

Annual World Atlatl Association Competition at Valley of Fire State Park

Valley of Fire has sponsored an annual atlatl competition, in conjunction with the World Atlatl Association (WAA). Each spring this event attracts participants from all over the world. According to WAA, the event continues to be the nation's largest.

An event of this caliber attracts international media attention. In 1998, the Las Vegas Review Journal ran a cover page story and several other articles about the event. Articles also appeared in several countries where atlatl competitions are popular, such as, Australia.



Description: Using an atlatl and darts, competitors are scored for accuracy and distance. Visitors are encouraged to learn how to use an atlatl, through various demonstrations, and participate in the competition.

Our visitors will learn about the ancient way of life and the tools they used, both by demonstration and "hands on". The competition has three divisions, the Men's division, Women's division and the Youth division. There is first, second and third place awards that are given.



All equipment is provided (atlatl's and darts) and that free lessons are given before the contest. So everyone is encouraged to participate.

For more information about the Atlatl Competition, contact Valley of Fire State Park at (702) 397-2088.