



# INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

# NOVEMBER 2015

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## Thursday, November 26, 2015

### 9:00 a.m. Hike - Badlands Bench with a View

3 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 miles.

## Friday, November 27, 2015

### 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.

## Friday and Saturday, November 27-28, 2015

### 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Seventh Annual Botany Festival Native Plant Sale All Day . . . While They Last!

A wide variety of plants native to our desert will be for sale, starting Friday morning and continuing on Saturday until the plants are gone! Front patio at the Visitor Center.

## Saturday, November 28, 2015

### 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. - ♿ - Seventh Annual Botany Festival Lecture – Desert Gardening.

1 Hour

Desert Gardening expert Teresa Everett from Moosa Creek Nursery will give a talk in the Discovery Lab on desert gardening. Her presentation starts at 10 a.m. Admission is free; open to the public.

### 2:00 p.m. – Junior Rangers (Special program for children ages 7-12 only)

45 Minutes

Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

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

1 Hour

Come to the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center and enjoy an evening campfire program!

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**Sunday, November 29, 2015**

**8:30 a.m. Walk – Box Canyon**

**4 Hours**

Walk with volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow as we trace the journey of the Mormon Battalion's arduous trip through Box Canyon in 1847. This is an easy 2 mile walk, out and back, with an option for a short climb up out of the canyon (moderately strenuous) to the historic monument overlooking the canyon. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot to car pool.

Walking shoes, hat, water, and a snack are recommended. Rain cancels.

## 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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