



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MAY 2018

Friday, May 4, 2018

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.

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:00 p.m. - Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Be prepared with water and a sunhat for an outdoor walk. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

4:00 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.



Sunday, May 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

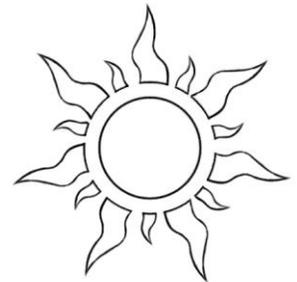
2 Hours

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.

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

1 Hour

You're probably familiar with solar cooking without knowing it! Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to experience the ease and effectiveness of various solar cooking devices.



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Thursday, May 10, 2018

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.

Friday, May 11, 2018

7:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - Night Sky Watch

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter on the Visitor Center Bridge to watch the sky turn dark and reveal the stars and constellations as they appear one by one. Bring a flashlight with a red lens and binoculars if you have them. Rain or 50% cloud cover cancels.

Saturday, May 12, 2018

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants and discusses how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine

2:00 p.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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Sunday, May 13, 2018

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

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Saturday, May 19, 2018

11:00 a.m. Talk & - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants and discusses how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine.

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. & - Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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Sunday, May 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

2 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.

Saturday, May 26, 2018.

11:00 a.m. Talk & - Desert Mart

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

2:00 p.m. & - Junior Rangers

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.
- ✓ **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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