

JANUARY 2011 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, January 1, 2010

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Resolution Hike: Alcoholic Pass!

3 Hours

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 hiking boots.

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.

2:00 p.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.

Sunday, January 2, 2011

10:00 a.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.

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.



1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Tracks Tell Tales

45 Minutes

Tracks tell the fascinating stories of the lives of our animal neighbors in the Anza Borrego Desert. Meet our Volunteer Naturalist- Tracker Beth Shugan in the Discovery Lab, and start to learn to read these tales of life -- and death -- in the desert.

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Wednesday, January 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. Sahara Mustard Field Training Session

3 Hours

Meet on Henderson Canyon Road ½ mile east of the intersection with Borrego Valley Road at the demonstration plot on the north side of the road. Wear sturdy hiking boots, sunscreen, and bring water and snacks/lunch. You will be invited to register as a park volunteer if you would like to help remove mustard on park land. Authorized volunteers will be removing mustard after the training. Please bring gloves, a hoe, preferably a stirrup or a Hula Hoe, or other weeding tools. Rain cancels.

Thursday, January 6, 2011

9:00 a.m. Hike - Riding and Hiking Trail Loop

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderately strenuous hike up the California Riding and Hiking Trail to a wonderful view over the basin to the east. We'll see some interesting plants and geological features along the way and return via the old trail. Meet at the Hellhole parking lot on S-22, ½ mile west of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive.

Friday, January 7, 2011

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

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan 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. As an experienced naturalist, she can answer many of your questions about the park. If bighorn are about, she is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.

Saturday, January 8, 2011

8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalists in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalists Mike Bigelow and Joe Hopkins will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for them as you hike to the palm oasis. As experienced naturalists, they can answer many of your questions about the park. If bighorn are about, one of them is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Climb the Mountain

1.5 Hours

Meeting at the Visitor Center we will walk across the desert and up the Panoramic Overlook Trail for good views of Borrego Springs, the surrounding valley, and Font's Point. Join Volunteer Naturalist Jan Bigelow for this short steep walk. Total walk is about a mile and a half.

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Saturday, January 8, 2011 (cont.)

- 9:00 a.m. Sahara Mustard Weeding Session for Authorized Park Volunteers** **3-6 Hours**
Meet on Henderson Canyon Road ½ mile east of the intersection with Borrego Valley Road at the demonstration plot on the north side of the road. Wear sturdy hiking boots, sunscreen, and bring water and snacks/lunch. Volunteers must have attended one of the scheduled training sessions and been authorized to work within the park. Please bring gloves and a hoe, preferably a stirrup hoe or a Hula Hoe, or other weeding tools. Session continues after lunch, 1-3 pm. Rain cancels.
- 10:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Walk, Milling Around Mine Wash** **4 Hours**
Instructor: Hank Barber Fee: \$15
Join Certified Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable look at how ingenious desert Indians used plants (mesquite, agave, creosote and other plants) for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.
- 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. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros** **2 Hours**
Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.
- 12:00 p.m. - \$\$- Hike – Coyote Creek Fault** **4 Hours**
Instructor: Dr. Thomas Rockwell \$35 / \$25 for ABF members
San Diego State University seismologist Tom Rockwell will lead a field trip to Coyote Creek Fault, including a short off-trail walk. If time permits, participants will also visit the site of the Clark Fault Excavation Project to discuss what scientists are hoping to uncover. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.
- 2:00 p.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.

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- 7:30 p.m. – Campfire ♿ Ranger Encounters! 1 Hour**
Join Ranger Don Strampfer to explore the multitude of remarkable experiences a Ranger might encounter while patrolling Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's great expanses! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center. P.S. Campfire songs are always a possibility.
- 7:30 p.m. - \$\$ - Lecture ♿ The Easter Earthquake 1.5 Hours**
Instructor: Dr. Thomas Rockwell Suggested Donation: \$5.00
What can we expect from faults near Borrego Springs? SDSU seismologist Tom Rockwell gives us the scoop on what recent earthquake activity means for the Borrego Valley and its residents. No registration required, call 760-767-4063 for details. Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center.

Sunday, January 9, 2011

- 11:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Desert Etiquette: Leave No Trace 1 Hour**
Instructor: Ranger Steve Bier
The desert environment is fragile and damage can last for decades or even centuries. This free event will teach you the ins and outs of proper backcountry desert camping etiquette. Meet at Nierenburg Plaza at ABDSP Visitor Center; donations accepted. Call 760-767-4063 to sign up.
- 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. 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.

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

- 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.

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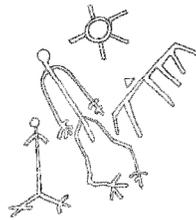


Thursday, January 13, 2011

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.



Friday, January 14, 2011

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old/new technology. Volunteer Naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the Nierenberg Amphitheater outside the Visitor Center. If too cold we will move inside to the Discovery Lab.

Saturday, January 15, 2011

7:30 a.m. Walk ♿ – Beginners' 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.

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.

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11:00 a.m. Display ♿ - Usefulness of Desert Plants

3 Hours

Stop by the visitor center and see the items made from desert plants. Volunteer Naturalist Marge Hatcher will be available for questions about the garden plants around the visitor center and elsewhere in the desert.

1:00 p.m. - \$\$ - Class ♿ – Introduction to Desert Night Sky Photography

8 Hours

Instructor: Dennis Mammana

Fee: \$45 / \$35 for ABF members

Learn the basics of using your camera to capture amazing celestial portraits of the desert night sky. After a few hours of classroom instruction by Dennis Mammana, an astronomer and professional photographer/instructor, you'll head outside for practice shooting the heavens. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - Mysteries of Anza-Borrego

1 Hour

Take a deeper look into the past. Join Ranger Josh for a trip into the earlier times of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, January 16, 2011

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

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan 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. As an experienced naturalist, she can answer many of your questions about the park. If bighorn are about, she is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer

1 Hour

The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Hidden Vista

1 Hour

Hike about ½ mile to the Bill Kenyon Overlook from Yaqui Pass Camp. We will explore the rocky habitat along the trail to reach the dramatic overlook. Take Yaqui Pass Road (S-3) and meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the far end of Yaqui Pass Camp (mile marker #2).

12:00 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 to explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

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Thursday, January 20, 2011

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 round trip 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.

Saturday, January 22, 2011

8:00 a.m. Walk – Tracking Walk

2.5 Hours

The desert is full of life, but most of it is hidden from the casual observer. Join Volunteer Naturalist-Tracker Karin Vickars at the flagpole at the Visitor's Center parking lot. Together we will explore the desert around us, finding and learning to read animal tracks and signs.

8:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Torres-Martinez Historical Tour

5 Hours

Instructor: Roland Ferrer

Fee: \$35 / \$25 for ABF members

Tour historic Indian Agency Buildings built in 1907, at the heart of the Torres-Martinez Indian community, and explore other points of intrigue on the reservation: an adobe catholic church, native plant nursery, and wetlands restoration project.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Behind the Ghost Mountain Story: Facts and Fabrications

3 Hours

Learn about the Marshall South family and their experiment in primitive living on a remote mountain top. Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on this steep but scenic walk up Ghost Mountain (2 miles round-trip). Bring water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshall South Home Trailhead in Blair Valley, off of Highway S2.

10:00 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".

11:00 a.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Small World

1 Hour

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7:00 p.m. - \$\$ - Lecture ♿ – 2011: Year of Cosmic Wonder

2 Hours

Instructor: Dennis Mammana

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

As we turn the page on the calendar, an exciting year of celestial events comes into view: eclipses, lunar and planetary conjunctions, meteor showers and more. Don't miss this fun-filled preview of what promises to be a fascinating year of cosmic wonder, followed by telescope viewing of the desert sky (weather permitting). Dress warmly and bring a blanket. Feel free to bring binoculars and a flashlight with red covering to protect night vision. Meet at Nierenburg Plaza at ABDSP Visitor Center. No registration required, call 760-767-4063 for details.

7:30 p.m. - Campfire ♿ Bats of Borrego and Beyond

1 Hour

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, January 23, 2011

7:30 a.m. Walk ♿ – Beginner's Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

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4 Hours

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10:00 a.m. Tailgate Tour at Fish Creek

45 Minutes

Meet Ranger Steve at the entrance to Fish Creek for a drip dry adventure in that crazy creek.

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January 24 - 28, 2011

8:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Workshop ♿ Certified Interpretive Guide Workshop

8 Hours per Day

Instructor: Roger Riolo & Sally Theriault Fee: starts at \$320

This week-long workshop is designed for anyone who delivers (or wants to deliver) interpretive programs to the public. At the conclusion of the 32-hour workshop, participants who complete the requirements are eligible to be certified by the National Association of Interpretation. Visit www.theabf.org or call 760-767-4063 for more information.

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

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.

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

8:00 a.m. Hike – South Palm Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Toni on a 4-mile round trip hike in this delightful sandstone canyon which starts in a wash that brings you to the canyon entrance. The beautiful one-mile sandstone canyon is entered under a natural stone bridge, goes through a slot and will end at a rock fall. Along the way you will be enchanted by the bands of colors created over thousands of years by the alternating ingresses of the Colorado River and seas to the south inviting you to take picture after picture. Don't forget water and hat. Limited to first 15 people who sign up at the Visitor Center. Meet at Mile Marker 38.2 on S22.

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Thursday, January 27, 2011

9:00 a.m. Walk – Bill Kenyon Trail

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a 1.5 mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, 1 mile north of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Friday, January 28, 2011

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Class - Tracking Desert Animals: A Beginning

2 Hours

Learn to read the exciting stories written on our desert sand and help to protect our critical wildlife habitat. Experienced tracker/naturalists from the Anza-Borrego Tracking Team will provide a lively evening indoor session at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab, open to all, followed the next day by a hands-on outdoor application of what we've learned (see Saturday, January 29).



Saturday, January 29, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Outdoor Class - Tracking Desert Animals

6.5 Hours

Learn to read the exciting stories written on our desert sand and help to protect critical wildlife habitat. Completion of this session and Friday's indoor session (see January 28) permit participation in tracking transects throughout San Diego County. Meet at the Visitor Center flag pole, and bring water, hat, sunscreen, sensible footwear AND pants that will let you kneel and get up close and personal with tracks in the sand! Limit 16; email karinvickars@hotmail.com for details and to register.

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

4 Hours

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11:00 a.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

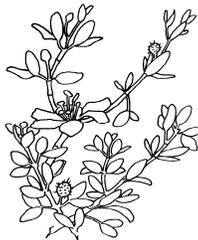
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2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store

45 Minutes

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

1 Hour

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

Sunday, January 30, 2011

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - The View from the “Bridge”

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier on the “Bridge” above the entrance to the Visitor Center for an introduction to Anza Borrego Desert State Park and an overview of some of the park’s diverse natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources. View the desert landscape and observe many well-known landmarks, directions to take for drives or hikes, and become familiar with some native plants growing in the garden, and perhaps glimpse some desert wildlife.

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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!!!

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