

**RED ROCK OUTING VO**  
**6/10-11/2025**

**00 INTRO - OUTRO**

**00a Intro Stuff**

[IMG\_6470 & 6471 Dale garage, driving away]

**00b Outro Stuff**

[DJI\_0678 is outro - FLIP]

**01 TRAVEL TO BLUE DIAMOND**

**01a SR160 to SR159**

[No VO]

[start with DJI\_0651 - FLIP]

[then DJI\_0652, 0653 with narration]

**01b Cactus Joes**

[No VO]

[DJI\_0654 with narration; 4 clips of Cactus Joe's you could insert; also a dozen pics in **01b Photos** folder]

[Optional Caption:

Cactus Joe's has the largest selection of drought-tolerant plants, native Nevada species, and desert landscaping supplies in the Las Vegas valley. ]

**01c Gypsum Mine**

Leaving Cactus Joe's, the first thing that catches your eye is that mine off to the right. It's extracting gypsum, the material that drywall is made of. The company is CertainTeed, North America's leading brand of exterior and interior building products, and this mine has been producing since 1960. With that in mind, just think - you may literally have a piece of Nevada in your own walls!

[driving clips DJI\_0655, 0656; 2 web shots from CertainTeed site]

**01d Arrive Blue Diamond**

[DJI\_0657 with narration]

Welcome to the village of Blue Diamond, Nevada, with a population of less than 300, and a charm that just begs you to set a movie here. It got its start in the mid-1800s as a watering hole for westbound pioneers - more on that later. But, by the 1920s, the Blue Diamond Corporation out of California was mining gypsum, and a mining camp sprang up. Fast forward to the 1940s, and they built a proper company town to house the workers - named after the company itself, of course. We'll explore it a bit after lunch.

[DJI\_0658, 0659, 2 pics of welcome sign]

[Historical photos, to pop up in this order:

IMG\_2100, then 2099, then 2097, then 2093, then 2094]

[bring up the audio at the end of DJI\_0659, as we arrive at the restaurant: "all right folks..."]

## **02 LUNCH-COTTONWOOD STATION**

### **02a Exterior-Cottonwood**

This unique and charming eatery is a recent addition to the town, built in 2018 - fittingly - here on Cottonwood Drive. [IMG\_2102]

The vintage pickup out front is not only a great promo and a photo spot - but there's a surprise once we get up to the patio. [IMG\_2106]

Upon its opening, Cottonwood Station became a gathering spot for locals as well as hikers, climbers, and mountain bikers in Red Rock Canyon. The restaurant was recently purchased from the original owners by avid mountain biker and restaurateur Brian Fisher. ...We're happy to see the inside still has that rustic feel, and they kept the handwritten menu boards - so artistic and fun.

[DJI\_0660 - could skip past that awkward door opening thing; web pic of Fisher]

### **02bc Video-Photos-Interior**

We are barely 25 miles from Las Vegas, but this is just worlds away. There is a casual picnic vibe inside the dining room...and the terrace is amazing. Stay tuned, we'll go out there shortly.

[DJI\_0664 could do it all; or put 0663 at the beginning]

Along the back wall is an eclectic little merchandise shop, featuring locally handmade items...and the obligatory logo wear.

[first few seconds of DJI\_0662; IMG\_2068, 2070, plus pics in **02c Photos**]

The menu is just as eclectic - tempting homemade baked goods...alongside a list of craft beers. In truth, the offerings out of this tiny kitchen and bar are surprising and unique...from breakfast to pizza, salads to paninis, locally roasted coffees, and more.

[IMG\_2072, then the rest of DJI\_0662; lots of pics in 02c]

[IMG\_6479 Dale welcome]

## **02d Pretzels-Patio**

[IMG\_6482 pretzel tasting]

### **PRETZEL STICKS**

3 Sticks served with  
house made honey mustard  
and beer cheese spread  
\$11

OK, as promised, let's take a look at what the new owner calls the showcase feature of this property: the terrace. Your seat affords sweeping views of the landscape...the fans and misters keep you cool in summer...and the heated benches and fire pit keep you toasty on cool evenings.

[DJI\_0669, then IMG\_2082, IMG\_2080, then first few secs of IMG\_2085]

And here's that surprise we mentioned: you can grab a table and dine inside the flatbed of the old mining truck! You can't do that on the Strip! [IMG\_2087]

## **02e Lunch-Tasting**

[No VO]

[DJI\_0665 tasting]

[Could show the 2 web pics of the staff as we talk - shout out to them for a great job]

### **CAPRESE PANINI**

Cherry tomatoes, basil,  
balsamic glaze, and  
fresh mozzarella on  
triple sourdough bread  
\$16  
Add Chicken \$6

### **BLT PANINI**

Crisply bacon,  
mixed greens,

tomatoes and  
citrus aioli on  
triple sourdough batard  
\$17

[DJI\_0667 lunch recap]

[Caption as we talk:

Hours:

Tuesday 8AM-5PM

Wednesday-Friday 8AM-7PM

Saturday-Sunday 7AM-7PM

Closed Monday ]

## **02f History Wall**

Before we take off, we just have to show you this well-done history wall, describing the early beginnings of the mining town, and displaying some wonderful vintage photographs of those bygone days. It's outside from the main dining room, as you head to the restroom or the terrace.

[IMG\_2089, 2090]

## **03 TOUR OF BLUE DIAMOND**

### **03a Mercantile-Park Area**

OK, let's start our tour. Two gas pumps...one restaurant...a private park...and this. [DJI\_0671]

The mercantile was built in 1942, and originally sold household goods to miner families. The building is pretty much unchanged, from the outside. Plus, it doubles as the sheriff's office!

[first part of DJI\_0672, pics PIMG\_2114-2116]

This little green space is privately owned, with signs well placed. But, we did admire this fun little secluded picnic spot.

[IMG\_2118, pics 2119-2120]

### **03b Public Park-Burros**

This park, however, is public, part of the Clark County park system.

[first part of IMG\_2127, pic 2132, then use audio/video from IMG\_2124]

### **03d Other Public Bldgs**

Blue Diamond may be tiny, but it does have its own U.S. Post Office...a charming little church...and a modern elementary school. Fun fact: It's one of the oldest in Clark County!  
[IMG\_2128, 2135, 2123 and/or pics; pic 2098 of 1929 school]

## **04 TRAVEL TO BONNIE SPRINGS**

### **04a Driving Footage-BSR/04b Last Visit 2019**

All right, onward, into Red Rock Canyon. [pic IMG\_2140 or 2141]

But first, a little detour to relive some fond memories - who's ever been to Bonnie Springs Ranch?  
[very end of DJI\_0680 (try not to show turning right), pic IMG\_5665, then driveway footage DJI\_0673]

[DJI\_0674 with narration, until you say "everything is gone out here", then go to VO]

Bonnie Springs Ranch was a great old west attraction, owned and named after a showgirl and skater we all called Miss Bonnie. She bought it in the 1950s, and it featured a train, a western town, a motel, a restaurant, a petting zoo, and even live entertainment. We loved the place, and were gutted when her heirs sold it to developers. It closed in March 2019.  
[whole video from 2019 is in 04b folder; also many great pics]

All the Bonnie Springs structures are gone. The latest info on the new project is that it's to be called the Reserve at Red Rock Canyon. There will be 16 homesites, on about 14 acres of the property. Construction began in 2022. [very end of DJI\_0674, DJI\_0681 exit]

## **05 TRAVEL TO RED ROCK OVERLOOK**

### **05a Driving Footage-RRC**

The great thing about being here on a hot Tuesday afternoon is that we pretty much have this road to ourselves. So, let's continue north and talk about Red Rock Canyon. The national conservation area spans more than 197,000 acres. This area is one of the easternmost parts of the Mojave Desert, known for its sandstone peaks, large red rock formations, and sheer rock walls - walls that tower up to 3000 feet, and are perfect for climbing. [DJI\_0675, 0676]  
[If you want specific photos or clips from our wildflower visit, let me know]

There are 26 numbered hikes and trails...a visitor center, and a one-way 13-mile scenic drive. It's truly a gem for those of us who live here, a way to get back to nature after too much Las Vegas, if you know what I mean!  
[Map of trails-scenic drive; 2 pics of Scenic Drive sign]

## 05b Red Rock Overlook

This will be our last stop for the day, let's pull into the Overlook...and, looks like we're the first ones here. [\[DJI\\_0677\]](#)

Like I said earlier, this whole area is on the Old Spanish Trail, a famous trade route between New Mexico and California. These information boards are full of great fun facts.  
[\[pics 2147-2150, 2 sides either cut out or not\]](#)

We both love this spot. The views are panoramic, the colors are vibrant, and the silence is complete. Standing here, you can easily see why Red Rock Canyon receives 2 million visitors a year. It's a majestic place. Though, not without its dangers!  
[\[IMG\\_6490, 2143; pic 6488\]](#)