

# FEBRUARY 2013 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



## Friday, February 1, 2013

### 1:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ – Small World

1 Hour

Everyone is impressed with the vast dimensions and stunning vistas of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The desert is equally impressive on a micro-scale. Stretch your perspective and explore the natural history of the park up close and personal with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer for a 1-hour easy walk. Meet at the Visitor Center.

## Saturday, February 2, 2013

### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Riparian Wonderland

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Hank Barber and Ann Keenan on a strenuous hike to a riparian wonderland made possible by last summer's mountain wildfire. Before the fire, there were healthy Sycamore trees, Cottonwood trees, Manzanita, and Sugar Bush. Now water is beginning to renew the plant life, and there are already wildflowers in bloom in this high desert oasis. In a few years this area will once again be hidden and inaccessible so don't miss this unusual opportunity. Bring hiking sticks, water, lunch and wear hiking boots. Hike is limited to 15 people; sign up at the Visitor Center.

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Minutes

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

### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven't had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with a Park Interpreter and discover some of the special characteristics of desert plants. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.



### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Steve at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

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## Saturday, February 2 & 3, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Workshop – Southern California Native American Basketry

2 Days



In this 2-day class, Abe Sanchez will instruct students in the centuries-old, local craft of Native American basketry. Students will learn techniques and gain hands-on experience weaving a small medallion with traditional plant materials such as yucca, juncos, sumac, and deer grass. The fee is \$110/\$100 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 to register.

## Sunday, February 3, 2013

### 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. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

### 10:00 a.m. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

3 Hours

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3-hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

## Wednesday, February 6, 2013

### 1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the Visitor Center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

## Thursday, February 7, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

4 Hours

Join Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a cool trip up Cool Canyon. We'll hike up many dry falls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor. Meet at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west, south of the park boundary sign just beyond Shelter Valley. Four-wheel drive is not required. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.

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## Friday, February 8, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lecture - Taphonomy

3 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist, will present this lecture as part of the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab.

### 7:30 p.m. Talk - Stargazing with Binoculars (rainy or cloudy weather cancels)

1.5 Hours

Meet at the Visitor Center to discover how binoculars can help you explore the beautiful night sky! Dress warmly and bring binoculars, if you have them, and a flashlight (red lens preferable).

## Saturday, February 9, 2013

### 8:00 a.m. Hike - Cannonball Run

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Jan and Mike Bigelow on a moderately strenuous 4-mile loop trip starting on the Truckhaven Trail, off of S-22, about 18.5 miles east of Christmas Circle. We will see concretions of many different sizes (some resemble cannon balls), mud hills, and beautiful Smoke trees throughout the wash on the North Fork of Arroyo Salado. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot; we will carpool from there.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 9:00 a.m. Class - Anza-Borrego: Land Before the Rain Shadow

2 Days



This two-day field course with Paul Remeika provides a general introduction to the geology and paleontology of the Anza-Borrego Desert. Learn the importance of the local geologic record and the reasons why Anza-Borrego is considered an outstanding example of a world-class out-of-doors museum worthy of protection and preservation. The fee is \$140/\$130 for ABF members. Call ABF at 760-767-4063 to register.

## Photo Contest Gallery Display

### February 9 - March 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. every day

Anza-Borrego Desert Photo Contest winners will be on display at Borrego Art Institute (665 Palm Canyon Drive in Borrego Springs) between 10am and 4pm any day to see the winning entries and vote for your favorite to determine our "People's Choice Award". Call 760-767-4063 for more information.

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## Saturday, February 9, 2013 (continued)

### 11:00 a.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Eye of the Beholder

1 Hour

Meet in the Discovery Lab with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer to explore the sensual world of desert insects, reptiles, birds, and mammals. We will consider how animals perceive and interpret the wide spectrum of colors, sounds, flavors, scents, and textures of the desert. The talk will be followed by a short tour in the Visitor Center garden.

### 2:30 p.m. Garden Walk ♿

1 Hour

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### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Don at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

## Sunday, February 10, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

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### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – “Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.

### 12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the ‘Ehmuu Morteros 2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near mile marker 23).

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## Monday, February 11, 2013

### 10:00 a.m. Botany Lecture

1 Hour

Dr. John Rebman, Curator of Botany at the San Diego Natural History Museum, will give a lecture "History of Plant Collecting and Floristic Discoveries in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park" sponsored by the ABDSP Botany Society. The public is welcome, and there is no charge. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

## Thursday, February 14, 2013

### 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.

### 3:00 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3.5 Hours

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

## Friday, February 15, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

4.5 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 return by way of the road. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, Mile Marker 38.1 east on Highway S-22. Extra parking is available at Mile Marker 38. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated strenuous.



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## Saturday, February 16, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Rainbow Canyon

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Hank Barber and Ann Keenan for a strenuous hike up Rainbow Canyon. We will climb several colorfully banded dry waterfalls, experience early wildflowers, and lunch at an overlook into Blair Valley. Bring water, lunch and wear hiking boots. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot. Hike is limited to 12 people. Sign up at the Visitor Center.

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Ash Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a moderately strenuous hike over uneven and rocky ground to a spectacular exposure of the 760,000 year-old Bishop Ash. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring water and a light lunch. Meet at the end of the pavement north on DiGiorgio Road.

### 9:30 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

2 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (one mile up, one mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountain top. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Homesite Trailhead in Blair Valley (turn off Highway S-2 near Mile Marker 23 and follow the dirt road almost 3 miles). This hike will end before the *Ehmuu* Morteros hike begins, making it possible for participants to enjoy both.

### 9:00 a.m. Workshop – Paddle and Anvil Pottery

2 Days(February 16 & 23)



Tony Soares learned pottery-making techniques from his grandmother, and has refined his skills over the years to yield beautiful ollas. In the workshop Soares will demonstrate his skills and guide participants in the process of creating their own olla using hand dug clay from the area. The fee is \$160/\$150 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 to register.

### 9:00 a.m. Hikes & Hops – Pictograph Trail



Hikes & Hops connects people with two things in common -- a love of Anza-Borrego and craft beer. Join Jeffrey Safford for a moderate 2.8 mile round trip hike in Blair Valley to a large boulder decorated with rock art by former residents of the area, the Kumeyaay Indians. End at a panoramic view of the Vallecito Valley and then enjoy a cold craft beer back at the vehicles. The fee is \$15/\$10 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 to register.

### 11:00 a.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – What Kind of Bird is That? - Basic Birding in Borrego 45 Minutes

Visitors to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park often ask about birds they’ve seen. There are over 300 bird species found in the park, but there are a few that visitors will almost always see. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus in the Discovery Lab to learn about the most commonly seen birds in the park, as well as where to find them. Novice birders can easily learn 15 different species, and more experienced birders will learn some fascinating new insights into the behavior of some species they already know.

### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ 1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with a Park Interpreter and discover some of the special characteristics of desert plants. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Ranger Surprise 1 Hour

Join Ranger Dennis at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.



## Sunday, February 17, 2013

### 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. Class – Poles for Hiking & Canyon Exploration 7 Hours

Learn from Jayah Faye Paley how expert use of hiking poles can expand your hiking horizons. It will improve your endurance, strength, balance, and use your upper body muscles to help preserve your joints. Class includes personalized pole fitting and practice with poles on a variety of terrains. The fee is \$70/\$60 for ABF members. Call 760-767-4063 to register.



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## Sunday, February 17, 2013 (continued)

### 11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

The seldom seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds “in the wild”.

### 1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Eye of the Beholder

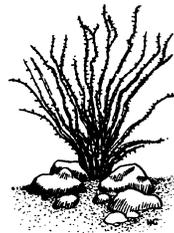
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### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿

1 Hour

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## Thursday, February 21, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Badlands Bench with a View

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2 ½ mile hike up a badlands wash to a memorial bench with a marvelous view. Learn about some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the intersection of Inspiration Wash and S-22 by driving east on S-22 past Mile Marker 28 for ½ mile.

## Friday, February 22, 2013

### 1:30 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ – Small World

1 Hour

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## Saturday, February 23, 2013

### 8:00 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 8:00 a.m. Field Trip – Slot Canyons of Central Anza-Borrego

7 Hours



Learn from Paul Johnson how slot canyons are formed and what they reveal about the geology of the badlands on this tour exploring two small slots that are poorly known and rarely visited, also one that is among the best known in the park. The fee is \$70/\$60 for ABF members. Call ABF at 760-767-4063 to register.

### 9:00 a.m. Bike/Hike – Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

“Saddle up” with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker for the all-new fun 1-mile bike ride from the Visitor Center to the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Rendezvous at 9:30 with waiting hikers and explore with Dan the seldom-hiked scenic wonder that is the alternate trail to the Palm Canyon Oasis (3 miles hiking, round trip). Wear sturdy footwear and bring water, snack and biking helmet.

### 11:00 a.m. Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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

### 12:00 p.m. Talk – Tailgate Tour

1 Hour

Join the only CA State Park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Meet her at the airport office and she will take you to the plane.

### 2:00 p.m. Garden Walk

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with a Park Interpreter and discover some of the special characteristics of desert plants. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### 3:30 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson 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). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

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## Saturday, February 23, 2013 (continued)

### 7:30 p.m. Campfire - Day Trips In Anza-Borrego Desert State Park 1 Hour

Join Ranger Jennifer for a fun campfire as she discusses day trips you can take in the Park. Both 4WD and 2WD trips are included. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

### 7:30 p.m. Classical Guitar Concert



Classical guitarist Michael McCormick, a Borrego Springs resident, loyal ABF member, and park supporter, will give a solo guitar recital at the Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. All proceeds from this event shall be donated to the Anza-Borrego Foundation. For advance tickets (\$15) and information contact Briana Puzzo, ABF Institute Manager at 760-767-4063.

## Sunday, February 24, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon 3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

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### 9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground 1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

### 11:00 a.m. Talk - Cahuilla Medicine Chest 45 minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow to learn about the medicine chest full of effective treatments that the Cahuilla people utilized long before the first Europeans arrived.

### 1:00 p.m. Talk - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote 45 Minutes

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## Sunday, February 24, 2013 (continued)

### 3:30 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

**5 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson 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). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

## Monday, February 25, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Elephant Knees

**6 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragosian and Paul Larson for a strenuous hike up to a remarkable outcrop of marine fossils about 4 million years old and a great view of the Fish Creek Badlands. Meet at the junction of Fish Creek Wash and Split Mountain Road at the end of the payment. We'll carpool from there in 4WD vehicles.

## Tuesday, February 26, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Elephant Safari

**3 Hours**

The Elephant Tree, which is common south of the border, is rarely found in the U.S. The largest “herd” resides in Alma Wash in Anza-Borrego. Come joint Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a moderate, somewhat rocky, 3-mile ramble to observe the Elephant Tree in its natural alluvial-fan habitat. Meet at the Elephant Trees Trail parking off Split Mountain Road. Participants in low-clearance vehicles can park below the trailhead and walk the rest of the way up the one-mile dirt road.

### 2:30 p.m. Hike – Stroll into the Sunset Wash

**3 Hours**

Sunset Wash is a picturesque example of the canyons that drain out of the Vallecito Mountains. Come join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a moderately-paced 3-mile exploration over somewhat rocky terrain. Meet at the entrance to Nude Wash, off Highway 78, about 0.25 mile east of call box 78-822 and just west of the road sign listing the mileage to Ocotillo Wells.

## Thursday, February 28, 2013

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Truckhaven Rocks

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile hike up a wash into a sandstone formation 4-5 million years old. The rocks are formed from sediments derived from local rock 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. Meet at the roadside parking on S-22 at Mile Marker 36.2, east of Borrego Springs.

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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.
- ✓ **Prepare yourself.**  
In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which 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.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**  
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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!!!

UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER (OPEN DAILY).

♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED. PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATION, (760) 767-4205.



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