



ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK SEVEN NEW CULTURAL PRESERVES ARE BEING PLANNED

California State Parks is pursuing classifying seven areas of outstanding historic and cultural interest in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as Cultural Preserves. The proposed classifications were recommended in the approved 2005 A.B.D.S.P. General Plan. These areas are within Coyote Canyon, Culp Valley, Angelina Springs, Little Blair Valley, Vallecito, Piedras Grandes, and sections of the Southern Overland Route.



Sun motif pictograph-Little Blair Valley

The California State Legislature provided for the creation of Cultural Preserves within established State Park units in 1978. **“Cultural Preserves**

consist of distinct areas of outstanding cultural interest established within the boundaries of other state park system units for the purpose of protecting such features as sites, buildings, or zones which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California. Areas set aside as cultural preserves shall be large enough to provide for the effective protection of the prime cultural resources from potentially damaging influences, and to permit the effective management and interpretation of the resources. Within cultural preserves, complete integrity of the cultural resources shall be sought, and no structures or improvements which conflict with such integrity shall be permitted.” Public Resources Code—Div.5, Chapter 1, Article 1, 5019.74



Culp Valley rock shelter.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is over 640,000 acres. For a park of that extreme size, these sub classifications will provide the assurance of focused management for the cultural resources present and an increased awareness of the historic significance of these areas.



Vallecito Valley. Photo by Mel Sweet

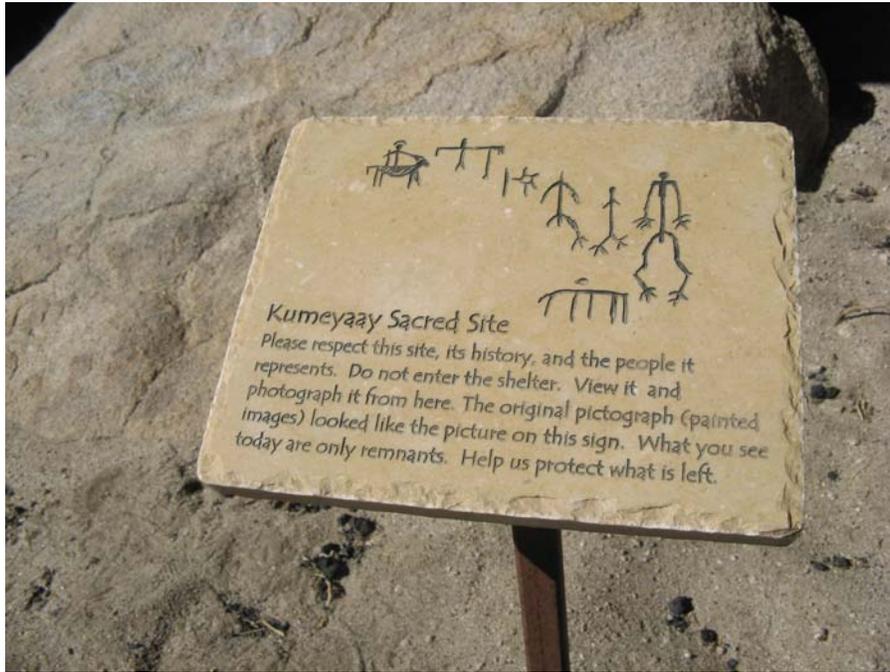
The new Cultural Preserves will also enhance the visitor experience through informative interpretation and by allowing for appropriate recreational opportunities.



Hiking along the original Southern Overland Route.

The Public will be allowed to hike or ride horses along the Southern Overland Route, or take an interpretive trail to view prehistoric rock art. Visitors will also benefit from interpretation about the lineages of Native California Indians that come from the Park and the many explorers, pioneers and overland travelers that traversed Anza-Borrego in historic times. The creation of these Preserves has

generated a unique opportunity to work with local tribal people and historic groups associated with these particular areas.



Interpretive sign-Piedras Grandes



Angelina Springs

The multi-disciplined State Park planning team proposes future boundaries for these Preserves that maintain [the](#) necessary routes of travel for vehicles. New

management goals and guidelines for these internal units will be consistent with the current General Plan and policies for the Park.

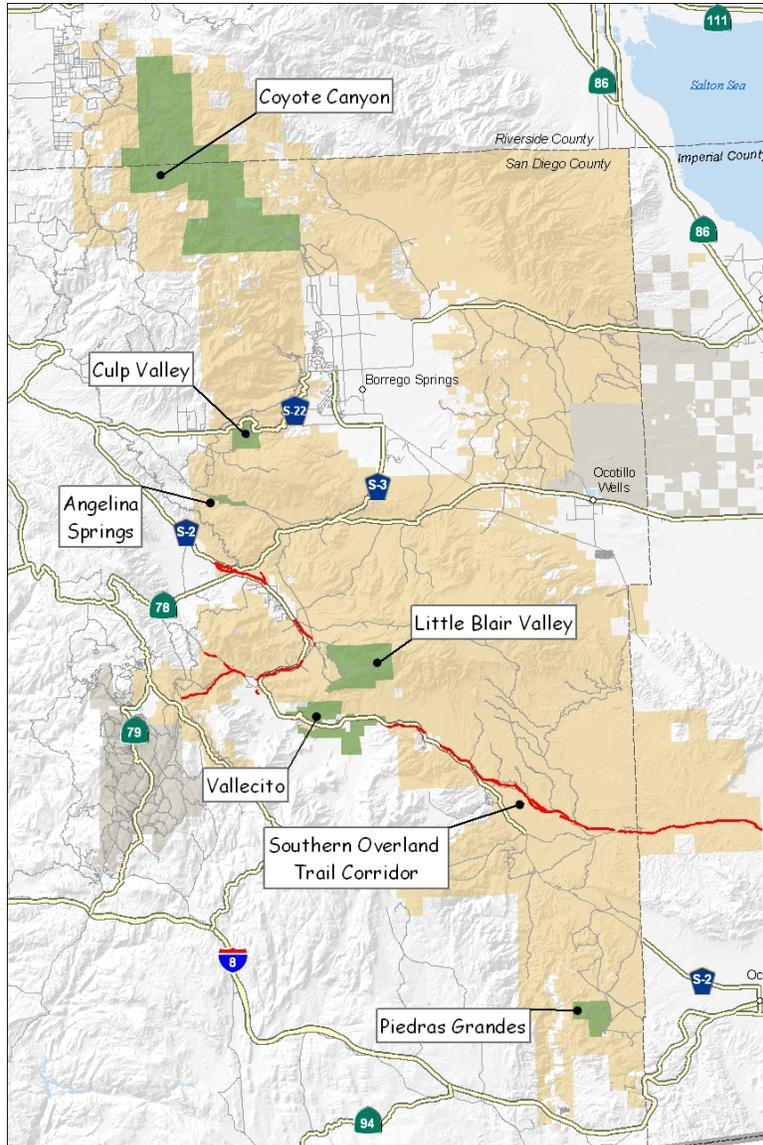


State Parks staff in the field planning for the Cultural Preserves-Upper Coyote Canyon



Yaquitepec Site-Little Blair Valley

This project will create an opportunity to effectively protect and manage significant cultural resources in perpetuity. The Cultural Preserves will serve as conduits of education for the public about the vast and varied history present at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and will introduce them to a landscape that will be preserved and interpreted.



Map of proposed Cultural Preserve locations. A. Kilgore

California State Parks will be hosting three “open house” meetings to inform the public of these proposed internal Park units, anticipated changes in use, and to receive feedback on potential names for the Preserves.

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Riverside, CA

Saturday, March 20 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Magnolia Room

Riverside Convention Center – (free parking)

3443 Orange Street

Riverside, CA

Borrego Springs, CA

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Please come and preview information materials and speak with various planning team members about the project

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