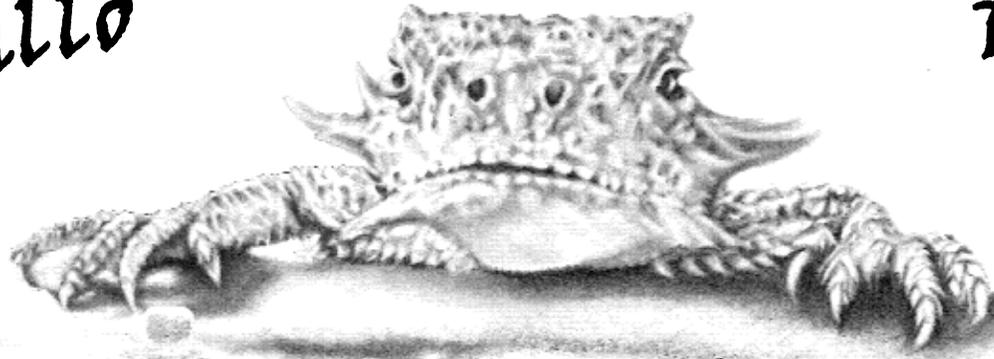


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Interpretive Schedule

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!

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 chuckwalla is a large, wide lizard that lives in the rocky areas of Ocotillo Wells. It can be seen basking in early morning sunlight. This lizard eats plants and occasionally insects. If food is abundant, male chuckwallas will become very territorial! Discover more about local lizards at one of our wildlife exhibits.



Saturday, March 20th, 2010

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Desert Animal Exhibit—Reptiles, Scorpions, Bugs & 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 a live banded gecko 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.

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. You will find us set up at the Pumpkin Patch to tell you how the pumpkins were formed.

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2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Junior Ranger Activities

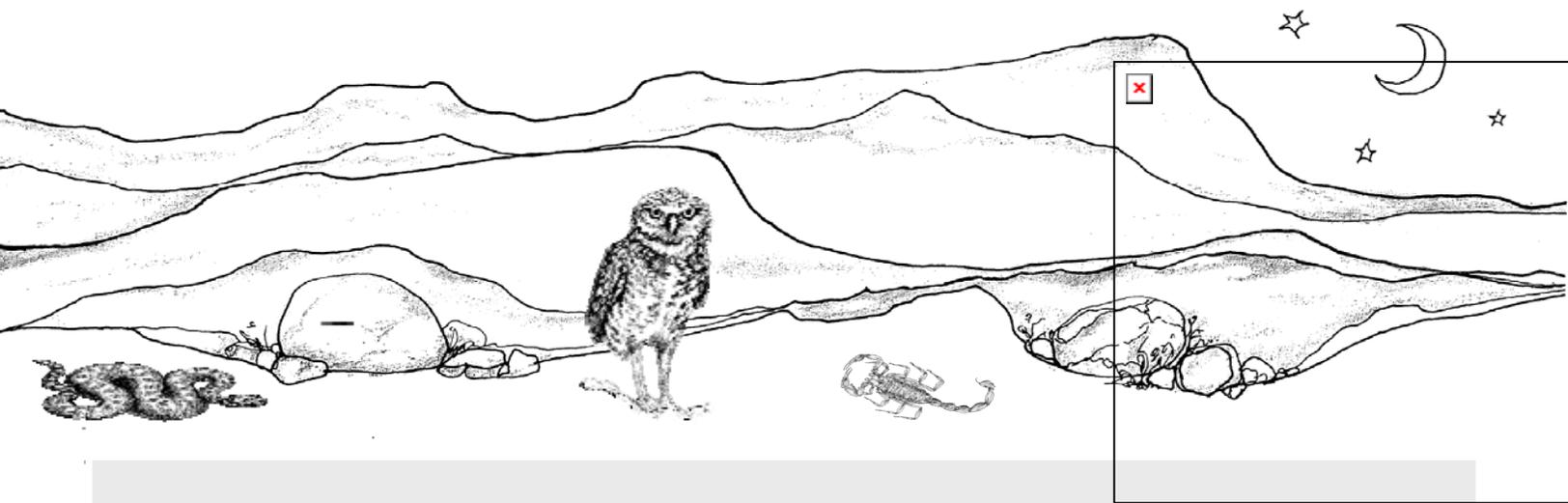
Do you want to become a Junior Ranger? Stop by the Youth Track off of Ranger Station Road to learn about animal scat and tracks, or discover the stars and make your favorite constellations. Activities take approximately 30 minutes.

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm Evening Program—Stargazing

Join us at our new amphitheatre, located at the Ranger Station, for an incredible look at our night sky. Our Park Interpreters will amaze you with views of the moon, stars, and planets. Bring a light jacket and be prepared to enjoy a campfire, drink hot chocolate, and roast marshmallows at this wonderful family event.

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Sunday, March 21st, 2010

9:30 am to 2:30 pm Desert Animal Exhibit—Reptiles, Scorpions, Bugs & More

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9:30 am to 2:30 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.

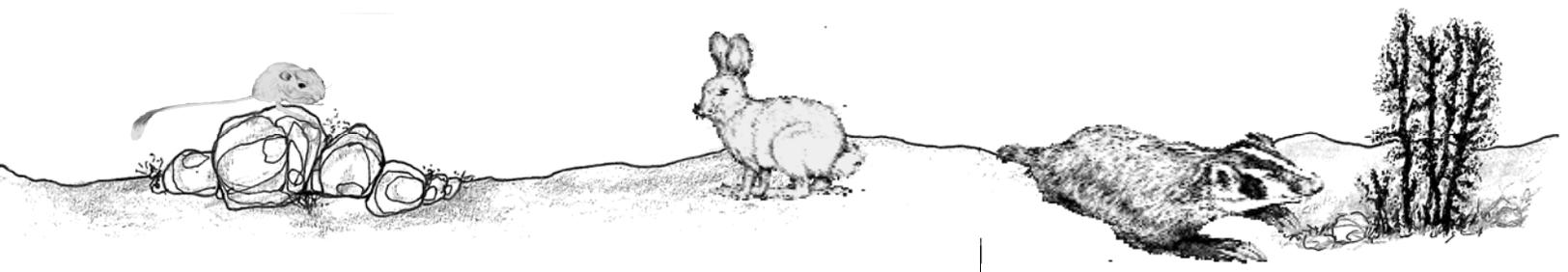
9:30 am to 2:30 pm Riding Safety

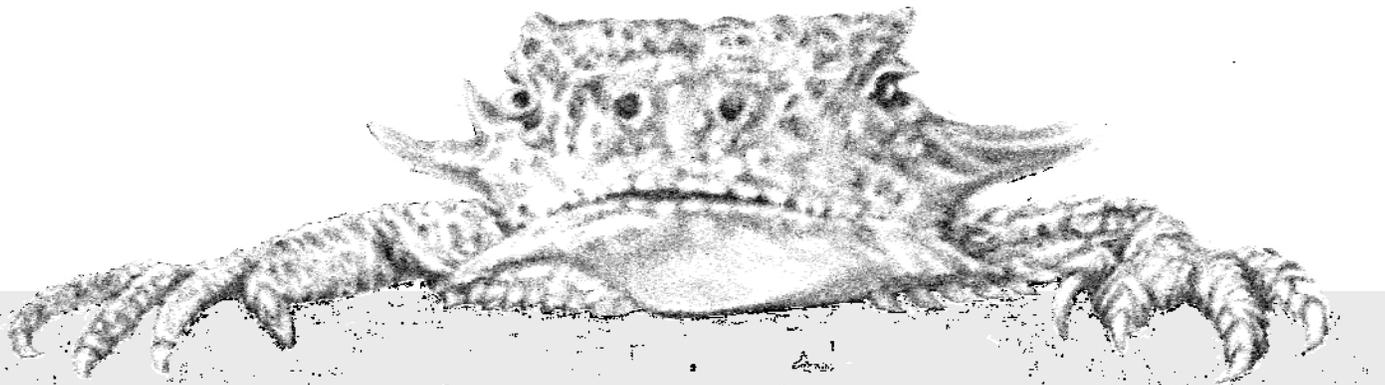
Knowing how to ride safely is one of the most important tools for having a safe and fun weekend. Stop by Gas Domes to test your safety knowledge. Kids that participate will earn a Junior Ranger badge.

9:30 am to 2:30 pm Bug and Wildflower Exhibit

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

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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 team and join them on a 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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