



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MAY 2017

Thursday, May 4, 2017

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpreter Regina Reiter to explore Nature journaling. Indulge yourself in a quiet time of close observation with color, shape, and word. We'll share a handful of easy ways to see, remember, and question as you create a lasting memory of your visit to the desert. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen. *This program is also offered on May 11th.*

Friday, May 5, 2017

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old/new technology. Join Park Interpreters Eleanor Shimeall and Regina Reiter to demonstrate solar oven cooking and explain why this technology is so important. Meet at the Nierenberg Amphitheater outside the Visitor Center.

6:30 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. *This program is also offered on May 13th.*

Saturday, May 6, 2017

7:00 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. *Also offered on May 12th.*

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

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.

8:00 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.

Thursday, May 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Notice and Wonder (See Description on May 4th)

1.5 Hours

UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER
(OPEN DAILY 9 AM to 5 PM) ♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED.
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DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRAILS OR TOURS.



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Friday, May 12, 2017

7:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Let's Be "Crepuscular"! (See Description on May 6th) **1 Hour**

Saturday, May 13, 2017

6:30 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration (See Description on May 5th) **1 Hour**

Saturday, May 27, 2017

8:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky! **1 Hour**

Spring 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 Sally Theriault, Park Interpreter, at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

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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