



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MAY 2019

Thursday, May 2, 2019

9:30 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. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Friday, May 3, 2019

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 4, 2019

7:00 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk

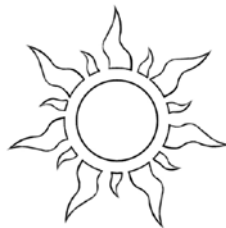
2 Hours


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. Junior Ranger Family Adventure Walk – Little Surprise Canyon

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family hike. We will meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking lot and walk through Little Surprise Canyon. If we can, we'll walk to the end and climb out onto the ridge above and circle around back to the parking lot. It's a short, strenuous walk for adventurous hikers! Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. We will hike rain or shine. *Limited to those who have signed up at the Visitor Center before 1 p.m. today!* Meet at Hellhole Canyon Parking on S-22, west of Borrego Springs. If you have one, bring your California State Parks Junior Ranger Logbook!



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(OPEN EVERY DAY 9 AM to 5 PM).  DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED.

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Sunday, May 5, 2019

9:00 a.m. Walk – Keen Observing on Borrego Palm Canyon Trail

2.5 Hours

Walk with Park Interpreter Regina Reiter on our most popular trail using her favorite techniques of observation to notice keenly, remember what you observe, and develop questions for deeper exploration. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Sun protection and 2 liters of water are required by all participants. *Limited to those who have signed up in advance at the Visitor Center or by phone at 760-767-4205*

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Cacti!

45 Minutes

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover the unique strategies that help cacti survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this gentle walk.

Thursday, May 9, 2019

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

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Friday, May 10, 2019

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – 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. No nomenclature expertise is needed! Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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.

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Saturday, May 11, 2019

2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Adventure – Buttes Pass Slot Canyon

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a fun family hike in the Slot. Meet at the parking area for the Slot on Buttes Pass Road which is 1.4 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.

Children ages 7-12 will earn their Junior Ranger badge. Hats and water are required. *Limited to families who have signed up by 1 p.m. today at the Visitor Center or by calling 760-767-4205.*

7:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

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Sunday, May 12, 2019

4:00 p.m. Walk – Keen Observing on Borrego Palm Canyon Trail

2.5 Hours

Walk with Park Interpreter Regina Reiter on our most popular trail using her favorite techniques of observation to notice keenly, remember what you observe, and develop questions for deeper exploration. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Sun protection and 2 liters of water are required by all participants. *Limited to those who have signed up in advance at the Visitor Center or by phone at 760-767-4205.*



Thursday, May 16, 2019

9:30 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

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Friday, May 17, 2019

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 at dusk to explore the fascinating and surprisingly active hour between the day and night. *Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon trailhead which is past the campground.*

Saturday, May 18, 2019

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.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Mart

45 Minutes

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker 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. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. We will move inside if it's too hot outside.

2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Adventure – Junior Ranger Mountain

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a fun family hike up “Junior Ranger Mountain”, a favorite promontory for young explorers, just west of the Visitor Center. Meet at the front of the Visitor Center. Children ages 7-12 will earn their Junior Ranger badge. *Limited to families who have signed up by 1 p.m. today at the Visitor Center or by calling 760-767-4205.*

6:30 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. Stay to watch the moon rise.

7:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Moon Rises

1 Hour

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon's rising. Bring out your lawn chair and binoculars and meet on the Visitor Center Roof, the “Bridge”, to watch the full moon rise as the sun goes down. Come early for Moon Features Come Alive, above.



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Sunday, May 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. Walk – Keen Observing on Borrego Palm Canyon Trail

2.5 Hours

Walk with Park Interpreter Regina Reiter on our most popular trail using her favorite techniques of observation to notice keenly, remember what you observe, and develop questions for deeper exploration. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Limited to those who have signed up in advance at the Visitor Center or by phone at 760-767-4205. Sun protection and 2 liters of water are required by all participants.

Thursday, May 23, 2019

4:00 p.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. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Friday, May 24, 2019

9:30 a.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. Then, we'll go outside to watch the moon set.

7:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be Crepuscular

1 Hour

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Saturday, May 25, 2019

11:00 a.m. Walk – Desert Mart

45 Minutes

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker 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. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. We will move inside if it's too hot outside.

2:00 p.m. Junior Ranger Family Adventure – Mine Wash Village Site

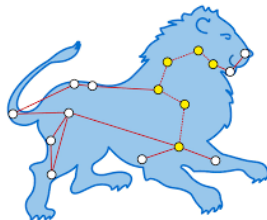
1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a fun family hike at the Mine Wash Village Site. We will explore this intriguing cultural site where families thrived in the past. Meet at the entrance to Mine Wash Road which is 2.7 miles east of County Road S3 on Highway 78. Children ages 7-12 will earn their Junior Ranger badge. Hats and water are required. *Limited to families who have signed up by 1 p.m. today at the Visitor Center or by calling 760-767-4205.*

8:30 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1 Hour

The Visitor Center roof is perfect for stargazing! Meet Sally Theriault, Park Interpreter, to explore constellations, search for planets, and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Look for Sally on the roof of the Visitor Center.



Sunday, May 26, 2019

1:00 p.m. Walk – 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. No nomenclature expertise is needed! Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

5:00 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook

2.5 Hours

Meet Interpretive Guide 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. Wear sturdy shoes; bring at least one quart/liter of water and a flashlight or headlamp for walking at dusk. Walk length, 1.5 miles of moderate walking with a rocky ascent.

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Monday, May 27, 2019

7:00 a.m. Talk/Walk ♿ - Beaks and Feet

1.5 Hour

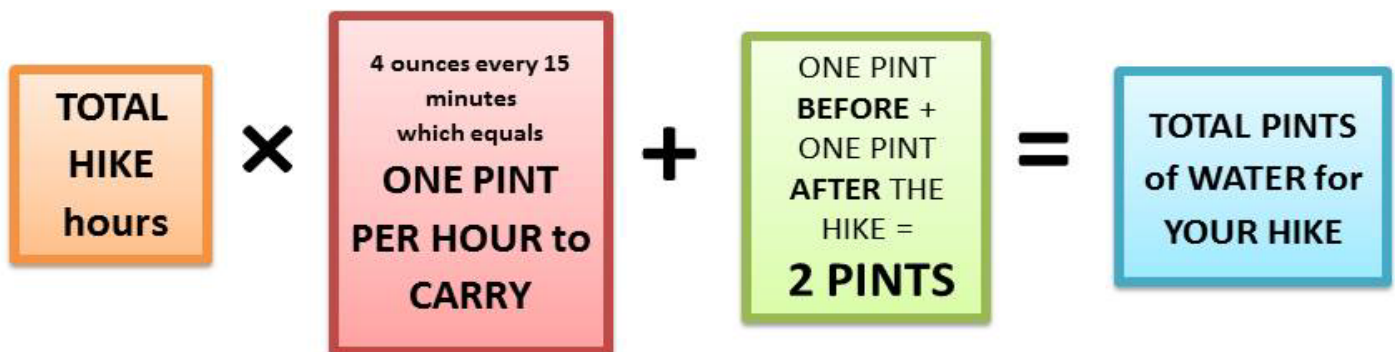
If you've always wanted to learn about birds but thought it's too complicated and only for birding experts, you'll enjoy this simple way of appreciating the birds! Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, in front of the Visitor Center for this hands-on discovery session and get a close look at birds in and around the Visitor Center. For bird lovers 8 and up; no previous birding experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them.

10:00 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.

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Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 2014

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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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