



# INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

# MARCH 2016

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## Tuesday, March 1, 2016

### 8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

3.5 Hours



Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by Park Rangers, retired Park Rangers, and other Park enthusiasts, these hikes will take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. Meet at the State Park Store, located in The Mall. These hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit [www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes](http://www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes) or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003 for more information. No advance registration required.

### 10 ish 'til noon - 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.



## Thursday, March 3, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Mountain Palm Springs

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5-mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the Park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1.

### 4:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

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## Friday, March 4, 2016

### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

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## Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, 2016

**Education Program— California Deserts: A Hotbed for Floristic Diversity and Discovery 2 Days**



This “Anza-Borrego: In Focus” presentation and field class with James André, Plant Ecologist and Director of the University of California's Granite Mountains Desert Research Center, will provide an overview of botanical exploration in the California Deserts, highlighting many of the recent discoveries, while also assessing needs for additional inventory. To register or for more information go to [www.theABF.org/events](http://www.theABF.org/events) or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003.

## Saturday, March 5, 2016

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

**45 Min.**

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.

**1:00 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 Min.**

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**7:30 p.m. Campfire & - Raven the Shape Shifter**

**45 Min.**

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, for an interactive program introducing you to the lore and habits of Raven, a raucous inhabitant of the Park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Campground Amphitheatre.

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## Sunday, March 6, 2016

### 1:00 p.m. Walk - Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, 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.

## Monday, March 7, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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## Thursday, March 10, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

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## Thursday, March 10, 2016 (continued)

### 1:00 p.m. Garden Walk - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

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## Friday, March 11, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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### 1:00 p.m. Talk – Paleontology Lectures

2 Hours

Join Visiting Lecturers Kathleen and Mark Springer for two lectures in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center sponsored by the Colorado District Paleontology Society. Open to the public.

### 7:00 p.m. Talk – Paleontology Lecture

2 Hours

Join Visiting Lecturer Kathleen Springer for a lecture in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. This lecture is sponsored by the Colorado District Paleontology Society and is open to the public.

### 7:30 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Winter evenings are perfect for Stargazing! Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring warm clothing, a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them, and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits. Meet on the roof of the Visitor Center.

## Saturday, March 12, 2016

### 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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### 8:30 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, at the Butterfield Stage sign).

### 9:00 a.m. – Bike Ride – Lower Coyote Canyon Mt Bike Ride

4 Hours



Gary & Jim are at it again, this time with a ride through Lower Coyote Canyon from the end of the blacktop to Third Crossing and back again. This is going to be a moderate to strenuous 12 miles that will include a 6 mile climb at the start through sand, rocks, and water crossings before we head back down (through the same terrain) for a superb 6 miles. Please read the online description and register in advance for this program. Go to [www.theABF.org/events](http://www.theABF.org/events) or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003.

### 11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Min.

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.

### 12:00 noon 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. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Min.

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

### 4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

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

1 Hour

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

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### 8:00 a.m. Tracking Walk

**3 Hours**

You have seen tracks, scat, digs and burrows but don't know who left them behind? Animal tracks and sign tell us important stories about life in the Anza-Borrego Desert. If you've always wanted to learn more about wildlife sign, then meet the Anza-Borrego Tracking Team by the ABDSP Visitor Center flagpole. We will carpool to the tracking location and spend a couple of hours looking for and identifying tracks and sign.

### 8:30 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. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

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## Monday, March 14, 2016

### 10:00 a.m. – Botany Lecture

**1 Hour**

Join the Botany Society for their monthly lecture presented by Daniel Winkler, a PhD candidate at the University of California at Irvine. Daniel is a plant ecophysiologicalist interested in invasive species and how they alter native plant communities in "extreme" environments like our desert. This lecture is open to the public and meets in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

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## Thursday, March 17, 2016

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

4 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.

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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## Friday, March 18, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



Join us for a Spring Plant Walk in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to enjoy and learn about the ingenuity of our amazing desert plants! Meet knowledgeable staff from the Foundation and Park for an easy morning stroll in different locations, depending on bloom locations. Fee is \$10/person. Bring water, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Meet at the State Park Store located in The Mall. Visit <http://www.theabf.org/2016plantwalks> or call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003 with questions. No advance registration required.

### 10:00 a.m. Talk & – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

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## Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, 2016

### The Evolutionary & Conservation Importance of Short-Range Endemic Arachnids from Desert Habitats



Join us for another “Anza-Borrego: In Focus” class at the UCI Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center. Dr. Marshal Hedin, a professor from San Diego State University, will be speaking about some of our most delightful desert creatures: spiders. Dr. Hedin will also be speaking in regards to the conservation risk the small distribution of these creatures presents. Go to [www.theABF.org/events](http://www.theABF.org/events) or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003.

## Saturday, March 19, 2016

### 8:30 a.m. Photography Class – Desert Wildflower Photography Workshop

10 Hours



Join us 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. Winter rainfall in the desert this year has been exceptional and the normal buff tones have been accented with beautiful displays of lupine, brittlebush, ocotillo, verbena and primrose. Registration is required, and can be completed at the George's Camera website: <http://georgescamera.com/photoclasses.html> or call 619-297-3544.

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

45 Min.

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**1:00 p.m. Talk** ♿ - **The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans** **1 Hour**

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**7:30 p.m. Campfire Program** ♿ - **Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego's Elusive Mountain Lion** **45 Min.**

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. Meet at the campfire center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.



## Sunday, March 20, 2016

**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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### 8:30 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 Marker 11.3 on highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.

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### 5:00 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 number of participants – please sign-up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details. Moderately strenuous.

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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.

### 4:00 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3 Hours

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian 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, March 23, 2016

### 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.

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### 9:00 a.m. Walk - Bill Kenyon Trail

**2 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists 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.

### 2:00 p.m. Talk - Uses of Native Plants

**1 Hour**

Suzanne Emery, Docent from the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center in Poway, will demonstrate uses of native plants for food, medicine and construction techniques of the Kumeyaay Tribes of San Diego County and Baja California at the monthly meeting of the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society. This meeting is held in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. The public is invited.

### 6:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - What Makes the Moon Change?

**30 Min.**

Come inside the Visitor Center for a demonstration of the reason we see the shape of the moon change each month and learn about the features that make the “Man in the Moon”.



### 7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - The Moon Rises!

**1 Hour**

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon’s rising. Bring out your lawn chair, binoculars and a red-filtered flashlight and meet on the Visitor Center Roof, the “Bridge”, for star and moon gazing. Dress warmly for welcoming this month’s moon.

## Friday, March 25, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

**2 Hours**



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# INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

# MARCH 2016

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## Saturday, March 26, 2016

### 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 – 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. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Min.

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. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Min.

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. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Min.

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

### 4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, 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.

### 8:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Winter evenings are perfect for Stargazing! Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring warm clothing, a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them, and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing of galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae if weather permits. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Amphitheater.

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## Sunday, March 27, 2016

### 12:00 noon 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 ♿ - 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 near 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.

## Tuesday, March 29, 2016

### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Walkabout 3 Hours

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

### 8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike 3.5 Hours



Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by Park Rangers, retired Park Rangers, and other Park enthusiasts, these hikes will take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. Meet at the State Park Store, located in The Mall. These hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit [www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes](http://www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes) or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003 for more information. No advance registration required.

### 10 ish 'til noon - 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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## Wednesday, March 30, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Harper Cabin/Pinyon Wash

6 Hours

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

### 9:00 a.m. Walk – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



Join us for a Spring Plant Walk in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to enjoy and learn about the ingenuity of our amazing desert plants! Meet knowledgeable staff from the Foundation and Park for an easy morning stroll in different locations, depending on bloom locations. Fee is \$10/person. Bring water, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Meet at the State Park Store located in The Mall. Visit <http://www.theabf.org/2016plantwalks> or call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003 with questions. No advance registration required.

## Thursday, March 31, 2016

### 9:00 a.m. Hike – Inside Truckhaven Rocks

3 Hours

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

### 4:00 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.

## Friday, April 1, 2016

### 8:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1 Hour

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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.

✓ **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!!!

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