



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2018

Friday, November 2, 2018

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

1 Hour

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4:00 p.m. Talk/Walk & – Beaks and Feet

1 Hour

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Saturday, November 3, 2018

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

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.

5:15 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.

Sunday, November 4, 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.

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, November 4, 2018 (continued)

3:30 p.m. Walk ♿ - Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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

3.5 Hours



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Thursday, November 8, 2018

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Raven the Shape Shifter

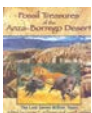
1 Hour

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.

Friday, November 9, 2018

10:00 a.m. Lecture ♿ – Long Vanished Past: An Introduction to ABDSP Paleontology

1 Hour



The Colorado Desert of southeastern California was not always a seemingly barren wilderness. This was once a verdant landscape – an environment of rivers and streams, lakes, forest and savanna. Before that, it held an inland ocean. The key to understanding and engaging this prehistoric world is paleontology, the study of the fossilized remains of ancient life. Anza-Borrego has an exceptional fossil record, which preserves leaf impressions, shells, bones and teeth, and in some places, even animal tracks. Dr. Lyndon K. Murray, ABDSP District Paleontologist, will introduce us to this long vanished past.

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Saturday, November 10, 2018

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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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 45-minute 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, November 11, 2018

9:00 a.m. Talk/Walk ♿ – Beaks and Feet

1 Hour

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9:30 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 in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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

3.5 Hours



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Thursday, November 15, 2018

11:00 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.

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- 11:00 a.m. Lecture** ♿ – **Colorado Desert Archaeology Society** **1 Hour**
Join the Archaeology Society in the Discovery Lab for their monthly lecture.
- 4:00 p.m. Walk** ♿ – **Let's Be Crepuscular** **1 Hour**
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- 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 a.m. Bike Ride** – **Grapevine Canyon Bikes & Brews** **4 Hours**
To kick off our fifth season of mountain bike rides in Anza-Borrego, we will follow tradition and head down Grapevine Canyon. Starting in Ranchita off Old Wilson Road, we'll ride down the exhilarating Grapevine Canyon, and end at Tamarisk Grove Campground. Advanced Registration required due to the shuttle. \$25 Public/\$20 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. 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?
- 2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers** **1 Hour**
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- 7:00 p.m. Campfire** ♿ – **Desperate Times in the Desert Call for Desperate Measures!** **1 Hour**
Life in the desert can be pretty harsh, but many animals (and plants!) have pretty unique strategies for dealing with challenging conditions. Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault as we discover some of their secrets of survival. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

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5:25 a.m. Hike – Fonts Point Sunrise Rim Walk

3.5 Hours

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld for a slow 3-4 hour nature & geology amble along the Fonts Point escarpment to watch the sun rise over the Borrego Badlands as we peer down into 2 million years of pre-history. This is a moderate 3-4 mile walk, much of it off-trail through cactus over rolling terrain, with stops to enjoy the views and talk about what we're seeing. Pre-registration, water & hats are mandatory (no exceptions). 4WD or high-clearance AWD required (Terry has room for 4 passengers; specify when registering if you would like to ride with him). Meet Terry at 5:25 a.m. at the entrance to Fonts Point Wash (mile marker 29.3 on Hwy S-22). Limited to 10 participants who must have signed-up at the Visitor Center or pre-registered by calling 760-767-4205.

9:30 a.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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Thursday, November 22, 2018

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Visitor Center is OPEN from 9a.m. – 5 p.m. Come on in!

Volunteers and staff will be happy to answer your questions, suggest hikes in the Park, and show any of our five 15-minute videos. Come explore our hands-on Discovery Lab!

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9:00 a.m. Sale ♿ – Botany Society Fall Plant Sale

Until Sold Out

This year's annual native plant sale will be held in front of the State Park Store, 587 Palm Canyon Dr. in The Mall. Plants can be pre-ordered at thebotanysociety@gmail.com

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3:30 p.m. Walk – Panorama Overlook

2.5 Hours

Meet Park Interpretive Specialist 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 and bring at least one liter of water and a flashlight. Sunset is at 4:40 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Lecture ♿ – Anza-Borrego: In Focus - The Southern Emigrant Trail

2 Hours



Indians, Mexican soldiers, American '49ers, the famed Butterfield stages, cattlemen, and others all traveled the Southern Emigrant Trail. Unlike some Western trails that came and went, it was an important overland route in and out of Southern California for more than a century. The story of the trail captures much of the history of the Anza-Borrego region. 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.

Saturday, November 24, 2018

Field Class – Anza-Borrego: In Focus - The Southern Emigrant Trail

All Day



Indians, Mexican soldiers, American '49ers, the famed Butterfield stages, cattlemen, and others all traveled the Southern Emigrant Trail. Unlike some Western trails that came and went, it was an important overland route in and out of Southern California for more than a century. The story of the trail captures much of the history of the Anza-Borrego region. This will be a driving-heavy field class. \$60/\$50 for ABF Members. Advanced registration is required. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

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7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – **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. Observe the waning gibbous (you’ll learn what that means!) moon. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center/Amphitheatre. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Sunday, November 25, 2018

9:30 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 in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

11:35 a.m. Walk ♿ – **Those Mysterious Holes – Discovering Abundant Life of ABDSP** **1 Hour**
Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld to do some detective sleuthing on a slow, easy “nature amble” around the Visitor Center gardens to discover signs of what species of seldom-seen life are active in the desert. Along the way, we’ll examine different species of desert plants “up-close-and-personal” to find out how they survive drought, intense sun and 122F heat. Meet Terry at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center at 11:35 a.m. Limited to 10 participants who must have signed up at the Visitor Center or pre-registered by calling 760-767-4205.

3:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – **Desert Inspiration** **1 Hour**
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Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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Saturday, December 1, 2018

7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – **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 at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center a multimedia exploration of these amazing fliers.

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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 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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