



# INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

# APRIL 2016

## Friday, April 1, 2016

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

Desert evenings are perfect for Stargazing! Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring warm clothing, a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing of Jupiter, galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae if weather permits. Meet on the roof of the Visitor Center. *Rainy or cloudy weather cancels.*

1 Hour



## Saturday, April 2, 2016

### 7:30 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk

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.

1.5 Hours

### 9:00 a.m. – Bike Ride – Bikes & Brews up Glorieta Canyon

4 Hours



This ride will be a strenuous 15-mile mountain bike ride up Glorieta Canyon. We will meet at the BWD pump station off Borrego Springs Rd. then climb our way up Glorieta Canyon to the turn-a-round at the end of the road. After a break we will ride the dirt road east, past some amazing “Sky Art” and back to our cars at the end of the trail. Please read the online description and register in advance for this program. Go to [www.theABF.org/events](http://www.theABF.org/events) or call 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

### 8:00 p.m. Campfire Program - Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego’s Elusive Mountain Lion

45 Min.

Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment. Meet at the campfire center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.



## Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3, 2016

### ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND: ANCIENT LAKE CAHUILLA

See next pages for detailed listing of events.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Archaeology Weekend

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center  
Borrego Springs, California April 2-3, 2016 Free Admission

### The Who, What, Where, When, Why, & How of: **Ancient Lake Cahuilla**

**Saturday, April 02, 2016**

#### Events

- 9:30 - 4 **Guided Tours of the Archaeology Lab.** Conducted by Colorado Desert Archaeology Society volunteers. Groups depart from the Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.
- 10-4:00 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display.** (Craft items for sale)
- Pottery Making Demonstration and Kids' Activities** - Includes clay grinding with paddle and anvil construction techniques. By CDAS Archaeology volunteers. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)
- Demonstration Table on Uses of Native Plants for Food, Medicine and Construction by the Kumeyaay Tribes of San Diego County & Baja California.** By Suzanne Emery.
- Pictograph Stories** – Students of all ages will look at pictographs and then try to decode the pictograph story. They will then create their own story . . . and transfer it to a rock to take home. By CDAS volunteers
- 4-5:00 **Free Ice Cream Social** - Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats in the Nierenberg Plaza at Visitor Center.

#### Presentations

- 10 – 11 **The story of Ancient Lake Cahuilla.** Behind the desert we see today lies millions of years of water – the ocean and ancient Lake Cahuilla have shaped the geological and cultural history of southern California both past and present. By Dr. Neal V. Hitch, Director, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, California.
- 11- 12 **Who Lived on the Lake Cahuilla Shorelines?** Among the occupants of Lake Cahuilla's shorelines were ancestors of the modern Cahuilla and Kumeyaay, but the picture of regional prehistory seems to have been considerably more complex (and more interesting) than that might suggest. By Don Laylander - Senior Archaeologist at ASM Affiliates in Carlsbad.
- 1 – 2 **Before Lake Cahuilla; in the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)** The overwhelming body of research in the OW SVRA has focused on the formation of ancient Lake Cahuilla during the Late Prehistoric period. However, ongoing research is revealing the possibility of significantly earlier occupations. By Dr. Jim Cassidy, Associate State Archaeologist, Ocotillo Wells SVRA
- 2 – 3 **Preserving and Protecting the Ancient Lake Cahuilla Shoreline: The State Park's Mission** - The preservation and protection of the valuable cultural resources of the Ancient Lake Cahuilla/Freeman Property is an important part of the Park's mission. What part can the Parks play in interpreting these resources? By Robin Connors – Associate State Archaeologist, Colorado Desert District
- 3 – 4 **Ancient Lake Cahuilla Forum** – Open discussion on the Cultural Implications of ancient Lake Cahuilla.



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Sunday, April 03, 2016

## Events

- 9 – 12 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display.** (Craft items for sale)
- 9:30 -12 **Guided Tours of the Archaeology Lab.**  
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- 10 - 12 **Pottery Making Demonstration** - Includes clay grinding with paddle and anvil construction techniques. By CDAS Archaeology volunteers. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)
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## Presentations

- 10-11 **From a Ranger's Point of View: Working Together Towards Protecting our Cultural Heritages- A Historical Perspective.** By Ranger Steve Bier (This program is especially for KIDS & their parents)
- 11-12 **Breaking Point.** This film tells the story of the worst environmental disaster in US history that is quickly approaching, yet very little is being done to stop it. The receding Salton Sea (the smaller body of water that replaced ancient Lake Cahuilla) reveals a toxic mix of fine dust and chemicals that is threatening the health of millions. Directed By: Bill Wisneski - Palomar College TV

## Field Trips

- 9:30 **The Fishtraps, a Riverside County Archaeological Preserve:** We will see rock art, circular rock depressions (thought to be fishtraps), old lake levels, the "bathtub ring" and other indications of Ancient Lake Cahuilla. The trip will depart from the back parking lot at the Visitor Center at 9:30 AM and will return by 1:30 PM. The drive to the Fishtraps takes a little less than one hour. Once at the location, there is a short hike to the site (about 1/4 mile over relatively flat terrain with rocky surface). Car pooling is recommended. Bring a snack, water, and comfortable hiking shoes and other gear. (Limited to 25 people). Trip led by CDAS volunteer Dr. Joan Schneider, Retired Associate State Archaeologist for Colorado Desert District.
- 9:00 **Tour the Imperial Valley Desert Museum.** Explore the new Land of Extremes exhibits. Of special interest is a 9,000 year old roasting hearth found in Jacumba and an interactive topographic map that illustrates the millions of years of water in the Imperial Valley. Drive time to museum is 1-1/2 hours, the distance is 70 miles. Meet in the back parking lot of the Visitor Center for a 9:00 departure to the museum. Estimated time of return would be 2:30. Car pooling is recommended. (Limited to 25 people) Bring a snack, water, lunch. At the location there will be picnic tables for lunches. Museum Tours given by Anne Morgan, IVDM Curator and Marcie Rodriguez, IVDM Education Coordinator.

### Pre-registration required for the field trips

For detailed information and reservations call ABF at 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

During Archaeology Weekend: Check for last-minute field trip openings at the CDAS table in front of the Visitor's Center. Wear hiking shoes and bring hat and water.



Colorado Desert Archaeology Society



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## Tuesday, April 5, 2016

### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Pinyon Ridge

7 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous (approx 6-9 miles) in the higher country with some great views and wildflowers. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Four-wheel-drive(or all-wheel drive) is mandatory with some carpooling available.

### 8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

3.5 Hours



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## Wednesday, April 6, 2016

### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Big Spring Ramble

2.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian to discover an oasis in the transition zone and see what's blooming. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.

## Thursday, April 7, 2016

### 8:00 a.m. Hike – Eagle Rock

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a hike through an oak forest into a beautiful meadow along the Pacific Crest Trail. Plan to snack at the Eagle Rock before returning to the starting point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water for this 7-mile round-trip hike. Meet at the back of the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

### 4:00 p.m. Garden Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

Knowing all the desert flowers can be frustrating and overwhelming. Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to discover an imaginative and satisfying way to name the flowers and a key sense for confidently engaging with Nature.

## Friday, April 8, 2016

### 10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Paleontology Lecture

2 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

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## Friday, April 8, 2016 (continued)

### 4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a sensory exploration of the desert in words and color to nourish your connection with the rugged beauty of the desert. This hands-on experience makes it surprisingly easy to enhance your enjoyment of the desert. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

## Saturday, April 9, 2016

### 11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Min.

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants. Indoor talk may be substituted in hot weather.

### 2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Min.

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

### 8:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ - Animal Songs

45 Min.

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a lighthearted look at the sounds some of the Park animals make. You'll leave this 45-minute program with new appreciation for some of the Park animals and a song in your heart! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

## Sunday, April 10, 2016

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

30 Min.

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".

### 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).

### 4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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## Monday, April 11, 2016

**10:00 a.m. Talk & – Botany Lecture**

**1 Hour**

Join the Botany Society for their monthly meeting and a talk by PORTS Interpreter LuAnn Thompson. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

## Tuesday, April 12, 2016

**8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike**

**3.5 Hours**



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## Thursday, April 14, 2016

**8:00 a.m. Hike - Badlands Bench with a View**

**2 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2 ½ mile hike up a badlands wash to a memorial bench with a marvelous view. Learn about some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the intersection of Inspiration Wash and S-22 by driving east on S-22 past Mile Marker 28 for 1/2 mile.

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**4:00 p.m. Walk & - Rainbow Any Day**

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## Saturday, April 16, 2016

**7:30 a.m. Walk – Bird Walk**

**1.5 Hours**

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## Saturday, April 16, 2016 (continued)

**8:30 a.m. – Hike – Hikes & Hops on the PCT near Anza**

**4 Hours**



Join ABF for a trip near a lesser-visited part of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, up near the town of Anza. Visit [www.theabf.org/events](http://www.theabf.org/events) or call 760-767-0446 ext 1003 for more information and registration.

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## Tuesday, April 19, 2016

**8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike**

**3.5 Hours**



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**2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Cosmic Recycling: Geological Highlights of the Anza-Borrego Region 1 Hour**

Southern California has a rich and varied geological history. Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian will relate some of the fascinating local lore and how it ties into the larger picture. Meets in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

**5:00 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). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants – please sign-up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number for details.

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## Wednesday, April 20, 2016

### 8:30 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Walkabout

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in the transition habitat of Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and its associated riparian area. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

## Thursday, April 21, 2016

### 8:00 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.

## Friday & Saturday, April 22- 23, 2016

### Education Program – Responses of Birds to Large-Scale Wildfires in Western ABDSP 2 Days

This *Anza-Borrego: In Focus* presentation and field class with Philip Unitt, Curator of Birds and Mammals at the NAT, will cover his work examining the responses of 100 species of birds to the Pines, Coyote and Cedar wildfires of 2002-2003 in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and surrounding habitat. He has identified responses and trends in these species which apply both to historic fire recovery and may speak to impacts to species distribution from projected climate change models. The field tour will include a 4-mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail from the Lucky 5 trailhead and an exploration of the area burned in the Pines fire, if time allows. Visit [www.theABF.org/events](http://www.theABF.org/events) or call 760-767-0446 ext 1003 for more information.

## Saturday, April 23, 2016

### 11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Min.

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## Saturday, April 23, 2016 (continued)

**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.

## Tuesday, April 26, 2016

**8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike** **3.5 Hours**



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## Thursday, April 28, 2016

**8:00 a.m. Hike – Pacific Crest Trail** **7 Hours**

Enjoy a leisurely hike along the PCT from Barrel Spring to Warner Springs. This stretch is about 8 miles of beautiful and easy terrain with mountain flowers. Meet Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund at Mile Marker 1 on Highway S22 just west of Ranchita for a car shuttle to Warner Springs.

**2:00 p.m. Talk** ♿ – **Archaeology Lecture** **2 Hours**

Join the Archaeology Society for their monthly meeting and lecture. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

## Saturday, April 30, 2016

**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. Walk** ♿ - **Garden Walk** **45 Min.**

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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.

✓ **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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