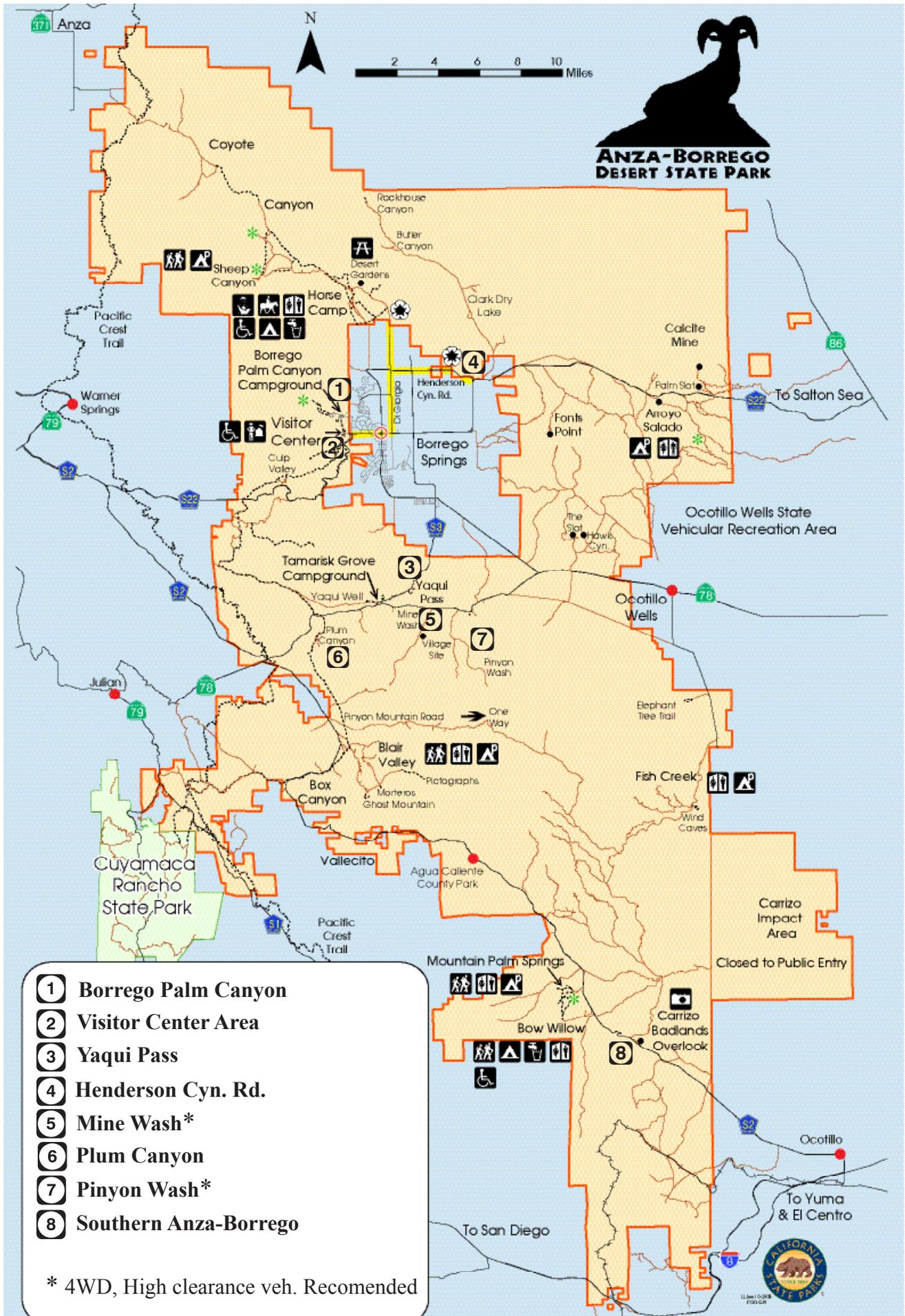


Flower Map for Entire Park



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Wildflower Update 4-5-2011

Annual wildflowers have largely dried up in parts of the Borrego Valley, but can still be found in many of the canyons in the park. Cacti are coming into bloom in full force, and should be good for another week or so, along with shrubs and ocotillo.

- ① **Borrego Palm Canyon** – This is still one of the easiest places in the park to see lots of different blooming species. The campground road is flanked by fields of yellow Desert Dandelion, and you don't need to walk very far up the trail to see lots of Chuparosa, Desert Lavender, Brittlebush and Creosote Bush in bloom. Keep an eye out for Apricot Mallow and the sweet-smelling Indigo Bush and Krameria (Rhatany). You may still be able to find a variety of annual wildflowers--Desert Pincushion, Phacelia, Poppies, Chia, Monkeyflowers--along the main and alternate trails, as well as in sandy washes.
- ② **Visitor Center Area** – Some annuals can still be found, but cacti are becoming the real show. A variety of cactus species are in bloom, so be sure to take a short walk around!
- ③ **Yaqui Pass** – Walk the Bill Kenyon Overlook Trail (0.5 mile each way) for good views as well as Spiny Desert Senna and cactus species in bloom.
- ④ **Henderson Canyon Road** – A small patch of lupine is still blooming at the far eastern end of the road, but annuals elsewhere seem to be past their peak.
- ⑤ **Mine Wash** – Colorful shrubs line the road, and Gold Poppies are decorating the hillsides. Agave are starting to bloom also. **Caution: Four-wheel drive is required beyond the Indian Village Site!**
- ⑥ **Plum Canyon** – Quite colorful (especially the left/east fork) with shrubs like Chuparosa, Brittlebush, and Desert Lavender in full bloom. Lots of Chia and Fiesta Flower, some Monkeyflowers and a few Poppies. Check out both forks of the road. See if you can find Wild Canterbury Bells among the rocks.
- ⑦ **Pinyon Wash** - Also colorful, with lots of Chuparosa and Ocotillo. Look for Monkeyflowers in sandy washes, and Gold Poppies on hillsides. **Caution: 4WD required.**
- ⑧ **Southern Anza-Borrego** - There is a nice display of Arizona Lupine along Highway S-2, between mile markers 49 and 52.

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