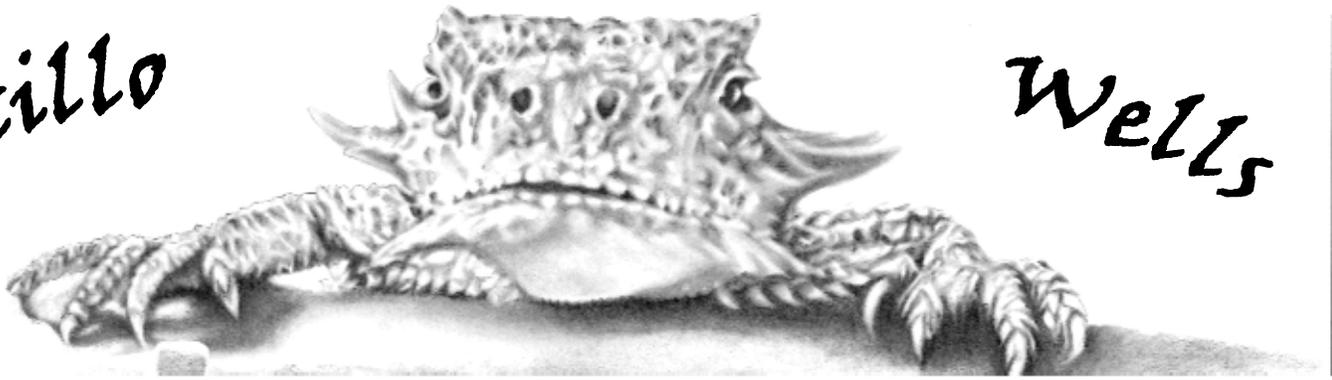


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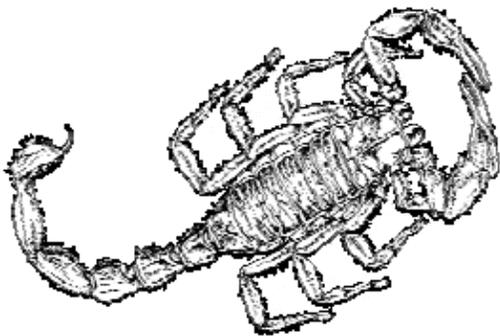
Interpretive Schedule

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

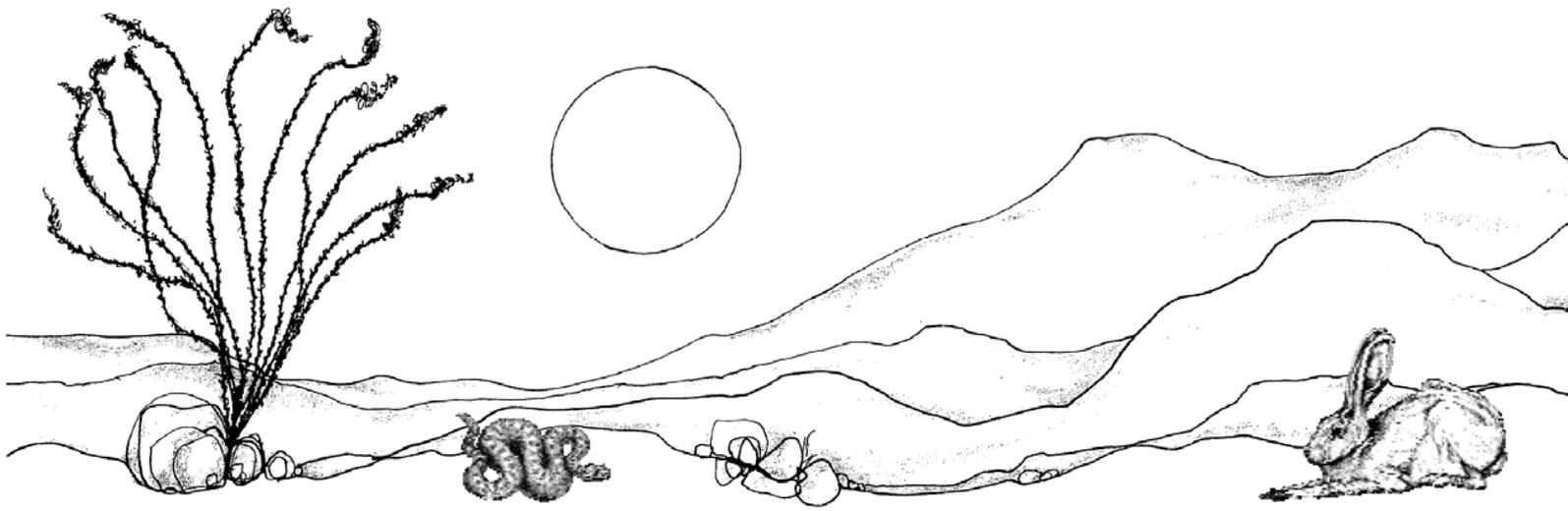
Ocotillo Wells offers over 80,000 acres for riding, camping, wildlife watching, and enjoyment of spectacular desert scenery away from the city.

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.

Join us at the CORVA (California Off-Road Vehicle Association) event located off Holly Road! Discover OW's local residents at our Desert Animal Exhibit. Come see a live glowing scorpion and play one of our hit trivia games and win excellent prizes. There are even opportunities to become Junior Rangers. We hope to see you there!



The giant hairy scorpion is the largest scorpion found in the United States and can measure up to six inches in length! Their name is derived from the hairs on its legs, which can detect the vibrations of prey up to one foot away. Because of their large size, these scorpions can feed on small lizards!



Saturday, January 22nd, 2011

10:00 am to 4:00pm

Adventure on the Go set up at the CORVA event

Join us off Holly Road anytime between 10am and 4pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts, and exciting fun facts about your favorite state park!

10:00 am to 4:00pm

Desert Animal Extravaganza set up at the CORVA event

Join us off Holly Road for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells' year-round residents! Take a close-up look at a live glow-in-the-dark scorpion. Play one of our hit trivia games, "Who's Scat is That," "Jeep-ardy," or "Rock-otillo" and win fabulous prizes.

10:00 am to 4:00pm

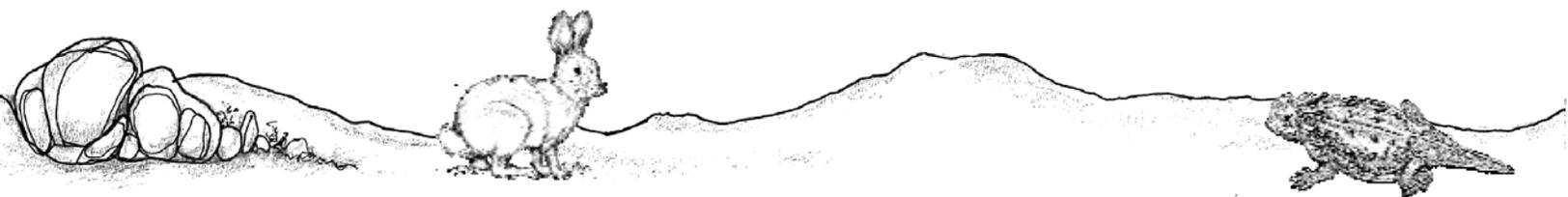
Desert Flash Flood Exhibit set up at the CORVA event

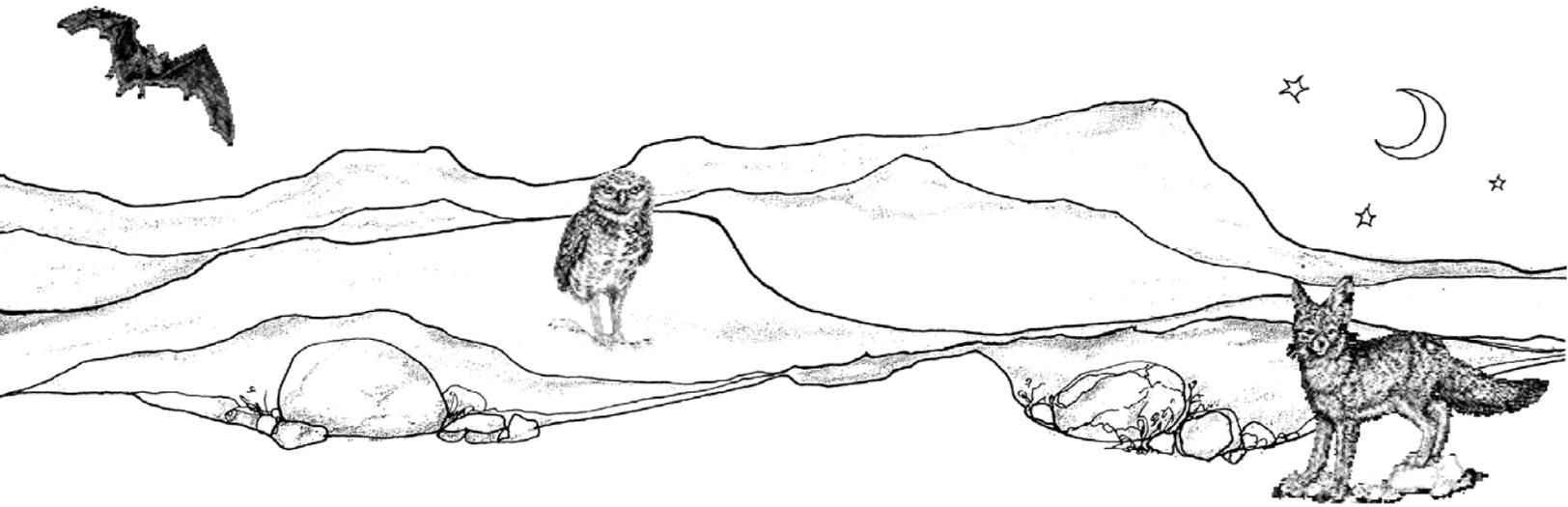
Stop by our Exhibit set up off Holly Road to discover the power of water in this environment. Our Park Naturalists will present hands-on activities displaying the effects of heavy rain in our desert.



About the size of a housecat, the kit fox weighs only 3 to 5 pounds! To survive in the hot, dry deserts this canid lives in underground dens year-round.

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Sunday, January 23rd, 2011

9:00 am to 12:00pm

Junior Ranger Program set up at the CORVA event

All Junior Rangers can find us set up at the CORVA event off Holly Road. This week our Junior Rangers will be talking about some of the fun and exciting things located right here in Ocotillo Wells. This program is for kids ages 7 to 12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

9:00 am to 2:00pm

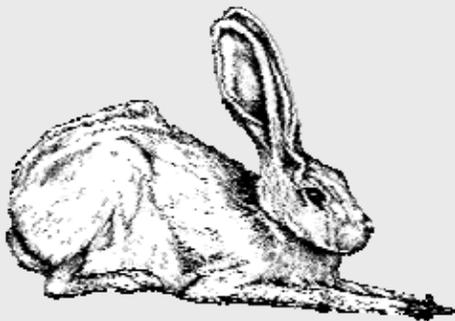
Talking Bubbles at Gas Domes

Join our Park Interpreters for a great time talking about this geological feature. You will find us set up at the Gas Domes to help you discover many fascinating facts about this area. Come find out why the domes bubble!

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

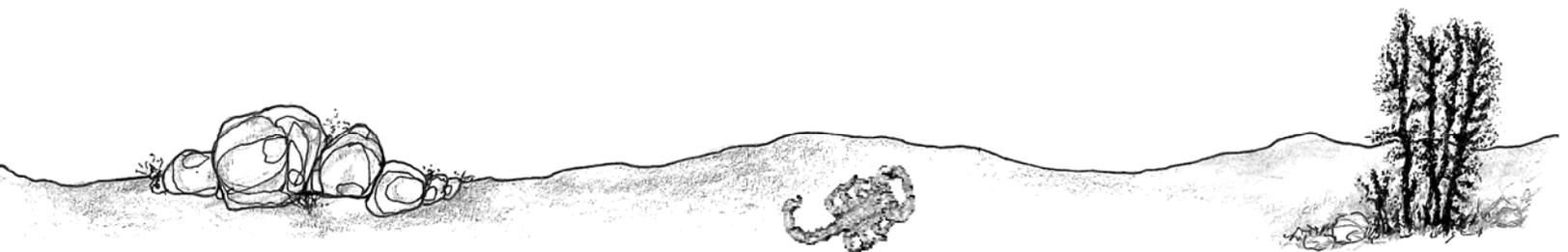
Talking "Pumpkins" with the Geologist

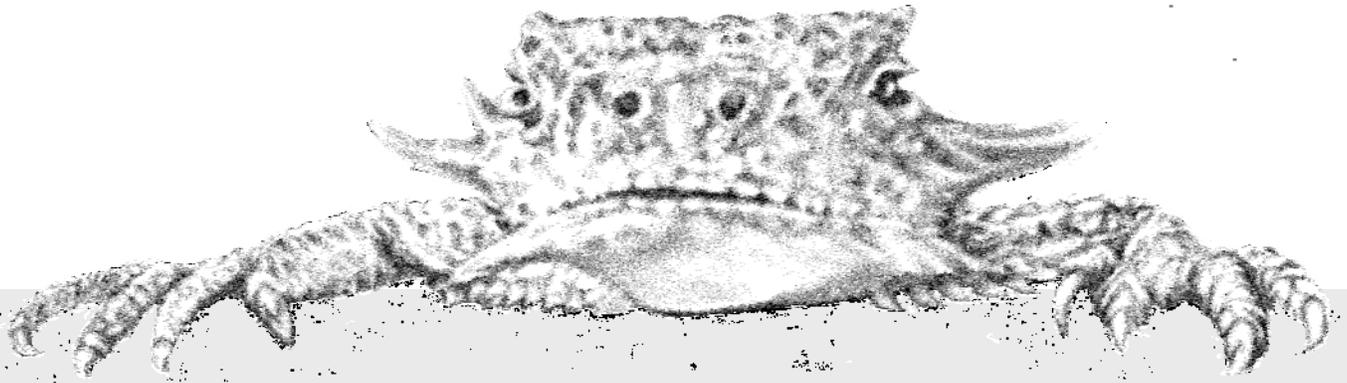
Join our Park Interpreters for a great time learning about our geologic past. Located at the Pumpkin Patch you will find us set up to tell you how the "pumpkins" were formed. Polish your rock identification skills with "Rock-otillo" and win an excellent prize.



Although called a Jackrabbit this speedy mammal is actually a hare. The Black-tailed Jackrabbit weighs up to eight pounds and relies on its speed and leaping ability to avoid predators.

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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

Take a look at Ocotillo Wells Off-Road Tour Series:

“Wildcats” and Oilmen at Ocotillo Wells 2/11/11

“OIL! OIL!OIL!OIL!” proclaims an early 20th-century advertisement from Imperial County. Come and discover the mostly hidden story of roughnecks, adventurers, geologists, would-be oilmen, and a few schemers who explored our desert in the hopes of striking it rich in black gold. Join Ocotillo Wells’ last remaining “wildcatter” oilman, Mr. Doyle, for a colorful and in-depth tour through this history of high hopes and financial shenanigans.

This tour meets at the Discovery Center 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.

****NOTE**** Additional tours for groups may be available Wednesday through Saturday, if organized in advance. For more information please contact Andrew Fitzpatrick at 760-767-5068 or adfitzpatrick@parks.ca.gov.



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