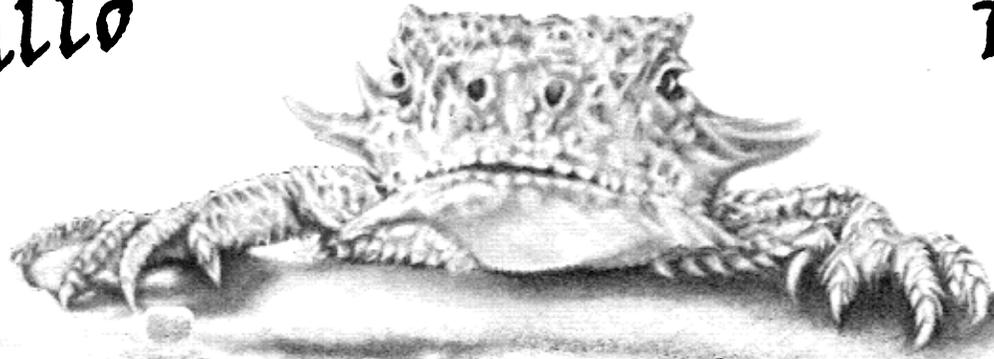


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## Interpretive Schedule

**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.**

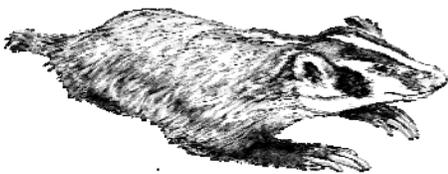
**Come see live reptiles, scorpions, and discover how the “pumpkins” are formed. View the night sky through a telescope, or join us for a thrilling ATV tour. There are even opportunities for your kids to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!**

**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, sign up for a wildflower photography workshop, or join us for a hike!**

### **Friday, February 26th, 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! Come prepared with water, snacks, and sunscreen. Meet at the Ranger Station.



*Many people don't realize that badgers are found at Ocotillo Wells. Although not common, they have been spotted in the Barrel Springs area. These carnivores use their claws, which can be up to 1<sup>1/2</sup> inches long, to dig for their prey.*



## Saturday, February 27th, 2010

**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

### **Geology Jeep Tour**

Discover the “hidden gems” of Ocotillo Wells on this exciting off-road journey. Come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure. This tour meets at the Ranger Station.

**9:00 am to 11:00am**

### **Wildflower Hike**

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

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**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **Desert Wildflower and Plant Display**

Want to learn 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**

### **Riding Safety**

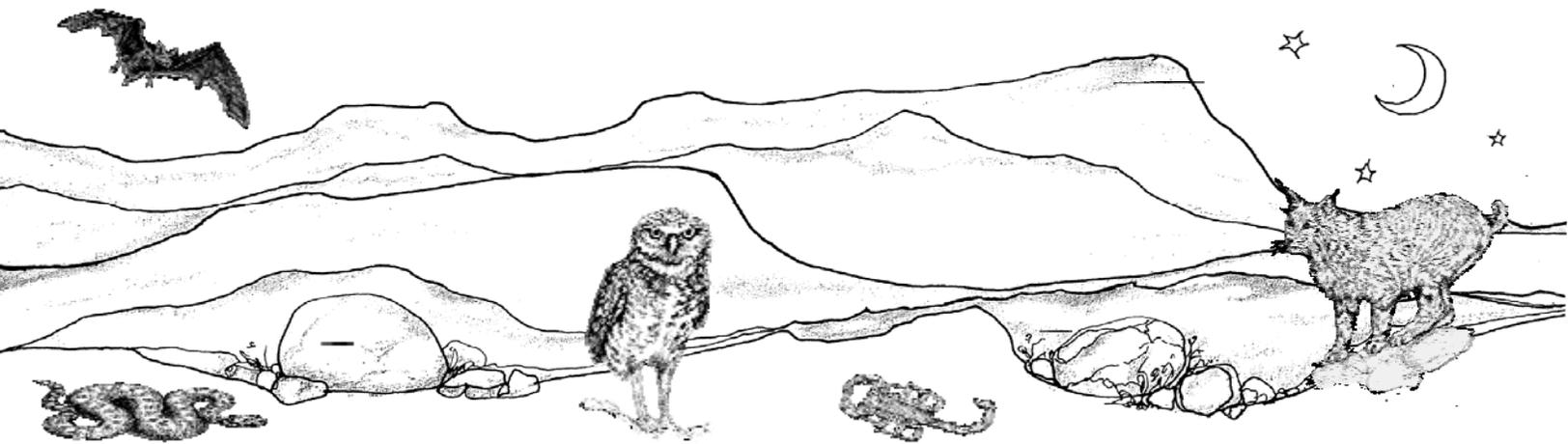
Knowing how to ride safely is the most important tool you can have for a fun, safe weekend. Stop by the Pumpkin Patch to test your safety knowledge. Kids that participate will earn a junior ranger badge.

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

### **Desert Animal Exhibit—Reptiles, Scorpions, Tarantulas & More**

Stop by Shell Reef for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells year-round residents! Take a close up look at live reptiles and the 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.





## Sunday, February 28th, 2010

**9:00 am to 11:00 am**                      **Wildflower Hike**

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

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

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**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**                      **Talking Bubbles at the Gas Domes**

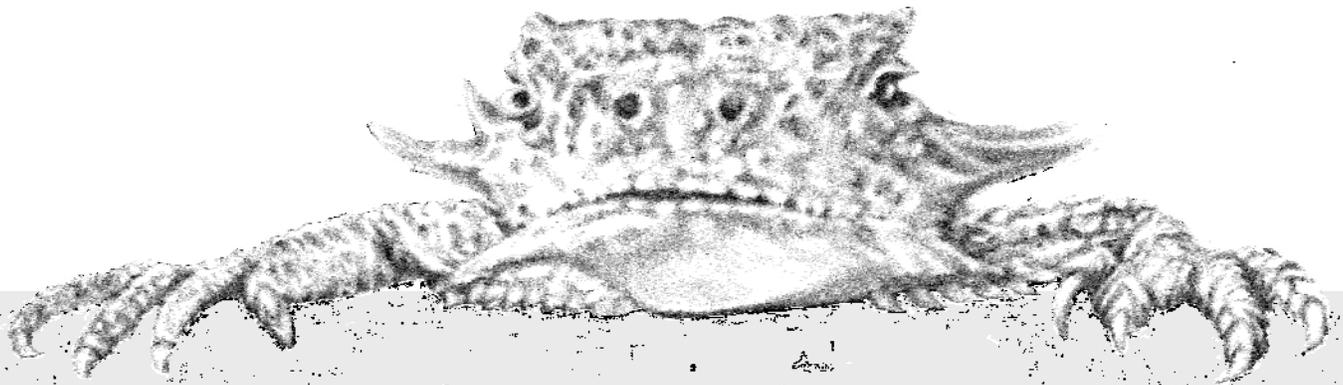
Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about this incredible feature. You will find us set up at the Gas Domes to help you discover many fascinating facts about this area.

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**                      **ATV Geology Tour**

Join one of our Park Interpreters for an exhilarating tour through the park's geological past. From Blowsand Hill through Devil's Slide and beyond, you will experience how geology has effected our past, present, and will eventually effect our future. This tour is designed for ATVs, Rhinos, and Jeeps. Meet at the Ranger Station.

**\*\*PROGRAMS MAY BE CANCELLED IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER\*\***





*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: A Historical Look at Ocotillo Wells March 4th**

Join our Park Interpreters for a journey into Ocotillo Wells' past. This tour meets at the Ranger Station at 9:00 am and lasts until approximately 1:00 pm. Come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance, 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure! Call (760) 767-5393 for more information.

### **Wildflower Photography Workshop March 3rd, 10th, and 13th**

Grab your camera and capture the beauty of our spring wildflowers while they are here! Our Park Interpreters will provide instruction on technique and equipment, show you how to edit your photos, and take you on a tour to see the wildflowers of the park. The day will end with a slide show of your own work! Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot now. Call (760) 791-8231 or e-mail [kconway@park.ca.gov](mailto:kconway@park.ca.gov) to make a reservation or for further information.



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