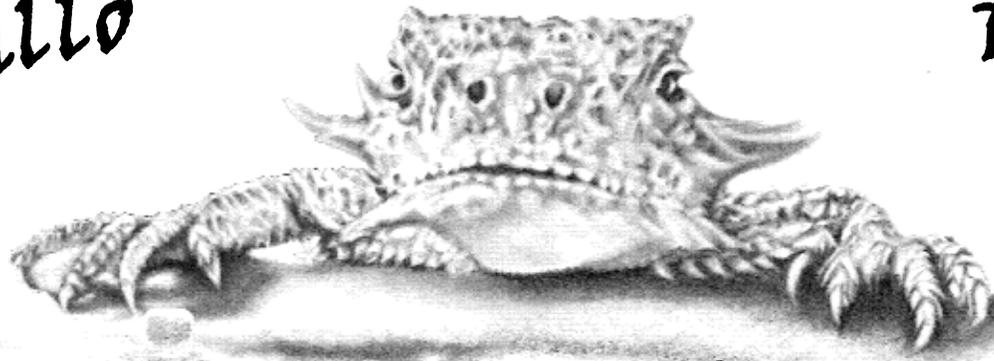


Ocotillo

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Interpretive Schedule

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

Ocotillo Wells offers over 80,000 acres for riding, camping, wildlife watching, and an opportunity to enjoy spectacular desert scenery away from the city.

In addition, Ocotillo Wells is now offering visitors the opportunity to discover more about the desert at fun-filled events taking place throughout the weekend.

Come see live reptiles, scorpions, and discover how the “pumpkins” are formed. There are even opportunities for your kids to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!

Friday, March 26th, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert Wildflower and Plant Display

No more waiting, the wildflowers are here! Stop by the Ranger Station and discover this year's spring bloom. Join our Park Interpreters for a short walk to learn more about the splashes of color that paint this landscape.



The most famous desert animal, the coyote has keen senses that adapt it for survival. This intelligent and playful canid can survive by eating anything from cactus fruit to roadkill, and is able to live in any habitat from cactus forest to the city. Discover more about the coyote and other desert creatures at one of our wildlife exhibits.



Saturday, March 27th, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert Wildflower and Plant Display

No more waiting, the wildflowers are here! Stop by the Ranger Station and discover this year's spring bloom. Join our Park Interpreters for a short walk to learn more about the splashes of color that paint this landscape.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Talking Pumpkins with the Naturalist

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about our geologic past. You will find us set up at the Pumpkin Patch to tell you how the pumpkins were formed.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Skulls, Skins, Tracks and Scat

Do you want to know what animals have been poking around your campsite at night? Stop by Shell Reef to discover the wildlife at Ocotillo Wells. Check out our skulls, skins, tracks and scat exhibit. Play the hit trivia game, "Who's scat is that?" and win your own "Golden Scat" award.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert Animal Exhibit—Reptiles, Scorpions, Bugs & More

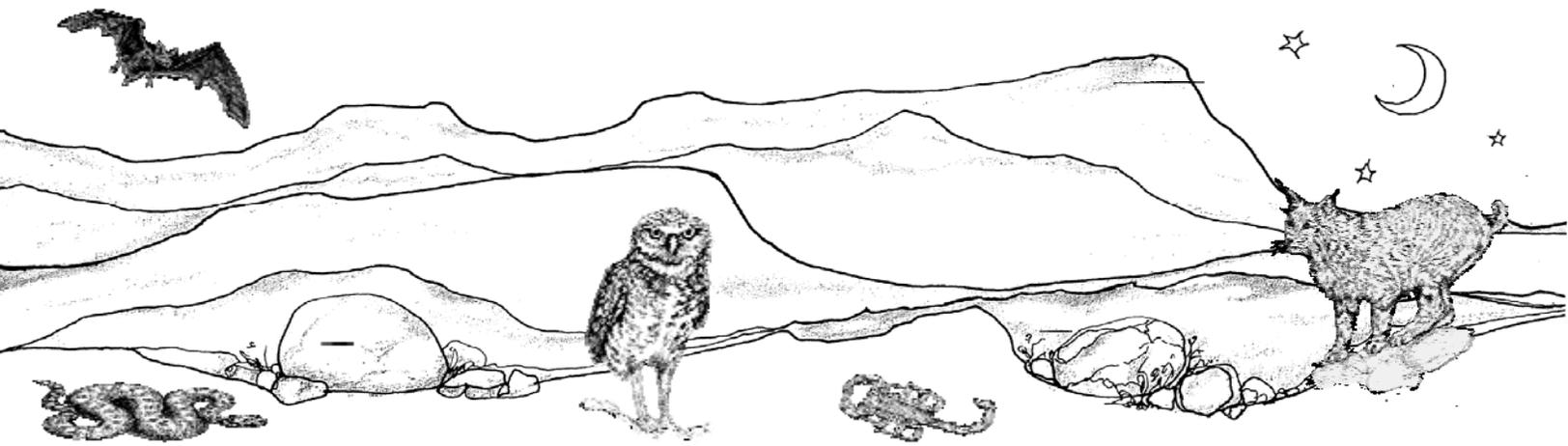
Stop by our mobile interpretive center off of Cahuilla Trail across from the Blu-In Café for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells year-round residents! Take a close up look at a live banded gecko and a glow-in-the-dark scorpion. Make sure you play the hit trivia game, "Who's scat is that?" and win your own "Golden Scat" award.



The giant hairy scorpion is the largest scorpion found in the United States and can measure up to six inches in length! Come see a live one, as well as other animals, at the desert animal exhibit.

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Sunday, March 28th, 2010

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Desert Animal Exhibit—Reptiles, Scorpions, Bugs & More

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9:00 am to 3:00 pm Talking Bubbles at the Gas Domes

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about this incredible feature. You will find us set up at the Gas Domes to help you discover many fascinating facts about this area.

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Bug and Wildflower Exhibit

Discover the unique relationship between bugs and desert wildflowers. Stop by Gas Domes to learn more about these creepy crawlers and desert beauties.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Desert Wildflower and Plant Display

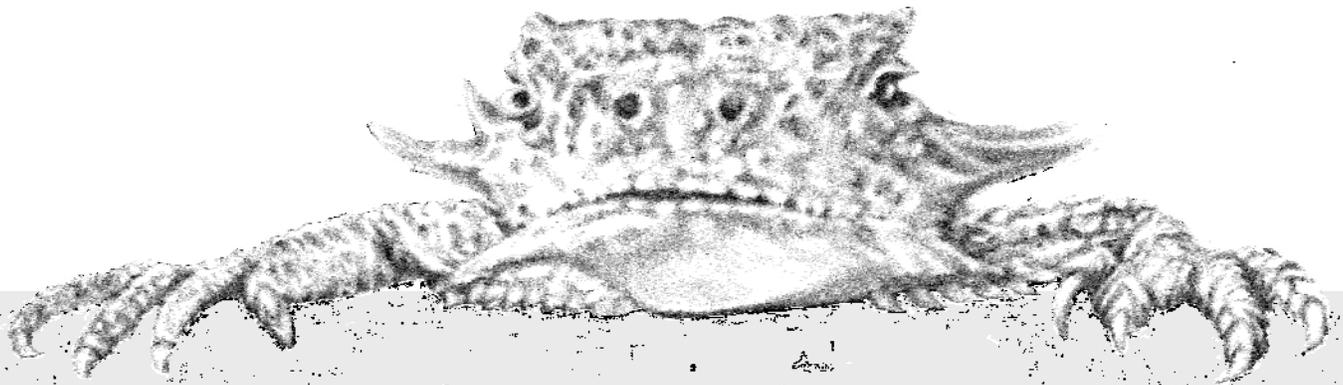
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Kangaroo rats have amazing adaptations for living in the desert. These small mammals never have to drink water, instead they obtain enough moisture from their food. They also have no sweat glands, therefore they never lose water through their skin!



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The wonders of Ocotillo Wells are here for your discovery. While visiting us, take time to enjoy the subtle things around you, they are worthy of your exploration.

Upcoming Events

Off-Road Tour Series:

“Oil Exploration at Ocotillo Wells” 4/1

Back by popular demand! Join our Park Interpreters as they take you on a special tour through Ocotillo Wells’ past, and the sometimes desperate search for “black gold.” This tour meets at the Ocotillo Wells Ranger Station. Come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure. For more information please call (760) 767-5393.



Like its name implies, the Burrowing Owl makes its home in the abandoned burrows of other animals. When feeling threatened, this tiny owl will mimic a rattlesnake’s rattle to ward off predators.



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