

JANUARY 2013 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



8:30 a.m. Walk - Kick off the New Year with a Walk

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Joe Hopkins for a leisurely stroll to and from the Visitor Center. Start at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground (near site 71) at 8:30 a.m. for a stroll to the VC where you can see the award winning displays. Return on your own or join Joe on the round-trip. Or start at the VC end at 10:00 a.m. to go to the campground which may serve as a starting point for several other nice hikes that Joe will detail for you. Returning to the VC is on your own.

9:00 a.m. Walk—Behind the Ghost Mountain Story: Facts, Fabrications and Embellishments 2 Hours

Learn about the Marshal South family and their experiment in primitive living on a remote mountain top. Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on this 2-mile round-trip, steep but scenic walk up Ghost Mountain. Bring water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Home Trailhead in Blair Valley. Rain cancels.

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Resolution Hike: Hike Alcoholic Pass!

3 Hours

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 4-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 hiking boots.

10:00 a.m. Hike – Borrego Mountain West Butte

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a moderate 3-mile (round trip) hike to the top of one of our smaller peaks, but with great views! There will be some walking on narrow ridges and scrambling on rocks toward the summit. Meet just off Highway #78 at the intersection of Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road.

11:00 a.m. Hike – Plum Canyon

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan on a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon. We will enjoy a variety of plants, rocks and bends as we hike to a spectacular overlook. Wear boots, carry water, and bring a snack. Meet at Plum Canyon off Highway 78, west of S-3. From there we will carpool to the trailhead. Limited to 12 participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center.

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Tuesday, January 1, 2013

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.

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. Hike – Lower Willows

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike in lower Coyote Canyon, including Coyote Creek, the rocky Bypass Road, and hopefully a variety of birds. Meet at the end of the pavement at the north end of DiGiorgio Road.

Saturday, January 5, 2013

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.

11:00 a.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.

1:00 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 as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

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

1 Hour

Join Ranger Josh at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

Sunday, January 6, 2013

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.

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Saturday, January 6, 2013 (continued)

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

3 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.

Thursday, January 10, 2013

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.

Friday, January 11, 2013

9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lecture- ♿ - Osteology

3 Hours

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

7:30 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).

Saturday, January 12, 2013

7:30 a.m. Auto Tour – Photo Safari to Canyon Sin Nombre

8 Hours



Join Paul Johnson on this tour to look for unique and dramatic subjects in Canyon Sin Nombre and nearby canyons. Each stop will include demonstrations and discussion about what it takes to turn them into outstanding photographs. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$85/\$75 for ABF members

9:00 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.

10:00 a.m. Ranger Hike

3 Hours

Join Ranger D.L. Stephens on a nature hike to the Southwest Palm Grove from the Bow Willow Campground. Moderately strenuous (will take the upper route).

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Saturday, January 12, 2012 (continued)

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. Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store

45 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 Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

7:30 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Day Trips In Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

1 Hour

Join Ranger Jennifer for a fun campfire as she discusses day trips you can take in the Park. Both 4WD and 2WD trips are included. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, January 13, 2013

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.

1:30 p.m. Talk – The Eye of the Beholder

1 Hour

Meet in the Discovery Lab with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer to explore the sensual world of desert insects, reptiles, birds, and mammals. We will consider how animals perceive and interpret the wide spectrum of colors, sounds, flavors, scents, and textures of the desert. The talk will be followed by a short tour in the Visitor Center Garden.

Monday, January 14, 2013

10:00 a.m. - ♿ Botany Lecture – Desert Plant Adaptations

1 Hour

Botanist Kate Harper will talk about desert plants in this lecture sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society. The public is welcome. There is no charge. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

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.

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Thursday, January 17, 2013

9:00 a.m. Walk - Bill Kenyon Trail

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a 1.5-mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, 1 mile north of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Saturday, January 19, 2013

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.

8:30 a.m. Sheep Canyon Information Booth

7.5 Hours

An information booth will be staffed in Sheep Canyon by two volunteers, Jen Puel and Denise Zuranski, meeting and greeting visitors with information about the area. High clearance 4WD vehicles are required to negotiate the bypass road.

9:00 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.

11:00 a.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.

1:00 p.m. Workshop - Night Sky Photography Basics

2 Days



If you enjoy photography and are fascinated by the desert night sky, this two-day hands-on workshop with Dennis Mammana is for you! Learn how to use a simple camera to create magnificent celestial portraits. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$100/\$90 for ABF members

1:30 p.m. Garden Walk - Small World

1 Hour

Everyone is impressed with the vast dimensions and stunning vistas of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The desert is equally impressive on a micro-scale. Stretch your perspective and explore the natural history of the park up close and personal with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer for a 1 hour easy walk. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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Saturday, January 19, 2013 (continued)

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.

Sunday, January 20, 2013

8:30 a.m. Sheep Canyon Information Booth

5.5 Hours

An information booth will be staffed in Sheep Canyon by two volunteers, Jen Puel and Denise Zuranski, meeting and greeting visitors with information about the area. High clearance 4WD vehicles are required to negotiate the by pass road.

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. Bike/Hike – Borrego Palm Canyon Bike & Hike

4 Hours

“Saddle up” with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker for the all-new fun 1-mile bike ride from the Visitor Center to the Borrego Palm Canyon Trailhead. Rendezvous at 9:30 with waiting hikers and explore with Dan the seldom-hiked scenic wonder that is the alternate trail to the Palm Canyon Oasis (3 miles hiking, round trip). Wear sturdy footwear and bring water, snack and biking helmet.

9:00 a.m. Walk - Roving Naturalist in the Visitor Center Garden

3 Hours

Bonnie Clapp will be roving the garden around the Visitor Center ready to answer your questions about the wonderful diversity of desert trees, plants, birds, ants, pupfish, butterflies and whatever else strikes your fancy that is living here in our garden. Come equipped with your five senses, curiosity and imaginations. This is not a guided hike.

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

3 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.

10:00 a.m. Talk - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

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”.

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1:00 p.m. Talk - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego 45 Minutes

Visitors to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park often ask about birds they've seen. There are over 300 bird species found in the park, but there are a few that visitors will almost always see. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus in the Discovery Lab to learn about the most commonly seen birds in the park, as well as where to find them. Novice birders can easily learn 15 different species, and more experienced birders will learn some fascinating new insights into the behavior of some species they already know.

Thursday, January 24, 2013

9:00 a.m. Hike – Mountain Palm Springs 5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5-mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1.

2:30 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault 3.5 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.

Friday, January 25, 2013

8:30 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular 4.5 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.

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.

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Saturday, January 26, 2013

9:00 Hike – Heavenly Hike through Hellhole Canyon

5 hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a 6-mile round trip moderately strenuous exploration of Hellhole Canyon. Meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking area; take S-22 south from Palm Canyon Drive approximately 1 mile. The parking area is on the right hand side of the road. Due to the difficult terrain, wear sturdy footwear and bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and plenty of water.

9:30 a.m. Hike –Ghost Mountain

2 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (one mile up, one mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountain top. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshal South Homesite Trailhead in Blair Valley (turn off Highway S-2 near Mile Marker 23 and follow the dirt road almost 3 miles). This hike will end before the *Ehmuu* Morteros hike begins, making it possible for participants to enjoy both.

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).

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.

1:30 p.m. Talk – The Eye of the Beholder

1 Hour

Meet in the Discovery Lab with Volunteer Naturalist Daniel Hellyer to explore the sensual world of desert insects, reptiles, birds, and mammals. We will consider how animals perceive and interpret the wide spectrum of colors, sounds, flavors, scents, and textures of the desert. The talk will be followed by a short tour in the Visitor Center Garden.

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

1 Hour

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Sunday, January 27, 2013

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 Volunteer Archeologist and Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable look at how the ingenious desert Indians used plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. During this trip we will be discussing how Indians used mesquite, agaves, creosote and other plants. We'll stop at a mesquite grove in Yaqui Wells, and then visit an important ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash to look at a rock shelter and ceremonial features. We'll also see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs that were used for milling food. Afterwards, there will be a short exploratory hike around the site area. Please bring lunch, hat, and ample water. 2-Wheel drive is okay. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot. Please come and mill around on this desert adventure.

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

45 Minutes

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Monday, January 28, 2013

2013 Certified Interpretive Guide Workshop

5 Days



Presented by ABF and the National Association for Interpretation, this 32-hour workshop is designed for anyone who would like to deliver interpretive programs to the public at any resource, facility or business such as visitor centers, nature centers, parks, museums, zoos, tour companies or heritage sites. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.

Thursday, January 31, 2013

9:00 Hike - Harper Flat

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile hike up Pinyon Wash to Harper Flat. There will a few large boulders to negotiate at the beginning of the hike, but the wash provides enough water to support many beautiful desert plants. Meet at the intersection of Pinyon Wash and Highway 78 in order to carpool in 4WD vehicles for a few miles back to the trailhead.

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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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