



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday, February 3, 2018

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 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

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.



3:00 a.m. Talk – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future?

7:00 p.m. Campfire – Animal Songs

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a lighthearted look at the sounds some of the Park animals make. You'll leave this interactive program with new appreciation for some of the Park animals and a song in your heart! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, February 4, 2018

11:00 a.m. What Gives Ravens Their Star Quality


45 Min.

Enjoy finding out how the intelligence and personalities of ravens have inspired their starring role in myths and legends around the world. With Volunteer Naturalist Karen DeLorenzo you will discover a new way to look at these mischievous – and maybe even wise – birds.

1:00 p.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.

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Sunday, February 4, 2018 (continued)

3:00 p.m. Walk – Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter 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, February 5, 2018

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.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in The Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by ABF Staff, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes will take you to little-known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. 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/2017-2018-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446. No advance registration required.

2:30 p.m. Hike – Stroll into the Sunset Wash

3 Hours


Sunset Wash is a picturesque example of the canyons that drain out of the Vallecito Mountains. Come join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a moderately-paced 3-mile exploration over somewhat rocky terrain. Meet at the entrance to Nude Wash, off Highway 78, about 0.25 mile east of call box 78-822 and just west of the road sign listing the mileage to Ocotillo Wells.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Elephant Safari

3 Hours

The Elephant Tree, which is common south of the border, is rarely found in the U.S. The largest "herd" resides in Alma Wash in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Come join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a moderate, somewhat rocky, 3-mile ramble to observe the Elephant Tree in its natural, alluvial-fan habitat. Meet at the Elephant Trees Trail parking area off Split Mountain Road. Participants without 4WD, high-clearance vehicles can park below the trailhead and walk the rest of the way up the one-mile dirt road.

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Wednesday, February 7, 2018 (continued)

3:00 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.

Thursday, February 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – **Notice and Wonder** **1.5 Hours**
Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature Journaling. We'll explore the desert using very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to help us see, remember, and investigate vibrantly. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water and sunhat. Meet in front of 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.

Friday, February 9, 2018

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – **Paleontology Lecture** **2 Hours**
Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. Steve and Kathleen Holen will speak about the Cirutti Mastadon. Open to the public.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

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). This hike will end before the 'Ehmuu' Morteros hike begins, making it possible for adventurers to enjoy both hikes. **Prehike Optional Add-on:** Meet at the Shelter Valley Community Center for no-host breakfast with Dan at 7:30. (The Community Center accepts donations.)

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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.

3:00 p.m. Lecture/Book Signing – San Diego County Mammal Atlas 2 Hours



Join us at the UC Irvine Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (401 Tilting T Dr, Borrego Springs) for a lecture and book signing with Scott Tremor, one of the editors of the long-awaited San Diego County Mammal Atlas. Scott will give a presentation on the book, answer questions, and sign copies for attendees. Books will be for sale at the event. No advance registration required. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact the State Park Store at 760-767-0446 Ext. 1005.

7:00 p.m. Campfire – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness 1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future? Bring a flashlight and meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.


Sunday, February 11, 2018

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.

3:00 p.m. Walk – Rainbow Any Day 1 Hour

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Monday, February 12, 2018

9:00 a.m. Social Bike Ride – Sheep Canyon Mountain Bike Ride

4 Hours



Join Jim & Gary on a ride from the start of Coyote Canyon all the way up to Sheep Canyon in Collins Valley! This is a strenuous 18+ mile ride that includes a 6 mile climb at the start through some sections of deep soft sand, rocks, and water crossings. We will go up and over the extremely steep bypass road and pop up into Collins Valley, continuing on to Sheep Canyon. This ride is not for beginners. Expect soft sand. \$20 Public/\$15 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

10:00 a.m. Lecture – Anza-Borrego Desert Botany Society Monthly Lecture

1 Hour

Jon Rebman from the San Diego Natural History Museum will talk about new botanical discoveries, resources, and projects in our region. Meets in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. The public is welcome.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in The Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by ABF Staff, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes will take you to little-known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. 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/2017-2018-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446. No advance registration required.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Stag Cove

3 Hours

Join Susie and Brian Jones on a moderate 2.5 mile round-trip hike up Stag Cove. We'll start our hike exploring the sandy wash that takes us up to a narrow boulder-filled canyon. As the flora changes we climb off the desert floor and admire the view. From the Tamarisk Grove intersection, drive east on Hwy 78 for 0.8 mile and turn right onto the jeep road for Stag Cove. Four wheel drive is not required. The hike is limited to 15 people, please sign up at the Visitor Center. Bring at least 2 liters of water, a hat, snacks, hiking sticks (optional) and wear sturdy shoes.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Ash Wash

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Dan Jellis for a moderately strenuous hike over uneven and rocky ground to a spectacular exposure of the 760,000 year-old Bishop Ash. Wear sturdy shoes; bring water and a light lunch. Meet at the end of the pavement north on DiGiorgio Road.

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Thursday, February 15, 2018

10:00 a.m. Walk – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature Journaling. We'll explore the desert using very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to help us see, remember, and investigate vibrantly. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water and sunhat. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

2:30 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.

Friday, February 16, 2018

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.

11:00 a.m. Talk – Monthly Meeting of the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society

1 Hour

Join the CDAS for a talk given by Steve Holen, the Co-Director of the Center for American Paleolithic Research, who will be speaking about Long Distance Clovis Lithic Movements. The meeting will be held in the Discovery Lab at the Anza Borrego Park Visitor Center; the public is invited.




7:00 p.m. Concert – A Desert Song Cycle with Beth Chafey-Hon

2 Hours



In support of Anza-Borrego Foundation, Beth Chafey-Hon will be performing "A Desert Song Cycle," a unique multi-media program of her own fully-scored compositions for violin and various ensembles, accompanied by a breathtaking series of images displaying many aspects of our desert wilderness. Along with her own photos, Beth will be using images submitted to the Anza-Borrego Desert Photo Contest over the past 12 years. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at www.theABF.org/violin, at the State Park Store in the Mall, or via phone at 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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Saturday, February 17, 2018

9 a.m. Social Hike – Pinyon Wash Hikes & Hops

4 Hours



Join ABF Board Member and retired Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Superintendent Mike Wells on an adventure in Pinyon Wash, one of the major drainages along Highway 78. We will take our time to enjoy the desert scenery and get a little inside scoop on the area from Mike, as well as hear a few stories of his time as Park Superintendent! \$20 Public/\$15 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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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.

7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1 Hour

Winter nights are perfect for Stargazing. Explore constellations and discover what it means to be an International Dark Sky Park! Bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Join Interpreter Sally Theriault at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

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.

10:30 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. Talk ♿ – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

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Sunday, February 18, 2018 (continued)


1:00 p.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.

3:00 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, February 19, 2018

10:00 a.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.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike **3.5 Hours**
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Thursday, February 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon **3 Hours**
Join Brian and Susie Jones on a strenuous 3 mile round-trip hike up Cool Canyon. We'll hike up some dry waterfalls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor and observe some of the many lizards that live there (provided we have warm weather). Meet at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west, ½ mile south of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park boundary sign just beyond Shelter Valley. Approximate drive time is 45 minutes from the ABDSP Visitor Center. Four-wheel drive not required. Hike is limited to 15 people. Please sign up at the Visitor Center. Bring water, a hat, snacks, hiking sticks (optional) and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

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10:00 a.m. Walk – Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

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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.

Friday, February 23, 2018

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

1 Hour

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens, and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the behavior of these two subspecies of the Corvid family of birds. Curious, intelligent, mischievous...all these characteristics, and more, come to life in this interesting discussion of ... Murders and Unkindnesses!



6:00 p.m. Wildlife Survey Volunteer Training—An Introduction to Tracking


2 Hours

This FREE class prepares you to participate in San Diego Tracking Team (SDTT) surveys that monitor the wildlife in major space preserves and other critical areas. Our emphasis in this training will be the animals of our desert area. You will learn about basic track and scat identification, animal gaits, habitat fragmentation, survey transects, data collection protocols and conservation. At the end of the class, you will be able to sign up to join experienced trackers on some of SDTT's wildlife surveys throughout the San Diego County area. Saturday morning we will go into the field (see Saturday, February 24). Sign up at the Visitor Center, or email your sign-up request to bshugan@gmail.com. Limited to 25 people. For questions, please contact Eileen Napoleon: 951-314-5898, eileen4kevin@gmail.com; or Beth Shugan: 760-767-5692, bshugan@gmail.com.

7:30 p.m. Lecture – Anza-Borrego: In Focus- Prehistoric Peoples of the Anza-Borrego Area 1 Hour



How did the First People of this region organize their internal affairs, their external relations, and their settlements on the land? In this overview presentation Richard L. Carrico will use archaeology, history, and native oral traditions to look through the mists of time to explore the rich culture, trade networks, art, astronomy, medicines, economy, and more of the region's First People. Lecture is at the UCI Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (401 Tilting T Dr, Borrego Springs). \$5 at the door, no advance registration needed.

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8:00 a.m. Field Class - Wildlife Survey Volunteer Training—Introduction to Tracking **4 Hours**

This is the second part of the Wildlife Survey Volunteer Training. We will go into the field looking for tracks and scat and other sign of animals.

9:00 a.m. Field Class – Prehistoric Peoples of the Anza-Borrego Area **7 Hours**



This field tour is a companion piece to the lecture on February 23. The tour will be led by Richard L. Carrico of San Diego State University. \$60 / \$50 for ABF Members. Advanced registration is required. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Briana for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 Extension 1004.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk **45 Min.**

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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.

7:00 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, February 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon **2.5 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 as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - The Amazing World of Bats—Nature's Tiny Fighter Jets **1 Hour**

Though poorly understood and often feared, bats are fascinating animals with incredible skills of flight and nighttime navigation. Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab for a multimedia exploration of these amazing fliers.

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Tuesday, February 27, 2018

5:30 a.m. Hike – Font's Point Sunrise Rim Walk

3 Hours

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld for a slow 3-4 hour nature & geology amble along the Font's Point escarpment to watch the sun rise over the Borrego Badlands. We'll explore geological processes, climate changes and desert life adaptations as we look down into a million years of history. This is a moderate 3 - 4 mile walk depending on weather, much of it cross-country (no trail) through cactus, over steep, rolling terrain. We'll make lots of stops to enjoy the views and talk about what we're seeing. Pre-registration, water, hiking shoes & hats are mandatory (no exceptions). 4WD mandatory (Terry has room for 4 passengers, first come, first served). Meet Terry at 5:30 a.m. at the entrance to Font's Point Wash (mile marker 29.3 on Hwy S-22). Limited to 10 participants who must have pre-registered at the Visitor Center.

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3:30 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Dan Jellis 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). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants – please sign-up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

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INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2018

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 that 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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