

ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk (1.5 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

9:00 a.m. Archaeology Weekend 2020 (3 Hours)

Archaeology Weekend is a family-oriented event that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of the vast Anza-Borrego Desert and the people who have lived there for thousands of years. The goal is to help promote, preserve and protect the Park's history and its abundant natural resources through public awareness. Colorado Desert Archaeological Society is a core group of specially trained archaeology volunteers who support the archaeology program here at our State Parks: Anza-Borrego Desert, Cuyamaca Rancho, and Palomar Mountain. The event is free and open to the public (with the exception of the field trips). Please note: There is a \$10 per vehicle day use fee at the Visitor Center.

- Hands-on pottery making,
- Tours of the Archaeology Lab,
- Educational displays with Native American crafts for sale

Archaeology Weekend Field Trips

- 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Yaqui Pass Hunting Blind
- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mine Wash Indian Village
- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Morteros Site

For a complete schedule of events or to register for field trips, please visit:
anzaborregoarchaeo.org/archaeology-weekend

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

8:30 a.m. Hike - Big Spring Ramble (2.5 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian to discover an oasis in the transition zone and see what's blooming. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on Highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.

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Tuesday, March 3, 2020 (continued)

8:30 a.m. - Member Hike - Free ABF Member Hike (3.5 Hours, intermediate)

Meet at the new ABF office next to Kendall's at The Mall. Join us for our monthly member hike (the first Tuesday of each month, November through April). Led by ABF staff and various Park enthusiasts, these 3-4-mile hikes will take you to accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. Our hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store or visit www.THEABF.ORG to join online. No advance registration required.

2:00 p.m. Talk - Cosmic Recycling: Geological Highlights of the Anza-Borrego Region (1 Hour)

Southern California has a rich and varied geological history. Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian will relate some of the fascinating local lore and how it ties into the larger picture. Meets in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020


9:00 Hike - Torote Canyon Indian Valley Loop (6 Hours)

Discover beautiful Torote Canyon on a strenuous five-mile hike with Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Dan Jellis. It is the home of Elephant Trees and a variety of desert plants, many of which will be in bloom. We will negotiate a steep descent into Indian Valley for a different route back to the trailhead. Trip requires 4Wd to reach the trailhead; participants without 4WD may ride with those who do. Call (760-767-4205) or stop by the Visitor Center for required sign up, including phone number. Trip is limited to 15 participants.

Thursday, March 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hike - Inside Truckhaven Rocks (3 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile hike up a wash into Truckhaven Rocks to a sandstone formation 4-5 million years old. These rocks are formed from sediments derived from local rock, are steeply tilted to the north, and have been called the "Swiss cheese" of our local desert. At one point we can climb up one of these tilted slabs for a great view. Bring water, snack, hat, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the half-circle parking area at Mile Marker 36.2 on Highway S-22 heading East to the Salton Sea.

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11:00 a.m. Walk - Desert Mart (45 Minutes)

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. We will move inside if it's too hot outside.

Friday, March 6, 2020

9:00 a.m. Walk - Spring Plant Walk (2.5 hours)

Meet knowledgeable Botany Society Volunteers for a guided morning stroll to the best wildflower areas. Participants will carpool to the Park's flower locations and driving distances will vary. Bring water, snacks and sun protection to fully enjoy the morning. Meet at Anza-Borrego Foundation's State Park Store in The Mall next to Calico's. Each walk is limited to 30 people. **Advance registration required; call ABF to sign up: 760-767-0446 x1002.** Free of charge; donations encouraged.

Saturday, March 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hike - Culp Valley Walkabout (3 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in the transition habitat of Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and its associated riparian area. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours ♿ - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

Take a tour of the Begole Archaeological Research Center and the Stout Paleontology Laboratory. See some of the amazing collections and ongoing research not seen by other visitors. Meet at the Visitor Center. \$25/person

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Wings Over Borrego (45 Minutes)

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2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk - Bill Kenyon Overlook (1.5 Hours)

Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault for a 1.5-mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. Please sign up before 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Call 760-767-4205. Meet at the pullout for William Kenyon Overlook Trail, on Highway S-3, just south of mile marker 2.0. Bring water, sturdy shoes, and a hat.

3:00 p.m. Hike - Sunset/Moonlight Hike (6 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Dan Jellis for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants - please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details. Call 760-767-4205.

7:00 p.m. Campfire - Desperate Times in the Desert Call for Desperate Measures! (1 Hour)

Life in the desert can be pretty harsh, but many animals (and plants!) have pretty unique strategies for dealing with challenging conditions. Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault as we discover some of their secrets of survival. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.


Sunday, March 8, 2020

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

Take a tour of the Begole Archaeological Research Center and the Stout Paleontology Laboratory. See some of the amazing collections and ongoing research not seen by other visitors. Meet at the Visitor Center. \$25/person

12:00 p.m. Walk - Those Amazing Desert Plants! (1 Hour)

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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Monday, March 9, 2020

10:00 a.m. Botany Society Talk - Chasing Centuries (1 Hour)

Ron Parker's *Chasing Centuries* is a one-of-a-kind travel-history book that explores an exciting and little-known adventure at the crossroads of archaeology and botany. Discover the depth and duration of human/agave coevolution across the desert southwest, and learn about the unusual agaves apparently associated with archaeological sites long since abandoned by residents of extinct ancient cultures. These agaves appear to be anthropogenic cultivars; living archaeological relics developed and planted by indigenous pre-Columbian Native Americans, and many are still growing exactly where they were planted hundreds of years ago. Copies of *Chasing Centuries* will be available for sale and signing. Meets at the Steele Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (UCI Reserve).

Thursday, March 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hike - Mine Wash Vista (3 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a drive back into mine wash where we will continue on foot for a 4-mile roundtrip hike with ever-changing sights around each bend. We will need to climb a couple of 4-foot dry waterfalls on our way to a spectacular view of Shelter Valley. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the beginning of Mine Wash Road, 2.7 miles east of the Tamarisk Grove intersection on Highway 78.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Is a Tree a Tree? (45 Minutes)

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to investigate our only native palm tree to find out what makes a tree a tree. You may be surprised.

Friday, March 13, 2020

9:00 a.m. Walk - Spring Plant Walk (2.5 hours)

Meet knowledgeable Botany Society Volunteers for a guided morning stroll to the best wildflower areas. Participants will carpool to the Park's flower locations and driving distances will vary. Bring water, snacks and sun protection to fully enjoy the morning. Meet at Anza-Borrego Foundation's State Park Store in The Mall next to Calico's. Each walk is limited to 30 people. **Advance registration required; call ABF to sign up: 760-767-0446 x1002.** Free of charge; donations encouraged.

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10:00 a.m. Paleontology Society Talk - Petroleum Seeps (2 Hours)

Join Steven P. Mulqueen, geologist, for a talk on **Petroleum Seeps: A Natural Phenomenon with Significant Influence on History and Paleontology**. Steve will be discussing how petroleum forms, its complex journey to the surface and petroleum seeps' unusual surface occurrences. Seeps can contain a paleontological bonanza, the most famous being those at Rancho La Brea in Los Angeles. Meets at Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center at 401 Tilting T Drive, Borrego Springs.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 a.m. Talk & - Murders and Unkindnesses (1 Hour)

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens, and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the behavior of these two subspecies of the Corvid family of birds. Curious, intelligent, mischievous...all these characteristics, and more, come to life in this interesting discussion of ... Murders and Unkindnesses!

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours & - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

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11:00 a.m. Talk & - Hardy Desert Survivors (45 Minutes)

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to how clever plants use clever strategies to adapt to the extremes of the desert.

2:00 p.m. & - Junior Rangers (1 Hour)

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

7:30 p.m. Talk & - Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky! (1 Hour)

Desert nights can be perfect for Stargazing in the desert! Explore constellations and hear their stories. Dress warmly, bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Look for Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

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Sunday, March 15, 2020

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk (1.5 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

8:00 a.m. Hike - Whale Peak (6-7 Hours)

Whale Peak, due south of Borrego Springs, provides a sweeping view from the summit. Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Dan Jellis for a moderately paced but somewhat strenuous hike to the top, including some boulder scrambling. Limited to twelve participants. Two high-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles are required for every six participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center. Bring water and lunch and wear sturdy footwear. Meet along County Road S2 4.5 miles south of the junction with State Hwy 78 (just south of Shelter Valley.)

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours ♿ - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

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12:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Those Amazing Cacti! (45 Minutes)

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover the unique strategies that help cacti survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this gentle walk.

Monday, March 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. Hike - Stone Bridge #5 (4 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan on a 2.5 mile (round trip) hike along a wash to an exquisite natural sculpture/dry waterfall. We will traverse a short slot canyon, see early desert blooms and very interesting rocks and rock formations. Bring water, sun hat, food and hiking poles, if desired, for the short steep trail from the road down to and up from the wash. Meet at Hellhole Canyon parking lot at 8:30 am to carpool. This hike is limited to 11 participants. Reserve your space at the Visitor Center, 760-767-4205.

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11:00 Talk ♿ - **Cosmic Recycling: Geologic Highlights of the Anza-Borrego Region (1 Hour)**
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4:00 p.m. Hike - Lute Fault (3 Hours)

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian across from Thimble Trail on S-22 at Mile Marker 31.9. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this 2-3 mile roundtrip hike on uneven ground.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. Hike - Calcite Canyon Spectacular (5-6 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and see a demonstration of calcite's interesting optical properties. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, mile marker 38.1, east on Highway S-22. Parking is available on both sides of the highway. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderately strenuous.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hike - Harper Cabin/Pinyon Wash (6 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike to Harper Flat, the cabin, and the Pinyon drop-off. The terrain is generally even, but the hike is about 7 miles. Wear sturdy footwear; bring water and a light lunch. Four-wheel drive required, but we'll car-pool up the jeep road. Meet at the junction of State Highway 78 and Pinyon Wash (about 4 miles east of Tamarisk Grove).

Thursday, March 19, 2020

8:00 a.m. Hike - Hellhole to Culp Valley (5 Hours)

This moderately strenuous 6-mile hike will take us from the desert floor to the chaparral at about 3,600 feet. Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for this hike through the transition zone to observe the changes in the plant communities. We will car shuttle for the descent. Meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking lot on S-22, 0.7 miles west of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive. Bring water, snack and sturdy shoes.

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Thursday, March 19, 2020 (Continued)

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store (45 Minutes)

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

Friday, March 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. Walk - Spring Plant Walk (2.5 hours)

Meet knowledgeable Botany Society Volunteers for a guided morning stroll to the best wildflower areas. Participants will carpool to the Park's flower locations and driving distances will vary. Bring water, snacks and sun protection to fully enjoy the morning. Meet at Anza-Borrego Foundation's State Park Store in The Mall next to Calico's. Each walk is limited to 30 people. **Advance registration required; call ABF to sign up: 760-767-0446 x1002.** Free of charge; donations encouraged.

11:00 a.m. Archaeology Talk: The Mammoth Steppe Hypothesis (1 Hour)

Steven and Kathleen Holen of the Center for American Paleolithic Research will present new evidence from multiple North American mid-continent archaeological sites dating to this period and the Last Glacial Maximum for human presence in North America 40,000 - 30,000 years ago. Meets in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours ♿ - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

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Saturday, March 21, 2020 (Continued)

2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk in the Badlands (1.5 Hours)

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family walk. Discover this dramatic in a rugged walk. Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. **Meet at the Call Box at Mile marker 34.6 on Highway S-22**, east of Borrego Springs. Please sign up before 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Call 760-767-4205.

7:30 p.m. Campfire & - Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness (1 Hour)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future? Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, March 22, 2020

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours & - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

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12:00 p.m. Walk & - Those Amazing Desert Plants! (1 Hour)

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Monday, March 23, 2020

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Thursday, March 26, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hike - Pictographs - What Were They Trying to Say? (3 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the visitor center.

10:00 a.m. Talk - Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness (1 Hour)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future? Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

12:00 p.m. Hike - Ghost Mountain (2 Hours)

Join Rangers Sabrina Joseph and Sandra Reynoso for a hike up Ghost Mountain. Discover the history of this fascinating historic site. Meet at parking area at the base of Ghost Mountain (Marshal South Homesite).

Friday, March 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. Walk - Spring Plant Walk (2.5 hours)

Meet knowledgeable Botany Society Volunteers for a guided morning stroll to the best wildflower areas. Participants will carpool to the Park's flower locations and driving distances will vary. Bring water, snacks and sun protection to fully enjoy the morning. Meet at Anza-Borrego Foundation's State Park Store in The Mall next to Calico's. Each walk is limited to 30 people. **Advance registration required; call ABF to sign up: 760-767-0446 x1002.** Free of charge; donations encouraged.

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7:30 p.m. Talk & - Sky Watch (1 Hour)

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter on the Visitor Center Bridge to watch the sky turn dark and reveal the stars and constellations as they appear one by one. Bring a flashlight with a red lens and binoculars if you have them. Rain or 50% cloud cover cancels.

Saturday, March 28, 2020

9:00 a.m. Hike - Cougar Canyon (7 Hours)

Cougar Canyon is one of the loveliest gems in Anza-Borrego, with a flowing stream, waterfalls, and lush riparian vegetation. Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson will help you discover this special place on a five-mile, strenuous cross-country hike. Trip requires 4WD to reach the trailhead; participants without 4WD may ride with those who do. Call (760-767-4205) or stop by the Visitor Center for required sign up, including phone number. Trip is limited to 15 participants.

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11:00 a.m. Walk & - Garden Walk (45 Minutes)

Join a Park Interpreter for a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover special plants of interest. Meet outside the front doors of the Visitor Center.

2:00 p.m. Hike - Junior Rangers Family Hike to Tubb Canyon Overlook (1.5 Hours)

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family walk. We'll take a moderate walk to a dramatic overlook. Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on Highway S-22 west of Borrego Springs. Please sign up before 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Call 760-767-4205.

7:30 p.m. & - The Amazing World of Bats—Nature's Tiny Fighter Jets (1 Hour)

Though poorly understood and often feared, bats are fascinating animals with incredible skills of flight and nighttime navigation. Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for a multimedia exploration of these amazing fliers.

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ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2020

Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk (1.5 Hours)

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

9:00 Hike - Harper Canyon (7 Hours)

Discover beautiful Harper Canyon on a strenuous six-mile hike with Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Dan Jellis. We'll hike cross-country through this very scenic canyon which opens up into Harper Flat. Trip requires 4WD to reach the trailhead; participants without 4WD may ride with those who do. Call (760-767-4205) or stop by the Visitor Center for required sign up, including phone number. Trip is limited to 15 participants.

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours ♿ - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

Take a tour of the Begole Archaeological Research Center and the Stout Paleontology Laboratory. See some of the amazing collections and ongoing research not seen by other visitors. Meet at the Visitor Center. \$25/person

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen (1 Hour)

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter in the Visitor Center Garden for an imaginative and satisfying exploration of flowers and how to put names to all those confusing blooms. No nomenclature expertise is needed!

Monday, March 30, 2020

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Tours ♿ - Behind the Scenes (1.5 Hours)

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11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Rainbow Any Day (1 Hour)

Even when it's not raining, you can discover a rainbow of color in the desert. Join Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, for a unique view of the desert nearby the Visitor Center, exploring how color occurs and reveals the details of the desert that we often only glimpse. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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DESERT SAFETY

- ✓ **Carry water AND drink it**
Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.
- ✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**
Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.
- ✓ **Leave snakes alone.**
Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **Prepare yourself.**
In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit that includes a comb and tweezers.
- ✓ **Have a plan.**
Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.
- ✓ **When emergencies happen:**
Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!

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