

FEBRUARY 2012 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Thursday, February 2, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

3 Hours

Join Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a cool trip up Cool Canyon. We'll hike up several dry falls through Desert Apricot and many other interesting plants. This is higher country, so the flora is different from that of the desert floor. Meet at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west just south of the park boundary sign near Shelter Valley. Four-wheel drive is not required. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes.

Friday, February 3, 2012

7:00 p.m. Class - Intermediate Desert Tracking

2 Hours/2 Days



No tracking experience necessary; novice trackers are welcome to sign up at the Intermediate level. This class will bring new life and excitement to your hikes and outdoor adventures! Imagine knowing where a cougar has crossed a trail, or discovering where a bighorn sheep was bedded down for the night. Learn to read the tracks and sign of desert wildlife in this hands-on class with Western Tracking Institute founder, Barry Martin and the Anza-Borrego Tracking Team. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$75/\$65 for ABF members.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:00 a.m. Class - Intermediate Desert Tracking

7 Hours/2 Days

(See Description for February 3rd)

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander 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.

9:30 a.m. Talk ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

Whether you are a first time visitor or one who has not had the opportunity to visit sections of the park, join Volunteer Naturalist Ron Shugan for a slide show presentation meant to provide an overview of the many activities and sights of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. This series of slides will make you want to get out and visit some of the many wonders of California's largest state park. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.



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Saturday, February 4, 2012 (continued)

- 12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros** **2 Hours**
Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.
- 2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk** **45 Minutes**
Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker as she takes you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover what is in bloom.
- 7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ - What is really in those Badlands?** **1 Hour**
Join Ranger Don Strampfer for a journey into our Borrego Badlands. Explore the life and beauty of this section of our park. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery without leaving your seat. Come to the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center. P.S. Campfire songs are always a possibility!

Sunday, February 5, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground** **1 Hour**
Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.



- 9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **3 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.
- 9:00 a.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours** **1 Hour**
Join Ranger Steve Bier to learn about and possibly spot some of our bighorn sheep. Meet at the Bill Kenyon Overlook parking area.
- 10:00 a.m. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass** **3 Hours**
Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike; bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

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Sunday, February 5, 2012 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Walk/Talk ♿ - Lifestyles of the Hot and Thirsty

30 Minutes

Cactus and succulents have some amazing adaptations that help them survive in extremely hot and dry climates. This talk will reveal some little-known facts about how cacti work overtime to stay alive. Volunteer Naturalist Don Rideout will discuss the most common cactus species of Anza-Borrego as we stroll through the Visitor Center garden.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego

1 Hour

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3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson 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). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – California Riding and Hiking Trail Loop

3 Hours

Join Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderately strenuous 3 mile hike up the California Riding and Hiking Trail to a wonderful view over the basin to the east. We'll see some interesting plants and geological features along the way and return via the old trail. Meet at the Hellhole parking lot on S-22, 1/2 mile west of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive. Bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy hiking boots.

Thursday, February 9, 2012

8:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

3.5 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 return by way of the road. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, Mile Marker 38.1 east on Highway S-22. Extra parking is available at Mile Marker 38. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated strenuous.

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Friday, February 10, 2012

8:30 a.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 for this 2-3 mile round trip hike on uneven ground.

9:30 a.m. Lecture Taphonomy: Decay, Breakup, Burial, and Fossilization

2.5 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist, will present this lecture that is part of the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, February 11, 2012

7:30 a.m. 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.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 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.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Hellhole Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow will be roaming the Hellhole 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 falls. This is not a guided hike.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Travertine Palms

5 Hours

There is a beautiful palm oasis in the far northeast corner of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a moderately strenuous 5-6 mile (round trip) hike across rocky ground to the oasis. We'll see fresh water shells from old Lake Cahuilla along the way. Bring water, light lunch, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the Red Earth Casino parking lot, north on State Highway 86.

11:00 a.m. - - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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12:00 p.m. Talk – Tailgate Tour

1 Hour

Join the only CA State Park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Meet her at the airport office and she will take you to the plane.

1:00 p.m. Workshop – Desert Stargazing

3.5 Hours/2 Days



This two-day workshop is designed for beginning stargazers interested in exploring the mind-expanding hobby of amateur astronomy. Popular astronomer Dennis Mammana will teach techniques on viewing the sky with the unaided eye, binoculars, and small telescopes. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$100/\$90 for ABF members.

2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors in the garden, the desert plants. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.



6:00 p.m. Campfire at Bow Willow – Owls: The Eyes into Your Culture

1 Hour

Ranger D. L. Stephen takes you on a journey exploring why owls are important to numerous cultures. *This is not your typical campfire program* but takes you back to a time when people gathered around a campfire, telling stories. This story tells the tale of the night's silent hunters' position in different cultures' mythology through the use of various forms of puppetry.

7:30 p.m. Talk – Renewable Energy & the California Deserts

1.5 Hours



Laura Crane, Senior Project Director for The Nature Conservancy, will discuss the current situation related to renewable energy in the California Deserts and important considerations to accommodate both renewable energy and the conservation of water and wildlife. Join us at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center for this intriguing lecture, followed by refreshments. \$5 each. Call 760-767-4063 for details; no registration required.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire ♿ Bats of Borrego and Beyond

1 Hour

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center.

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Sunday, February 12, 2012

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.



9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander 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.

10:00 a.m. Workshop – Desert Stargazing

2 Hours/2 Days

(See Description from February 11th)

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - “Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.

Monday, February 13, 2012

10:00 a.m. ♿ - Botany Lecture by Jim Dice

45 Minutes

Environmental scientist Jim Dice will explore the links between plants of northwestern Mexico and those of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this lecture sponsored by the ABDSP Botany Society. Open to the public.

Thursday, February 16, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike - A Trek to Truckhaven Rocks

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander on a 3 mile peaceful trek thru the sandy wash to Truckhaven Rocks. At the Rocks, meander up a canyon enjoying the sandstone beauty and the ever-changing plants and flowers. Along the way, we will enjoy the Smoke Trees, Desert Lavender, Desert Lupines, Orcutt Asters, Desert Holly and much more. Limited to 10 cars, so please sign up at the front desk at the Visitor Center. There is little shade so be sure to have hats and lots of water. Meet at the overlook at just past mile marker 36 on S-22 east at 8 a.m. **We will then drive to our starting point.**

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Friday, February 17, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike - South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rockfall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at mile marker 38 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.

Saturday, February 18, 2012

9:30 a.m. Hike – High Points of Anza-Borrego – Whale Peak

7.5 Hours



Pass through one of San Diego County's best pinyon-juniper woodland communities on this moderately strenuous hike with Chuck Banker to the 5,349-foot summit of Whale Peak. Have lunch atop the summit and enjoy the grand panoramic views of the Salton Sea, Blair Valley and Mexico. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$45/\$35 for ABF members

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store

30 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush.. This is an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego

45 Minutes

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7:30 p.m. – Campfire ♿ - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Jennifer at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for a fun campfire program.

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Sunday, February 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. 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.

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Milling Around Mine Wash

4 Hours



Join Hank Barber for this fascinating 2-mile hike around an ancient Kumeyaay village site to see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins and rubs. The adventure will include stops for wildflower identification and discussions of desert Indians' use of plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$35/\$25 for ABF members.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - “Song Dog” ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

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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.

7:00 p.m. Talk – Stargazing with Binoculars *(rainy or cloudy weather cancels)*

1 Hour

Meet at the Visitor Center to discover how binoculars can help you explore the beautiful night sky! Dress warmly and bring binoculars, if you have them, and a flashlight (red lens preferable).

Monday, February 20, 2012

8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan 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.

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Snakes in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

1 Hour

Volunteer Naturalist Joe Hopkins introduces the snake species that frequent Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the surrounding areas.

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Tuesday, February 21, 2012

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.

Thursday, February 23, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike -South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Toni on a 4-mile round trip hike in this delightful sandstone canyon which starts in a wash that brings you to the canyon entrance. The beautiful one mile sandstone canyon is entered under a natural stone bridge, goes through a slot and will end at a rock fall. Along the way you will be enchanted by the bands of colors created over thousands of years by the alternating ingresses of the Colorado River and seas to the south inviting you to take picture after picture. Don't forget water and hat. Limited to first 15 people to sign up at the Visitor Center. . **Meet at Mile Marker 38.2 on S22.**

Friday, February 24, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the visitor center.

6:00 p.m. Class – Anza-Borrego: Land Before the Rain Shadow

3 Hours/3 Days



This two-weekend field course is a general introduction to the geology and paleontology of the Anza-Borrego Desert with expert Paul Remeika. Feb. 24-26 will concentrate on Fish Creek Wash and the Vallecito Badlands. March 16-18 will feature the Borrego Badlands and the western Salton Basin. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$250/\$215 for ABF members.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

8:00 a.m. Class – Anza-Borrego: Land Before the Rain Shadow

8.5 Hours/3 Days

(See Description from February 24th)

8:00 a.m. Trip – Palm Oases of Anza-Borrego

7 Hours



Discover the unique personalities of four different palm oases in the southern portion of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park with expert guide Paul Johnson. Along the way, see elephant trees, palm trees, a wide variety of cacti, and possibly bighorn sheep. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$70/\$60 for ABF members.

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Saturday, February 25, 2012 (continued)

9:00 a.m. Hike – The Slot and Wind Caves

3.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on a fascinating stroll into the Borrego Badlands. On the way into the slot canyon, we will make a short detour for a close look at some intriguing wind caves. This is a moderate 3-mile loop hike. Have the usual hat, water, and sturdy shoes. At the junction of Borrego Valley Road and Highway 78, drive east 1.5 miles. Turn left on to Buttes Pass Road. After .9 miles, go left/straight at the fork. Continue .8 miles, and you will reach a parking area where we will meet.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Hidden Vista

1 Hour

Hike about ½ mile to the Bill Kenyon Overlook from Yaqui Pass Camp. We will explore the rocky habit along the trail to reach the dramatic overlook. Take Yaqui Pass Road (S-3) and meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the far end of Yaqui Pass Camp (mile marker #2).

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.



12:00 p.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

Join the only CA state park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will meet and be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Take Palm Canyon Drive east from Christmas Circle to S22. Airport is on the left.

12:00 p.m. Walk - ♿ - “Little Torch”

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron and Peg Poitras for a casual stroll around the Visitor Center to enjoy, examine, embrace and explore the majestic Ocotillo plant. This short tour examines the plant’s history, growth, needs and uses.



1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven’t had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of Park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

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3:30 p.m. Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - Mysteries of Anza-Borrego

1 Hour

Take a deeper look into the past. Join Ranger Josh for a trip into the earlier times of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, February 26, 2012

8:00 a.m. Class – Anza-Borrego: Land Before the Rain Shadow

8.5 Hours/3 Days

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9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

12:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old/new technology. Volunteer Naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the Nierenberg Amphitheater outside the Visitor Center.

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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Wednesday, February 29, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Harper Cabin/Pinyon Wash

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike to Harper Flat, the cabin, and the Pinyon drop-off. The terrain is generally even, but the hike is about 7 miles. Wear sturdy footwear; bring water and a light lunch. Four-wheel drive required, but we'll car-pool up the jeep road. Meet at the junction of State Highway 78 and Pinyon Wash (about 4 miles east of Tamarisk Grove).

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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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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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