

**IMPORTANT:** Please refer to the Preface for Topographic Map Activities for preliminary instructions and information common to all Topographic Map Activities in the series.

## **Topographic Map Activity 2 - Getting Familiar with Topographic Maps** (Revision 07-24-20)

Objective: To follow the Scenic Loop through Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA) using topographic (topo) maps.

Background: The topo maps in the table in the preface contain most of the RRCNCA, and adjoining land. The Visitor Center can be found in the La Madre Mountain topo map.

Activity: Open the [La Madre Mountain](#) 7.5' x 7.5' quadrangle topo map (if you previously saved it on your computer you don't need to download it again). Check that all layers are being shown. Use your mouse or fingers (depending on the device you are using) to scroll around and zoom in or out. Locate Nevada Route 159 as it heads west from Summerlin. Follow it west until you see the entrance to RRCNCA. Follow the Scenic Drive in its entirety, taking note of the geographic features to the left and right. Continue following the Scenic Drive until it returns to Nevada State 159 (you will have to open up the adjoining [Blue Diamond](#) Blue Diamond topo map near the end of the Scenic Drive). Enjoy the trip!

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