



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2016

Friday, January 1, 2016 -- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:00 a.m. First Day Hike – Panoramic Overlook

2 Hours

Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Visitor Center to walk across the desert and up the Panoramic Overlook Trail for good views of the Borrego Valley and Font's Point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

1:30 p.m. First Day Hike – Bill Kenyon Overlook

2 Hours

Join Park Interpreter Sally Theriault 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.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let's Be "Crepuscular"!

1 Hour

You probably know "Nocturnal", maybe even "Diurnal" animals. Walk with Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, near the Visitor Center at dusk to explore the fascinating and surprisingly active hour between the day and the night. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.



Friday-Saturday, January 1-2, 2016

Education Program – Desert Flash Flooding in Anza-Borrego and Beyond

2 Days



Flash floods have the ability to completely rework a landscape. With lecturer Dr. Warren Campbell and field instructor Paul Johnson, this course will explore the science behind flash flooding in southwestern deserts and examine a few specific events that have taken place in ABDSP. \$60 / \$50 for ABF Members. Registration at www.theABF.org/events or call 760-767- 0446 Ext. 1004.

Saturday, January 2, 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.

1:00 p.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Celeste Doughty 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.

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.

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Saturday, January 2, 2016 (continued)

7:30 p.m. – Campfire Program & - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

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

Sunday, January 3, 2016

2:30 p.m. Talk/Walk & – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

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Monday, January 4, 2016

9:00 a.m. Botany Certification Class

Ongoing

The ABDSP Botany Society is offering a 3-month certification class beginning today. For more information, email them at thebotanysociety@gmail.com.

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

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

3.5 Hours



Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by Park Rangers, retired Park Rangers, and other park enthusiasts, these free hikes will take you to little known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. Not a member? To join or for more information call 760-767-0446 or visit www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes. No advance registration required.

Thursday, January 7, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk & – Geology for Creative Thinkers

1 Hour

Explore the basic rock types found in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the geologic processes that shaped them in a fun, hands-on way that makes geology come alive! Join Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, at the Park Visitor Center for a rockin' good time with rocks! No previous geology vocabulary is necessary.

3:30 p.m. Talk/Walk & – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

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11:00 a.m. Walk – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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4:00 p.m. Walk – Let's Be "Crepuscular"!

1 Hour

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7:30 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Fall 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 (you'll be amazed at the view!) and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing of galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae if weather permits. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Saturday, January 9, 2016

6:30 a.m. Strenuous Hike – Mike's Hike: Indian Head Summit

10.5 Hrs.



Join our leader and fitness enthusiast Mike Puzzo for a strenuous trip up Borrego Valley's most recognizable mountain- Indian Head Peak! \$45/\$35 for ABF Members. Advance registration required. Go to www.theABF.org/events or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1003

8:30 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 (1 mile up, 1 mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountaintop. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet Dan at the Blair Valley entrance (turn off highway S2 near mile marker 23).

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.

2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers

45 Min.

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7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – **The Amazing Adaptations of Anza-Borrego** **1 Hour**
Join Ranger Joshua and his trusted truck “Badge” for a picture ride-along at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:30 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. Roving Ranger ♿ **1 Hour**
Meet Roving Ranger Steve at the Anticline to learn and share in some of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park’s extraordinary backcountry locations. We will Speak of Ancient Voices, sift through stories in stone, and seek the Wild in wildlife. High clearance 4 X 4 is required.

Monday, January 11, 2016

10:00 a.m. Lecture ♿ – **Breaking the Barrier Between Nature and Your Garden** **1 Hour**
Plant Ecologist Kate Barrows, Director of Environmental Resources for the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, will describe how to conserve water by introducing native plants into your garden at the monthly meeting of the ABDSP Botany Society. The public is invited to this free lecture held in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike **3.5 Hours**
 Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by Park Rangers, retired Park Rangers, and other park enthusiasts, these free hikes will take you to little known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. Not a member? To join or for more information call 760-767-0446 or visit www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes. No advance registration required.

Thursday, January 14, 2016

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – **Let’s Be “Crepuscular”!** **1 Hour**
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Friday, January 15, 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.

Saturday, January 16, 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.

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.

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.

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.

7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – Owls: The Eyes into Your Culture

1 Hour

Ranger D.L. Stephen takes you on a journey exploring why owls are important to numerous cultures. *This is not your typical campfire program* but takes you back to a time when people gathered around a campfire, telling stories. This story tells the tale of the night's silent hunters' position in different cultures' mythology through the use of various forms of puppetry.

Sunday, January 17, 2016

9:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Waiting for Rain

1 Hour

Get to know some of the surprises waiting for rain in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Hear about the winter rains (*Equipatas*) that decide if there will be desert wildflowers and the summer rains (*Las Aguas*) that bring flashfloods. Meet Ranger Heidi at the entrance to the Culp Valley Primitive Camp Ground for an easy stroll on the Culp Valley All-Access Trail.

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- 10:30 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”.
- 2:00 p.m. Walk & – Rainbow Any Day** **1 Hour**
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- 3:30 p.m. Lecture & – The Uniqueness of San Diego** **1.5 Hours**
 We all live in San Diego County, but how familiar are we with all its unique attributes and fascinating secrets? ABF Board Member Philip Pryde will talk about the update to his book, *San Diego: An Introduction to the Region*. Meet in the Discovery Lab. Limited seating available.
- 5:00 p.m. Walk & – Let’s Be “Crepuscular”!** **1 Hour**
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Monday, January 18, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. Talk/Walk & – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple** **1 Hour**
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3.5 Hours



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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 roundtrip hike on uneven ground.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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

5-6 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, MM 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.

Thursday, January 21, 2016

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.

Friday, January 22, 2016

10:00 a.m. Talk – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between crows and ravens and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the world of birds.



3:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5-6 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. Moderately strenuous.

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Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. Hike – Heavenly Hike through Hellhole Canyon

5 hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a 6-mile (roundtrip) 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.

10:00 a.m. Talk/Walk ♿ – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

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11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Garden Walk

45 Min.

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2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers ♿

45 Min.

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4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

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7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – Getting the “Bad” Out of the Badlands

1 Hour

Join Ranger Mike at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program to explore the Badlands. Find out why the Badlands aren't so bad.

Sunday, January 24, 2016

9:00 a.m. Roving Ranger

1 Hour

Meet Roving Ranger Steve at the Windcaves to learn and share in some of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park's extraordinary backcountry locations. We will Speak of Ancient Voices, sift through stories in stone, and seek the Wild in wildlife. High clearance 4 X 4 is required.

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Sunday, January 24, 2016 (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).

5:00 p.m. Walk  – Sunset to Moonrise Walk **1 Hour**
There’s so much wonder and mystery about the Moon and the desert under a full moon. Walk and discover on this easy stroll with Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and a flashlight just in case the moon goes behind a cloud. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.



Sunday-Friday, January 24-29, 2016

Education Program – Certified Interpretive Guide Training **6 Days**
In partnership with the National Association for Interpretation, ABF is offering a professional certification course for individuals who deliver interpretive programs or have public contact at any resource, facility or business such as visitor centers, nature centers, parks, museums, zoos, tour companies or heritage sites. Varying pricing; check www.theabf.org/cig for registration, or call 760-767-0446 Ext. 1004.



Tuesday, January 26, 2016

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike **3.5 Hours**
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9:00 a.m. Hike – Lower Willows **5 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 see a variety of birds. Meet at the end of the pavement at the north end of DiGiorgio Road.



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Wednesday, January 27, 2016

11:00 a.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.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. Hike – **Cool Canyon** **4 Hours**
Join Volunteer Naturalist Celeste Doughty on a 3-mile (round-trip) moderate/strenuous hike up a sandy canyon at the base of Granite Mountain. The trail starts at an elevation of about 2,600 feet, and there are several dry waterfalls to transverse or go around. The canyon has steep rocky walls with lots of agave, yucca, barrel cactus, juniper, and desert apricot. Meet at the turnoff to Cool Canyon at Mile Marker 21.4 on S2 (approximately 4.3 miles south of Scissors Crossing). Just south of the large state park wooden sign, turn right (west) onto a jeep road. Bring water, snack, and wear sturdy footwear.

9:00 a.m. Hike – **Mine Wash Vista** **3 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 roundtrip 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. Talk ♿ – **Investigating Cahuilla Material Culture** **1 Hour**
Daniel McCarthy, Director of Cultural Resources for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, will present several unusual examples of Cahuilla Culture in his talk at the monthly meeting of the Colorado Desert Archaeological Society. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. The public is invited.

4:30 p.m. Walk ♿ – **Let's Be "Crepuscular"!** **1 Hour**
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Saturday, January 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.

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- 10:00 a.m. Ranger Program – Santa Catarina Tailgate Talk** **1 Hour**
Meet Ranger Callan at the Santa Catarina Historical Marker near the top of the Bypass Road in Coyote Canyon to share some of the history of the Coyote Canyon area. Four wheel drive required.
- 11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk** **45 Min.**
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- 2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers ♿** **45 Min.**
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- 7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – Ranger Surprise** **1 Hour**
Join a Park Ranger at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

Sunday, January 31, 2016

9:00 a.m. Bike Ride – Bikes & Brews in the Borrego Badlands **4 Hours**



This two-wheel adventure will be a strenuous 15-mile mountain bike ride in and through one of ABDSP's remote areas. Starting from Arroyo Salado, the group will make stops at 17 Palms and 5 Palms (palm groves in the middle of the desert!) and see some ruggedly beautiful desert scenery along the way. This ride is not suitable for beginners. You must register in advance, as there is a shuttle required. \$20 / \$15 for ABF Members. Register at www.theABF.org/events or 760-767-0446 Extension 1003.

- 10:00 a.m. Auto Tour – Ranger Encounters with Ranger Don** **1.5 Hours**
Meet at Mt. Palm Springs Camp Ground in the south end of the park to tour the mud caves of Arroyo Tapiado. 4 X 4 vehicles recommended.
- 11:00 a.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 at the entrance to the Visitor Center.
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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!!!

UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER
(OPEN DAILY 9 AM to 5 PM) ♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED.

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