

The Secret Art Installation In The Nevada Desert Locals Won't Disclose

The Nevada Desert is holding quite the secret most locals are unwilling to disclose.

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Seven Magic Mountains

Ten miles south of the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and St. Rose Parkway in Henderson, Nevada is where you'll find the two-year installation Seven Magic Mountains.

It started off with a couple of locals posting images of colorful boulders. When it was revealed in their picture captions that the installation found itself somewhere in the Nevada Desert, the quest began. Renowned Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone would display his work in the iconic Jean Dry Lake where Michael Heizer and Jean Tinguely created significant sculptures in the 1960s.

According to Rondinone, the location is physically and symbolically mid-way between the natural and the artificial. For example, the natural is represented by the mountain ranges, desert, and Jean Dry Lake backdrop. Additionally, the artificial is represented by the highway and the flow of traffic between Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Boulders that complete Seven Magic Mountains weigh 40,000 pounds per boulder with the largest boulder weighing at 56,000 pounds. To complete, the sculptures took five years and an army of people. The video below will show you exactly how the collaborative crew behind the installation helped Ugo Rondinone realize Seven Magic Mountains.

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