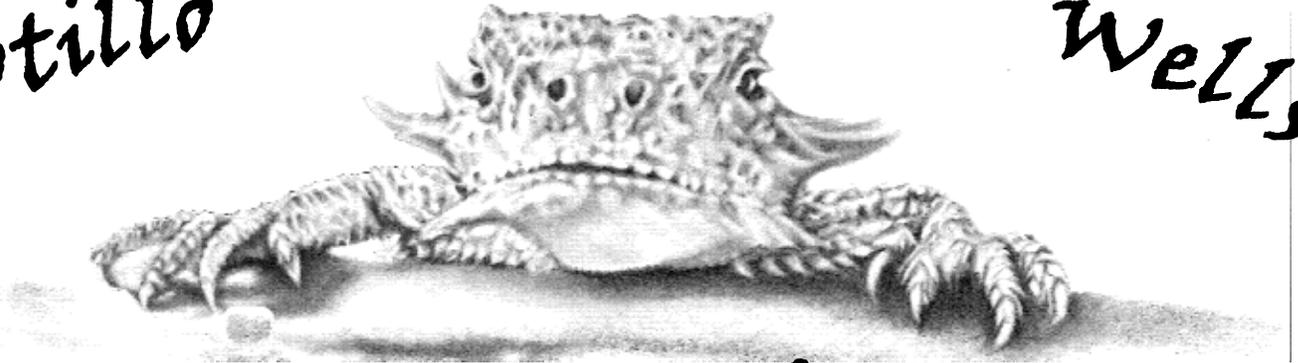


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Interpretive Schedule

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. View the night sky through a telescope, or join us for a thrilling ATV tour. There are even opportunities for your kids to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!

With all of the rain this winter we are anticipating a great spring bloom. Don't miss out on this season's wildflowers; stop by our plant display or join us for a hike!

Friday, March 12th, 2010

**9:00 am to 11:00 am Wildflower Hike
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Want to find the wildflowers you have been waiting for all year? Join our Park Interpreters for a fun hike and discover the beauty of the desert! Hike lasts approximately two hours, come prepared with water, snacks, and sunscreen. Meet at the Ranger Station.



The largest member of the cuckoo family, the Greater Roadrunner is capable of running up to 15 miles per hour! This zany looking bird can jump straight up in the air to catch small birds or flying insects. Learn more about the roadrunner at one of our animal exhibits.



Saturday, March 13th, 2010

9:00 am to 11:00am Wildflower Hike
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9:00 am to 3:00 pm Desert Wildflower and Plant Display

Want to know more about Ocotillo Wells' wildflowers and plants? Stop by the Ranger Station to learn more about the splashes of color that paint this landscape.

10:00 am to 3:00 pm Talking Pumpkins with the Naturalist

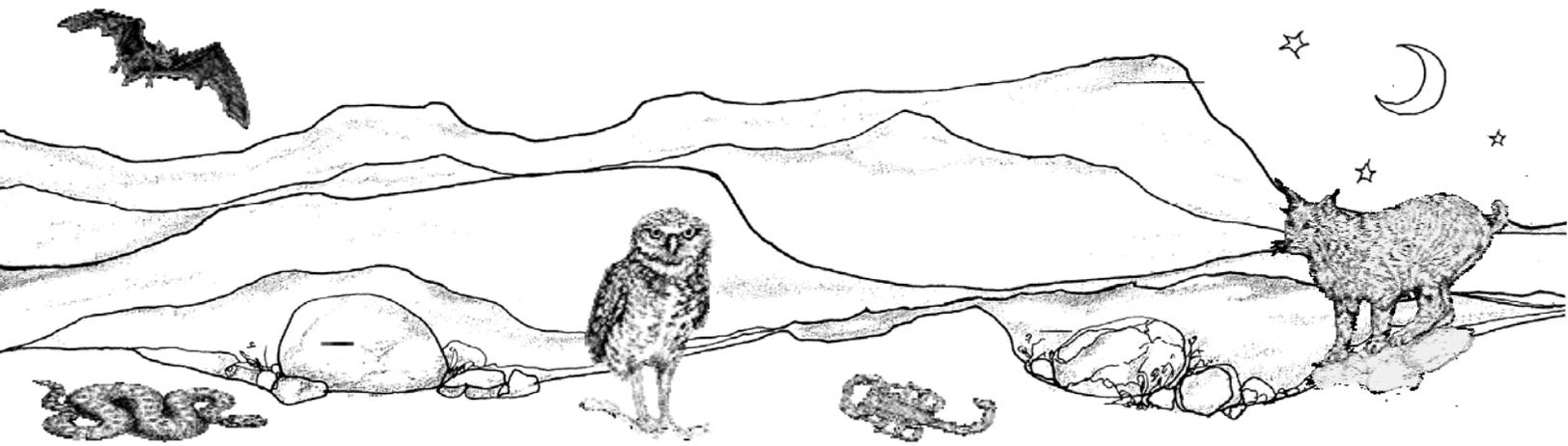
Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about our geologic past. At the Pumpkin Patch you will find us set up to tell you how the pumpkins were formed.

10:00 am to 3:00 pm Skulls, Skins, and Scat

Since desert animals are mostly active at night, park visitors don't often get the opportunity to see them. Stop by Shell Reef to discover the wildlife at Ocotillo Wells. Check out our skulls, skins, and scat exhibit. Play the hit trivia game, "*Who's scat is that?*" and win your own "Golden Scat" award.

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Sunday, March 14th, 2010

9:00 am to 11:00 am
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Wildflower Hike

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9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Desert Wildflower and Plant Display

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9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Desert Animal Exhibit—Reptiles, Scorpions, Tarantulas & More

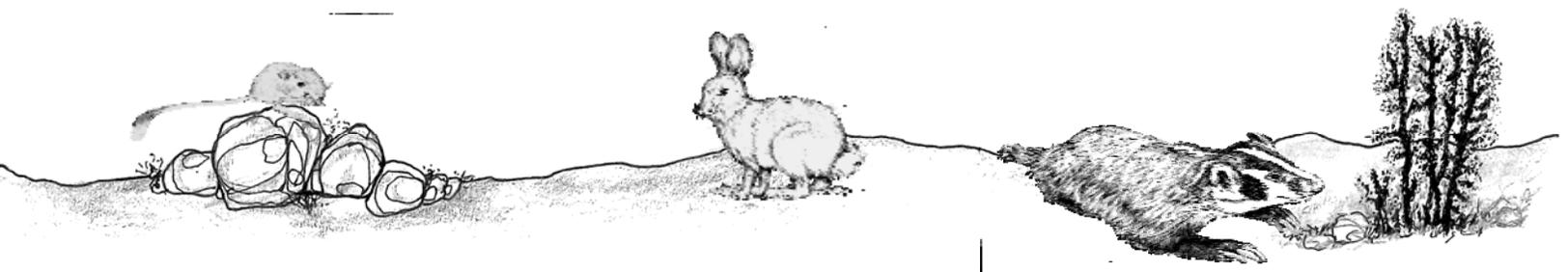
Stop by our mobile interpretive center off of Cahuilla Trail for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells year-round residents! Take a close up look at live reptiles and a glow-in-the-dark scorpion. Also, make sure you play the hit trivia game, "Who's scat is that?" and win your own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

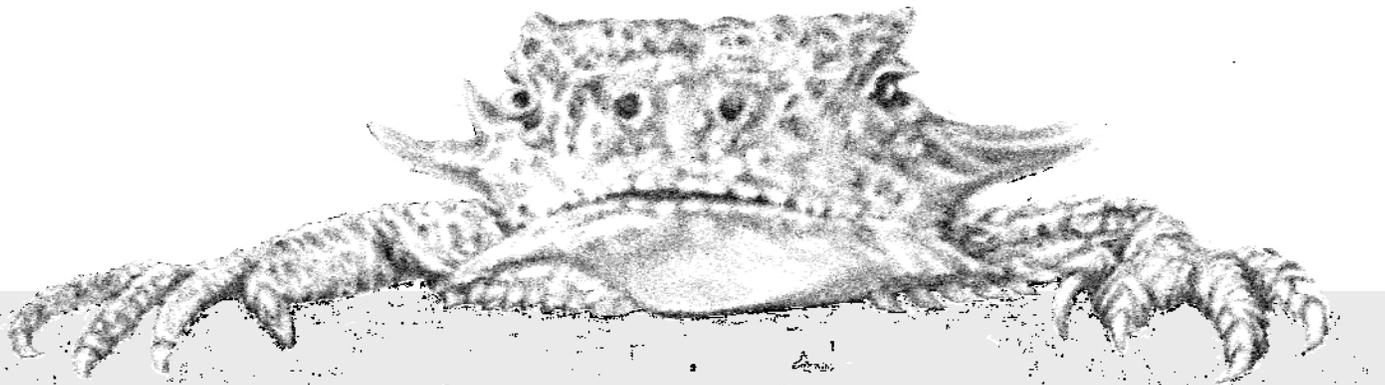
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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.

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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:

“Biological Wonders” 3/25

Come meet the resource management staff and join them on our tour to discover the “biological wonders” of the desert. The staff will educate you on the park’s biological monitoring program.

“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.”

These tours meet 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.



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