



MARCH 2015 INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Saturday, February 28, 2015

7:30 – 9:00 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.

Sunday, March 1, 2015

9:00 a.m. Hike - 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.

9:00 a.m. Walk - 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 in her their volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours

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\$10 per person. Call Ashley at ABF for more information at 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

11:00 a.m. Walk & - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Sally Theriault as she takes you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover what is in bloom.

1:00 p.m. Walk & - Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

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Monday, March 2, 2015

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.

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Tuesday, March 3, 2015

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. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

4:00 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 – must sign-up at the Visitor Center and include phone number to receive meeting info.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

9:00 a.m. Hike – **Lower Willows** **4 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.

9:00 a.m. Walk – **Spring Plant Walk** **2 Hours**
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Thursday, March 5, 2015

9:30 a.m. Hike – **Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **2 Hours**
Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding will be roaming the Alternate Trail in Borrego Palm Canyon searching for interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her vest. This is not a guided hike.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – **Ancient Kitchens: The Original Granite Countertops of ABDSP** **40 Minutes**
Join Archaeology Volunteer and Naturalist Susan Gilliland and discover how to recognize and where to experience these beautiful food preparation sites scattered throughout the park.

3:00 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 moderate 4-mile roundtrip hike on uneven ground.

6:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – **Sunset to Moonrise Walk** **1.5 Hours**
There's so much wonder and mystery about the Moon and the desert under a full moon. Walk and discover on this easy stroll with Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter. Bring binoculars, if you have them. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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Friday, March 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. We 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.

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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3:00 p.m. Hike – Pena Spring Hike

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.

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Saturday, March 7, 2015

9 a.m.- Auto Tour- Wreckage of Time: Fish Creek Badlands

8 Hours



Join retired ABDSP Ranger Paul Remeika on a geologic visit into the stony depths of Split Mountain Gorge to see the initial rock record of sedimentation within the Salton Basin. Several short excursions will introduce participants to the complex history of the badlands highlighted with outstanding shellfish deposits from the northern Gulf of California, petrified woods that once occupied the river delta, and rare footprint impressions from an extinct vertebrate fauna we have no solid body fossil record of. \$70 / \$60 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Solve the Desert Water Puzzle: Cart Program 10 Minutes ongoing/2 Hours

Do you know what it means to “take plenty of water” on your Park walks? Meet Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, in front of the Visitor Center to solve The Water Puzzle and learn how to calculate your water needs while you’re visiting Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. You’ll also get some tips on how to locate the Park’s Desert Bighorn Sheep by discovering *their* watering habits! Stop by anytime between 10 and 11 to develop your “water aptitude”.

11:00 a.m. Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego’s Elusive Mountain Lion 45 Minutes

Join volunteer naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment.

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).

1:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans 1 Hour

Discover the amazing secrets of the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalist Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

2:00 p.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.

3:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk 45 Minutes

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7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - Waiting for Rain

1 Hour

Get to know some of the surprised waiting for rain in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Hear about the winter rains (*Equipatas*) that decide if there will be desert wildflowers and the summer rains (*Las Aguas*) that bring flashfloods. Meet Ranger Heidi at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground campfire center.

Sunday, March 8, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Corral Canyon

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Jan and Mike Bigelow on a search for spring wildflowers. This is a fairly easy walk across the desert, starting at the Visitor Center parking lot. Have water, hat, and appropriate walking shoes. Park rangers kept a horse in a corral in this area in the 1970's and hence the name. We will enjoy a 2-mile leisurely walk.

9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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10:00 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.

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45 Minutes

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3:30 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

Knowing all the desert flowers can be frustrating and overwhelming. Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to discover an imaginative and satisfying way to name the flowers, plus a key sense for confidently engaging with Nature.



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- 10:00 Talk** ♿ - **Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas of California's Deserts** **1.5 Hours**
Stunning images of native succulents are featured in a multimedia presentation in the Discovery Lab by photographer and biological consultant Stephen Ingram, who will explore unique attributes that make these Anza-Borrego desert plants such intriguing members of native plant communities. The public is invited, and there is no charge for admission. Sponsored by ABDSP Botany Society.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk** **2 Hours**
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Wednesday, March 11, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk** **2 Hours**
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Thursday, March 12, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk** **2 Hours**
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- 4:00 p.m. Walk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience** **1.5 Hours**
Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.
- 6:00 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.

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Friday, March 13, 2015

9:00 a.m. Talk - Paleontology Lecture

3 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Hornblende Canyon

6 Hours

Join volunteer naturalist Paul Larson on a moderate hike in Hornblende Canyon. We'll check out wildflowers along the way as we enjoy one of the most beautiful but overlooked canyons in the Park. Bring hiking stick(s), ample water, hiking boots and lunch. Meet at entrance to Blair Valley at 9am. Hike is about 5 miles.

10:00 a.m. Walk - Jojoba: A Model of Desert Survival

30 Minutes

The Jojoba plant is highly drought-resistant. Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo at the Visitor Center to learn how the Jojoba plant has adapted to life in the desert and how to identify these adaptations in other desert plants. We'll also discuss ancient and modern uses for this plant.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

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.

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8 a.m. Bike Ride- Borrego Badlands Mountain Bike Ride

7 Hours



This two-wheel adventure will be a strenuous 15-mile mountain bike ride in and through one of ABDSP's remote areas. Starting from Arroyo Salado, the group will make stops at 17 Palms and 5 Palms (palm groves in the middle of the desert!) and see some ruggedly beautiful desert scenery along the way. \$20 / \$10 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

8 a.m.- Work Day- Invasive Plant Response Team Workday

4 Hours



Join ABDSP and ABF as we work to give the native plants in Anza-Borrego a chance to thrive! We will work in groups to remove invasive plants in Sentenac Cienega. Be prepared to walk through rough and uneven terrain- heavy pants and long-sleeve shirts are recommended. Contact Ashley for more details and to be put on the email update list: 760-767-0446x1003 or ashley@theabf.org.

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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 mile marker 23, across from the Butterfield Stage sign).

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10:00 a.m. Talk & -Solve The Desert Water Puzzle: Hands On

10 minutes repeating for 2 Hrs

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3:30 p.m. 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. For flower lovers and budding botanists. No nomenclature expertise is needed!

7:30 p.m. Campfire & - Don’t Die in the Desert!

1 Hour

Ranger Callan will give you tips for being prepared when you visit the desert, supplies to carry, how to get yourself unstuck, and more. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Campfire Center.

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7 Hours



This introductory field trip leads east from Borrego Springs through Anza-Borrego's most dynamic landscape. On either side of S-22 (Erosion Road), mountain-building, stretching and horizontal shifting of the disjointed Coyote and Santa Rosa Mountains, and weathering and erosion of the landscape highlight this driving tour. \$70 / \$60 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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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. Who knows? We may even find some interesting things blooming!

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Mine Canyon Hike

5.5 Hours

Join volunteer naturalist Ann Keenan and Celeste Doughty for a moderate 5 mile round trip exploratory hike in Mine Canyon. There are a few dry waterfalls to negotiate at the beginning of the route. Bring water and lunch. Wear hiking shoes. This hike is limited to 10 people. Please sign up at the Visitor Center. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the Visitor Center to carpool.

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8:00 a.m. Hike – Dry Canyon Overlook

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Jan Bigelow for a 3-mile moderate walk from Montezuma Grade. We will be looking for wildflowers and go to an overlook with a sweeping view of the Borrego Valley and the Salton Sea. Be prepared with appropriate walking shoes, hat, and water. We will meet at the Visitor Center parking lot to carpool. Limited to 15 – sign up at the Visitor Center.

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, March 19, 2015

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.

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

45 Minutes

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a brief sampling of poetry and prose inspired by the desert. Then, be inspired yourself by a short, inspiring walk near the Visitor Center. You may even compose your own poem! Meet in the Discovery Lab of the Visitor Center. Ages 10 and up.

3:00 p.m. Talk – Geology With an Emphasis on Plate Tectonics

1 Hour

Emeritus Geology Professor Myrl Beck will present a lecture on the boundaries and motions of the plate in the Earth's crust and how our mountains came to be. Dr. Beck has done extensive research in the Andes and other areas. Meet in the Discovery Lab with the Naturalist Society. Everyone is welcome.

Friday, March 20, 2015

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.

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Friday, March 20, 2015 (continued)

11:00 a.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. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

7:30 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky! 1.5 Hours

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Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:30 a.m.- Photography Auto Tour- Desert Wildflower Photography Workshop 10 Hours



Join Ernie and Kati Cowan for a workshop that will allow you to capture stunning images of the desert in full spring glory. We will explore both macro and landscape photography techniques unique to this spectacular environment. \$120 through George's Camera. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

9:00 a.m. Hike – South Rockhouse Loop 6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a hike to the other rockhouse in the southern part of the Park. We could see some great flower displays along the way, plus the other Una Palma. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet near Mile Marker 48 on Highway S-2.

10:00 a.m. Hikes & Hops- Hikes & Hops in Rainbow Canyon 5 Hours



This moderately strenuous 2.5-mile hike in Rainbow Canyon will take you past a fan of agave and cholla cactus and through the colorfully banded canyon as we look for wildflowers and perennial plants in bloom. Stick with us for the hike, and enjoy a cold craft brew from Stone Brewing Co at the end! \$15 / \$10 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

10:00 a.m. Hike - Milling around Mine Wash 4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable look at how the ingenious desert Indians used plants for food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. We will discuss how the Indians used mesquite, agave, creosote bush, and other plants. We'll stop at a mesquite grove in Yaqui Wells, then visit an important Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash and see bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs used for milling food. We will hike through an Ocotillo forest and have lunch along an ancient trail. Please bring lunch, hat and ample water. High clearance, 2-wheel drive is necessary. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot by 10 a.m.

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45 Minutes



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1:00 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.

2:00 p.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

3:00 p.m. Walk & - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker as she takes you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover what is in bloom.

7:30 p.m. - Campfire & - Who are the Creatures in Your Neighborhood?

1 Hour

Meet Ranger Steve at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground campfire center.

*Diurnal, Nocturnal, Desert Life
Relies on temperature to make livin’ right!
Come to campfire with Ranger Steve
Learn things about Desert Creatures you won’t believe!*



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Sunday, March 22, 2015

8:30 a.m. Hike- Clark Lake Petroglyphs

4.5 Hours



Join us as we hike across the desert floor, into and out of the wash bottoms, to the Clark Lake Petroglyph site with CDAS Volunteer Chuck Bennett. \$35 / \$25 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

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12:00 p.m. Walk – 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. The 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, 3.5 miles south of Highway 78, then 3 miles off of Highway S-2 on a dirt road.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ & Jojoba: A Model of Desert Survival

30 Minutes

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Wednesday, March 25, 2015

9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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10:00 a.m. Talk ♿- Ancient Kitchens: The Original Granite Countertops of ABDSP 40 Minutes

Join Archaeology Volunteer and Naturalist Susan Gilliland and discover how to recognize and where to experience these beautiful food preparation sites scattered throughout the park.

Thursday, March 26, 2015

9:30 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

2 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Aleese Golding will be roaming the Alternate Trail in Borrego Palm Canyon searching for interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her vest. This is not a guided hike.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Nolina Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Hank Barber for a walk in Nolina Wash, a treasure off the beaten path. Even the drive to the trailhead is beautiful. We'll be looking for canyon wildflowers among the wide diversity of plants and other natural wonders along the way. Bring sturdy shoes, ample water, lunch and hat for this 3-4 mile roundtrip, easy to moderate hike. 4-wheel drive, high clearance vehicle is required. Please **sign up at the Visitor Center** and indicate if you need a ride. Limited to 16.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Rainbow Any Day

45 Minutes

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.

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Colorado Desert Archaeological Society

1 Hour

Prehistoric Bighorn Sheep Hunting in ABDSP - Certain stone constructions occur in areas of the Park known to have had populations of bighorn sheep. Archaeologist Dr. Joan S. Schneider will present the archaeological, ethnographic, ecological and biological evidence to support her view that these structures played a role in prehistoric Bighorn sheep hunting, Dr. Schneider has worked for 30 years in desert regions around the world studying the role of Bighorn Sheep for food, bone tools, ceremony and spirituality of prehistoric people.

6:00 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.

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Friday, March 27, 2015

9:00 a.m. Hike – South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rockfall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at mile marker 38 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.

11:00 a.m. Walk - Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

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.



7:30 p.m. Walk - Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours



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Saturday, March 28, 2015

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. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

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9:30 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”.

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11:00 a.m. Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego’s Elusive Mountain Lion 45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment.

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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 Campground Campfire Center.

7:30 p.m.- Lecture- Anza-Borrego’s Impossible Goat Canyon Trestle 1.5 Hours



Learn the history of the 148-mile railroad linking San Diego and the Imperial Valley and the dramatic backstory of why, when and how the Goat Canyon Trestle was built. The famed 185’ high, 633’ long wooden bridge connects tunnels through the steep, arid landscape of Carrizo Gorge. \$5 at the Door of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center’s Discovery Lab. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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9:00 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Wander

2.5 Hours

Take a walk in one of the favorite areas of Anza-Borrego that features a historic spring, an awesome scenic overlook, and beautiful boulders. Meet Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and a sun hat. Bring a snack and a quart of water to carry plus another quart to leave in your car for afterward.

9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

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Monday, March 30, 2015

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11:00 a.m. Walk – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

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Tuesday, March 31, 2015

8:00 a.m. Hike – Hornblende Canyon Hike

5.5. Hours

Join volunteer naturalists Ann Keenan and Celeste Doughty for a moderate 5-mile roundtrip hike up Hornblende Canyon where we expect to see colorful rocks, artifacts, an old mine and flowers. Bring water and lunch. Wear hiking shoes. Limited to 10 participants. Please sign up at the Visitor Center. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the Visitor Center to carpool.

11:00 a.m. Walk – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

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1:00 p.m. Walk - Desert Scents

1 Hour

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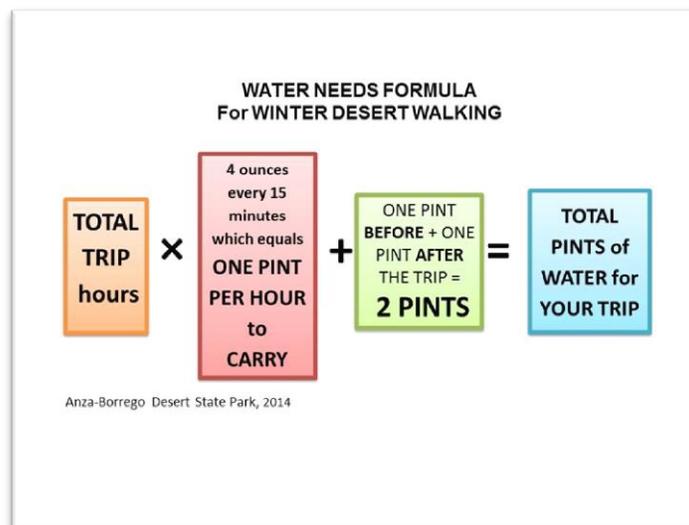
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WILDFLOWER INFORMATION

Want to know where flowers are blooming?

- Call the Wildflower Hotline at 760-767-4684
- Sign up for our email list at www.theabf.org
- Check at the Visitor Center for the latest updates
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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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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!!!
- ✓ **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.

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