



JANUARY 2014 INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Join us for one of two “First Day” Hikes to Celebrate the New Year!

9:00 a.m. New Year’s Day Resolution Hike: Hike Alcoholic Pass!

4 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 wear hiking boots.

9:00 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, 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. Bring water and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

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 and explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

Saturday, January 4, 2014

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.

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

1 Hour

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Saturday, January 4, 2014 (continued)

2:30 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.

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

1 Hour

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



Sunday, January 5, 2014

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.

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.”

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.

Thursday, January 9, 2014

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

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist 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. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

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Thursday/Friday, January 9-10, 2014 (and every Thursday/Friday for 6 weeks)

Archaeology for Citizen Scientists



This series of classes taught by Joan Schneider introduces the discipline of archaeology to non-archaeologists. Participants will learn archaeological terminology, the basics of ethics and practice of archaeology, including the reasons why it is important to maintain confidentiality in order to preserve and protect our collective cultural heritage. The non-credit fee is \$350/\$300 for ABF members. This course can also be taken for 4 college credits through UC-Riverside for \$550/\$485 for ABF members. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.

Friday, January 10, 2014

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.

Saturday, January 11, 2014

9:00 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).

9:00 a.m. Workshop – Landscape Photography

7 Hours



This workshop with Ernie and Kati Cowan, in partnership with Calumet Photographic, is designed for both the beginning photographer who wants to learn some exciting new approaches to nature and landscape photography, and for the advanced amateur who wants to expand their creative landscape photographic techniques. The fee is \$100. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.



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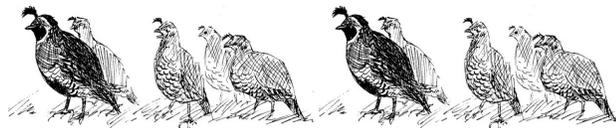
7:30 p.m. – Campfire  - Ranger Surprise 1 Hour

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

Sunday, January 12, 2014

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.



9:00 a.m. Walk – Birds of Tamarisk Grove 1 Hour

Join Becky Rusk, the Tamarisk Grove Campground Host, for a stroll around the campground to look for birds. Meet at the campground office. Bring binoculars, if you have them.

9:00 a.m. Field Lecture – Pollination 3 Hours

This class with Pat Flanagan will take advantage of the diversity of plants in the Visitor Center Garden. We will explore the individual plants and their interactions within the various plant communities. You will also get an introduction to the park's herbarium collection and an invitation to use it. The fee is \$35/\$25 for ABF members. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.



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Sunday, January 12, 2014 (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).

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

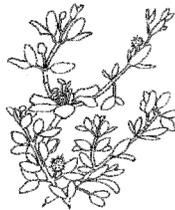
Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Monday, January 13, 2014

10:00 a.m. Botany Lecture ♿

1 Hour

Pat Flanagan will give a lecture on pollination sponsored by the ABDSP Botany Society. The public is welcome, and there is no charge. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.



Tuesday, January 14, 2014

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.

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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Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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.



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, January 16, 2014

9:00 a.m. Hike – Mine Wash Vista

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a drive back into Mine Wash where we will continue on foot for a 4-mile round trip hike with ever-changing sights around each bend. We will need to climb a couple of 4-foot dry waterfalls on our way to a spectacular view of Shelter Valley. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the beginning of Mine Wash Road, 2.7 miles east of the Tamarisk Grove intersection on Highway 78.



2:00 p.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 2-3 mile round trip hike on uneven ground.

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Friday, January 17, 2014

9:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

4 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 see a demonstration of calcite's interesting optical properties. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, mile marker 38.1, east on Highway S-22. Parking is available on both sides of the highway. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderately strenuous.

Saturday, January 18, 2014

9:00 a.m. Field Trip with Paul Johnson – Beyond the Slot: Borrego Mountain Wash 3 Hours



Most people know about The Slot, the narrow upper end of Borrego Mountain Wash, but few have explored the smaller canyons and eroded sandstone formations that make up the wash's middle and lower sections. Highlights will be the "wind caves rocks" and the "secret sand dune," but there will be lots of fascinating grottoes and side canyons to explore. Please consider very carefully if you have good balance and are comfortable climbing uphill over rough, rocky terrain before you sign up for this trip. The fee is \$70/\$60 for ABF members. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.

9:00 a.m. 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.

11:00 - ♿ - 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.

Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker as she takes you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to explore the fascinating world of desert plants.

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

1 Hour

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

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Sunday, January 19, 2014

9:00 a.m. Blair Valley Mountain Bike Ride

4 Hours



A back country mountain bike ride with Jim Roller and Gary Haldeman will take you through unique areas that were inhabited by the Kumeyaay Indians, now a cultural preserve. The fee is \$20/\$10 for ABF members. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.

11:00 a.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.

12:00 a.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the 'Ehmuu Morteros 2 Hours

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2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

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Wednesday, January 22, 2014

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, January 23, 2014

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.

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Friday, January 24, 2014

7:30 p.m. Talk ♿ - **Stargazing with Binoculars** (rainy or cloudy weather cancels) **1.5 Hours**

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). We will have a telescope set up for viewing, also.

Saturday, January 25, 2014

9:00 a.m. Arroyo Hueso Discovery Hike **6 Hours**



This moderately strenuous hike with Paul Remeika will lead participants on an adventure centering on the fossil history and geologic history of East Hueso Wash. Paul will introduce participants to the landscape and scenery of many years past and will help to interpret what that earlier landscape looked like based on the physical evidence viewed from the trail. The fee is \$70/\$60 for ABF members. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.

9:30 a.m. Hike –Ghost Mountain **2 Hours**

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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.

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

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9:00 a.m. Hike – Happy Trails

3 Hours

Meet up with “Doc and Francis Beaty” (Volunteer Naturalists Ron and Peg Poitras) for a moderate 3-mile walk down an old cowboy trail and enjoy tales about the lives and times of the Coyote Canyon farmers and cowboys. Meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor Center (third parking lot) for carpooling to the site. Bring water, a snack if desired, walking shoes, sun protection and a hat.



9:00 a.m. Walk – Birds of Tamarisk Grove

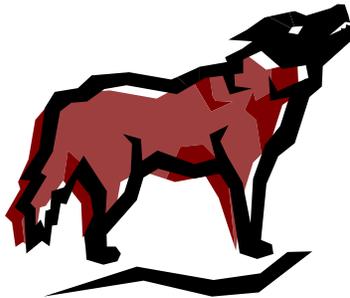
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Sunday, January 26-31

Nature Writing Workshop

6 Days



Join ABF and Palm Canyon Resort for a week-long nature writing workshop with Judy Fort Brenneman. Over the course of the workshop, participants will go on 2 field trips, have daily workshop sessions focusing on different topics, an optional one-on-one session with Judy, and time to write, reflect, and explore. Guest author Lyanda Lynn Haupt will do a reading and answer questions on the first night. The fee is \$700/\$650 for ABF members. Call 760-767-0446 for details and registration.

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Monday, January 27, 2014

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 Well, and then visit an important ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash. We'll 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 at the Visitor Center (far parking lot).

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

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. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Thursday, January 30, 2014

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 water, hat, and sturdy hiking boots.



2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Archeology of Kuwait: The Beginning of Civilization

1 Hour

Join the Colorado Desert Archeology Society for this free program by Futha Al-Abdulrazzaq. The monthly meeting of the Archeology Society will follow the lecture. Members of the public are invited to both.

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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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