



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Resolution Hike – Hike Alcoholic Pass!

4 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 4 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.

9:00 Hike – Borrego Mountain West Butte

3 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile (roundtrip) hike to the top of one of our smaller peaks, but with great views! There will be some walking on narrow ridges and scrambling on rocks toward the summit. Meet just off Highway #78 at the intersection of Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road.

2:00 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook Moonrise

2.5 Hours



Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Visitor Center to walk across the desert and up the Panorama Overlook Trail for good views of the Borrego Valley and Fonts Point. Wrap up the walk with a view of the rising full super moon from the Bridge of the Visitor Center. Wear sturdy shoes and bring at least one liter of water and a flashlight.

5:00 p.m. Event – Watch the Super Moon Rise

45 Minutes

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter on the Bridge of the Visitor Center to watch the Full Moon rise over the Badlands. Bring binoculars or borrow ours. It is a Super Moon!

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by ABF staff, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes take you to little-known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park as a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Join at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. For information, call 760-767-0446 or visit www.theabf.org/2017-2018-member-hikes. No advance registration required.

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

6:45 a.m. Hike – Find the Roaming Naturalist on the Palm Canyon Trail

2 Hours

Early risers will find Roving State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld in his volunteer vest roaming the Palm Canyon Trail looking for birds, insects, animals (bighorn sheep, coyote, bobcat, reptiles) and unique desert-adapted plants. Ask Terry to point out animal signs and tracks, desert adaptations of plants, desert birds or those mysterious desert holes and learn what may occupy them. This is not a guided hike.

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Thursday, January 4, 2018

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature Journaling. We'll explore the desert using very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to help us see, remember, and investigate vibrantly. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water and sunhat. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

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Friday, January 5, 2018

9:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a sensory exploration of the desert in word and color that will nourish your connection with the rugged beauty of the desert. You'll be surprised how much keener and richer your desert observations are after this hands-on experience. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this gentle walk.

11:00 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.

Saturday, January 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. Walk - Pictograph Trail

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Judy Stewart on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at a large rock that displays fragile artwork from hundreds of years ago and experience beautiful views from the dry fall at the end of Smuggler Canyon. Meet at the entrance to the Blair Valley primitive camp (turn off Highway S2 at the Butterfield Stage sign, near mile marker 23). Bring water, hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.

9 a.m. Social Bike Ride – Steve Bier Memorial Bike Ride in Fish Creek

4 Hours



Join Jim & Gary as they ride in celebration and memory of Ranger Steve Bier. Ranger Steve patrolled Fish Creek for a number of years before his passing in March of 2017. His enthusiasm and willingness to share his place in Anza-Borrego with fellow park employees, park partners, volunteers, students, and the world as a whole will be missed. We will take a ride through Fish Creek and up to Loop Wash, making stops at several of the natural wonders Ranger Steve shared with so many people, before making our way back to the start. \$20 Public/\$15 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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- 11:00 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?
- 2:00 p.m. Walk & – Junior Rangers** **1 Hour**
Special California State Parks program for children only, ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Bring a sunhat and water. Groups of 5 or more, call in advance 760-767-0334 and check for availability.
- 7:00 p.m. Campfire & – Animal Songs** **1 Hour**
Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a lighthearted look at the sounds some of the Park animals make. You'll leave this interactive program with new appreciation for some of the Park animals and a song in your heart! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, January 7, 2018

- 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. 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.
- 2:00 p.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.

Monday, January 8, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Lecture – Anza-Borrego Desert Botany Society Monthly Lecture** **1 Hour**
Mike Evans, who owns Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano, will talk about Habitat Style Garden Design. Meets in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. The public is welcome.



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6:30 a.m. Walk – Discover Hidden Treasures on the Palm Canyon Trail 2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld for a slow, easy 2-hour nature walk up part of Palm Canyon. This “explore & discover” hike won’t make it all the way to the palm oasis, but you’ll have the option to continue on your own. We’ll look for signs of animals (bighorn sheep, coyote, bobcat, reptiles), learn how desert plants survive our intense summer heat and explore how Native Americans may have used them. Water, hat and hiking footwear required. Meet Terry at the Palm Canyon Trailhead where he will give you a free parking pass. Limited to 10 participants who **must** have pre-registered at the Visitor Center.

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike 3.5 Hours



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Wednesday, January 10, 2018

10:00 a.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, January 11, 2018

9:00 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. Bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the intersection with Mine Wash Road, 2.7 miles east of the Tamarisk Grove on Highway 78.

10:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon 2 Hours

This is not a guided hike. Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Alternate Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features. Look for her in her volunteer vest and join in her exploration.

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Friday, January 12, 2018

10:00 a.m. Talk – Paleontology Lecture

2 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series. Lyn Murray will speak about Osteology. Open to the public.

Saturday, January 13, 2018

8:30 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

2.5 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (1 mile up, 1 mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountaintop. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet Dan at the Blair Valley entrance (turn off highway S2 near milemarker 23, at the Butterfield Stage sign). This hike will end before the 'Ehmuu' Morteros hike begins, making it possible for adventurers to enjoy both hikes. **Prehike Optional Add-on:** Meet at the Shelter Valley Community Center for no-cost breakfast with Dan at 7:45 (the Community Center accepts donations).

11:00 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?

1:00 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.

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).

2:00 p.m. Walk – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special California State Parks program for children only, ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Bring a sunhat and water. Groups of 5 or more, call in advance at 760-767-0334 and check for availability.

4:00 p.m. Walk – Let's Be Crepuscular

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7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – 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.

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 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.

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Monday, January 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. Talk/Walk ♿ - Beaks and Feet **1 Hour**
If you’ve always wanted to learn about birds but thought it’s too complicated and only for birding experts, you’ll enjoy this simple way of appreciating the birds! Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab for this hands-on discovery session and get a close look at birds in and around the Visitor Center. For bird lovers 8 and up with no previous birding experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them.

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11:45 a.m. Walk ♿ – Those Mysterious Holes – Discovering the Abundant Life of ABDSP 1 Hour

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld to do some detective sleuthing on a slow, easy nature walk around the Visitor Center gardens to discover what species of animals may have created those little holes along the trail. Along the way we'll examine different species of desert plants "up-close-and-personal" to find out how Native Americans used them and how they survive intense summer heat. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Limited to 10 participants who must have pre-registered at the Visitor Center.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike 3.5 Hours



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Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Coachwhip Canyon 3 Hours

Experience a natural desert setting to a vista of the valley with Volunteer Naturalists Marie & Lee Holly and Dan Jellis. Meet at the trailhead of Coachwhip Wash at mile marker 34.8 on S22 to carpool due to limited parking. Bring at least 2 liters of water, a hat, snacks, hiking sticks (optional) and wear sturdy shoes.

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

10:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon 2 Hours

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Friday, January 19, 2018

11:00 a.m. Talk & – Archaeology in the Park

1 Hour

Join the Colorado Desert Archaeologists for their monthly lecture held in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. Open to the public.

CANCELLED

7:30 p.m. Lecture & – High and Dry: Aquatic Invertebrate Adaptations to Life in the Desert 1 Hour



Desert-dwelling aquatic organisms have a wide range of adaptations that allow them to survive in an environment with no guarantee of water. In this “Anza-Borrego: In Focus” course we will learn about the aquatic invertebrates of the American Southwest and how they thrive under extreme environmental conditions. Lecture is at the UCI Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (401 Tilting T Dr, Borrego Springs). \$5 at the door, no advance registration needed.

Saturday, January 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

2.5 Hours

Join Brian and Susie Jones on a strenuous 3-mile round trip hike up Cool Canyon. We’ll hike up some dry waterfalls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor, and hope to observe some of the many lizards that live there (provided we have warm weather). Meet at 9:00 am at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west (near mile marker 22), one-half mile south of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park boundary sign just beyond Shelter Valley. Approximate drive time is 45 minutes from the ABDSP Visitor Center. Four-wheel drive not required. Hike is limited to 15 people. Please sign up at the Visitor Center. Bring water, a hat, snacks, hiking sticks (optional) and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

9:00 a.m. Field Class – High and Dry: Aquatic Invertebrate Adaptations to Life in the Desert 7 Hours



Desert-dwelling aquatic organisms have a wide range of adaptations that allow them to survive in an environment with no guarantee of water. In this “Anza-Borrego: In Focus” course we will learn about the aquatic invertebrates of the American Southwest and how they thrive under extreme environmental conditions. On Saturday we will visit local aquatic habitats and sample Anza-Borrego’s native aquatic invertebrate communities to see these often-overlooked animals in action. \$60 / \$50 for ABF Members. Advanced registration is required. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Briana for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1004.

9:00 a.m. Talk/Walk & - Beaks and Feet

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2:00 p.m. Walk & – Junior Rangers **1 Hour**

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7:00 p.m. Talk & – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky! **1 Hour**

Winter nights are perfect for Stargazing. Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Look for Interpreter Sally Theriault at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, January 21, 2018

7 a.m. – Strenuous Hike– Goat Canyon Trestle via Mortero Palms **8 Hours**

This hike is a 5.5-mile, strenuous off-trail adventure that includes a significant amount of boulder hopping and 2,000 feet of elevation fluctuation. We will not go to the Goat Canyon Trestle, as walking on the railroad easement is illegal, but we will head to a fantastic but hard-to-reach overlook that will showcase the size and grandeur of the trestle as it sits within the rugged landscape of Goat Canyon. Advance registration is required and space is limited. \$45 Public/\$35 Members.

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7:30 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk **1.5 Hours**



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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, January 24, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Stone Bridge #5 Wash

4 Hours

Join Susie and Brian Jones and explore a wash with towering water-carved walls, walk through a mini-slot canyon, and end up at a magnificent dry waterfall. This is an easy/moderate 2.2 mile hike, with a sloping, short descent into the wash. Hiking stick(s) may be helpful. Bring water, snack, and sturdy hiking shoes. Limited to 15 people and you must sign up at the Visitor Center. Meet at 9:00 am at mile marker 37.2 to the east of Borrego Springs on Hwy S22.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Lower Willows

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike in lower Coyote Canyon, including Coyote Creek, the rocky Bypass Road, and hopefully a variety of birds. Meet at the end of the pavement at the north end of DiGiorgio Road.

Thursday, January 25, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

2.5 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.

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Friday, January 26, 2018

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 species in the Corvid family of birds. Curious, intelligent, mischievous...all these characteristics, and more, come to life in this interesting discussion of ... Murders and Unkindnesses!



Saturday, January 27, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Elephant Knees Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian 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.

1:00 p.m. Walk & - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.



2:00 p.m. Walk & – Junior Rangers

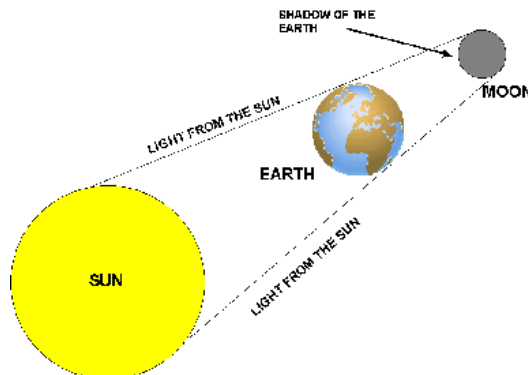
1 Hour

Special California State Parks program for children only, ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Bring a sunhat and water. Groups of 5 or more, call in advance 760-767-0334 and check for availability.

7:00 p.m. Campfire & -- Eclipse!

1 Hour

Be prepared for Wednesday morning's Lunar Eclipse, and learn more about Earth's nearest neighbor, the Moon—why are there moon phases and eclipses? Enjoy the night sky and campfire with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.



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INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2018

Sunday, January 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Yaqui Ridge Revealed

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Kathy Bussey for a top of the world view on this moderate 2-mile hike leading to an unnamed trail running cross-country along a rocky ridge and returning via a wash. Learn about cacti along the way. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground on S-3, 1 mile north of the Tamarisk Grove Campground. Wear hiking boots and bring water.

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).

1:00 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.



4:30 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let’s Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

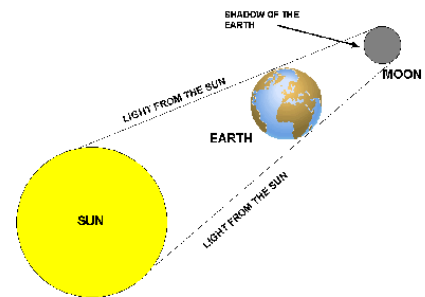
You probably know “Nocturnal”, maybe “Diurnal”. Walk with Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, for an easy walk near the Visitor Center at dusk to explore the fascinating and surprisingly active hour between the day and night. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Monday, January 29, 2018

3:00 p.m. Talk ♿ Eclipse

1 Hour

Be prepared for Wednesday morning’s Lunar Eclipse, and learn more about Earth’s nearest neighbor, the Moon. Why are there are moon phases and eclipses? Meet in the Discovery Lab.



3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5-6 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. Moderately strenuous.

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Tuesday, January 30, 2018

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by ABF staff, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes take you to little-known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. These hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Join at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. For information, call 760-767-0446 or visit www.theabf.org/2017-2018-member-hikes. No advance registration required.

2:00 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 at the call box 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.

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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.

5:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Moon Features Come Alive/ Supermoon!

45 Minutes

Have you wondered what the “Man in the Moon” really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon and see a demonstration of the Moon phases. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. Stay for the Moon rise.

5:45 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Moon Rises 30 Minutes

Watch the spectacular Full Moon rise. Bring out your lawn chair and binoculars and meet on the Visitor Center Roof, the “Bridge.”



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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 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.
- ✓ **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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