



OCTOBER 2015 INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Saturday, October 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. Social Hike – Hikes & Hops in Culp Valley

5 Hours



Join Anza-Borrego Foundation for a hike up the California Riding and Hiking Trail from the Culp Valley Campground to the Jasper Trail turnoff at the top of Montezuma Grade. The hike will be moderate-to-strenuous- about 3 miles, mostly uphill- and will require a shuttle to get back to the Pena Spring parking area. Participants will be asked to help shuttle. \$20 Public / \$15 ABF Members.

Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

1:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans

1 Hour

Discover the amazing secrets of the Native Americans who lived in the area that is now Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Join Volunteer Naturalist Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past and take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

Sunday, October 11, 2015

1:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - The Pollen Path: Seasonal Movements of Native Americans

1 Hour

See description under Saturday, October 10, above.

Sunday, October 18, 2015

9:30 a.m. Hike – Ironwood Canyon Hike

5.5 Hours



Join ABDSP supporter, ABF Member, and Park enthusiast Frank Colver for a strenuous hike into the Park's newest-named drainage, Ironwood Canyon. Located near the community of Canebrake, Frank decided to name this drainage system after the 101 ironwood trees he found located there. In March of 2010, the name became official. This hike will be between 7.5 and 9 miles, depending on the group. \$25 Public / \$20 for ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

Sunday, October 25, 2015

7:30 – 9:00 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.

Friday-Saturday, October 30-31, 2015

7:30 p.m. Lecture/Field Program – The Majestic Bighorn Sheep of Anza-Borrego

2 Days



Join retired Park Superintendent Mark Jorgensen for a program highlighting the magnificent bighorn's adaptations to survive in some of the harshest habitats in North America and efforts underway to restore and maintain populations of desert bighorn. This is the first in the *Anza-Borrego: In Focus* series. \$60 Public / \$50 for ABF Members; Friday lecture (at SBABDRC) only: \$5. Visit www.theABF.org/events or call Briana for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1004.

UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER
(OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 16, THEN OPEN EVERY DAY 9 AM to 5 PM).

♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED. PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
ACCOMMODATION, (760) 767-4205.

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRAILS OR TOURS.



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Saturday, October 31, 2015

8:00 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Balmy nights are perfect for Stargazing at the Visitor Center! 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 (you’ll be amazed at the view!), and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits. Meet on the roof of the Visitor Center.



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