

MAY 2011 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Thursday, May 5, 2011

8:00 a.m. Hike – Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high above Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon, 2.7 mi west of Tamarisk Grove on Hwy 78.



Saturday, May 7, 2011

8:00 a.m. Hike – Wilson Trail: Follow the Flowers

8 Hours

Instructors: Hank, Mary and Paul

Fee: \$20/\$15 for ABF Members

Come for a hike in the high desert with a team of experienced naturalists on the spectacular Wilson Trail along Pinyon Ridge. The trail starts at 4,000 feet and meanders over ridges and valleys among Jojoba, Pinyon Pine, Chamise, Juniper, Manzanita, Sugar Bush, Yucca and Cacti. This moderately strenuous hike will be approximately 6-8 miles round trip (an optional extension for hardy hikers adds about 3 miles.). Wear sturdy hiking boots, pack a lunch, and bring ample water and a hat. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration.



Sunday, May 8, 2011

10:00 a.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. If it is too hot, Sally will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

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Thursday, May 12, 2011

8:00 a.m. Hike – Pinyon Wash

3.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson at the entrance to Pinyon Wash on Highway 78, 4.1 miles east of the intersection of County Road S-3 with Highway 78. We will carpool up the wash to the trailhead where we will continue on foot looking for wildflowers and geological features along the way to Harper Flat. This is a moderate 4-mile round trip hike; be sure to bring water and wear sturdy shoes.



Friday, May 13, 2011

8:00 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.

Saturday, May 14, 2011

10:00 a.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.



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Sunday, May 15, 2011

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - We have Wal-Mart. Native Americans had Desert-Mart 45 Minutes

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite. If the weather is too bad or too hot, Hank will do the program in the Discovery Lab.



Saturday, May 21, 2011

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.

Friday, May 27, 2011

8:00 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.

Saturday, May 28, 2011

11:00 a.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 or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

Sunday, May 29, 2011

11:00 a.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.

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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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