right Start
- [ ] Enroll in TRICARE
- [ ] Enroll kids in school
- [ ] Stock water and shade for the car