



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MAY 2016

Thursday, May 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Hike – Little Surprise Canyon to Culp Valley **4-5 Hours**

This moderately strenuous 6-mile hike will take us from the desert floor to the chaparral at about 3,600 feet. Join volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson for this hike through the transition zone to observe the changes in the plant communities. We will car shuttle for the descent. Meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking lot on S-22, 0.7 miles west of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive. Bring water, snack and sturdy shoes.

Friday, May 6, 2016

3:00 p.m. Talk & - Moon Features Come Alive **45 Minutes**

Have you wondered what the “Man in the Moon” really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon and see a demonstration of the Moon phases. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Saturday, May 7, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk & - Raven the Shape Shifter **45 Minutes**

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, for an interactive program introducing you to the lore and habits of Raven, a raucous inhabitant of the Park.

2:00 p.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.

3:00 p.m. Talk &- Animal Songs **45 Minutes**

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 in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

8:00 p.m. Campfire Program &- Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego's Elusive Mountain Lion **45 Minutes**

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.



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Sunday, May 8, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - **Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego's Elusive Mountain Lion** **45 Minutes**

See description for May 7 campfire. Today's talk takes place in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - **Garden Walk** **45 Minutes**

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.

Thursday, May 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Hike – **Mine Wash Vista** **4 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist 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.

Friday, May 13, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - **Raven the Shape Shifter** **45 Minutes**



Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, for an interactive program introducing you to the lore and habits of Raven, a raucous inhabitant of the Park. Meet in the Discovery Lab.

Saturday, May 14, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - **Hardy Desert Survivors** **45 Minutes**

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for an introduction to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants. Discuss how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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).

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Saturday, May 21, 2016

7:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – Moon Rise/What Do You See in the Moon?

1 Hour

Some see a Man-in-the-Moon, others a bunny or a frog! Assuming the skies cooperate, we'll watch for the full moon to come up, and talk about some of the features that are visible to the naked eye or through binoculars. Meet on the roof of the Visitor Center.

Saturday, May 28, 2016

8:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Desert evenings are perfect for Stargazing! Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits. **Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Amphitheater.**



Sunday, May 29, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker for a power point program in the Discovery Lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors- the desert plants and discusses how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine.

Self-Guided Trails in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

If you can't join a naturalist, try a self-guided hike. Brochures are at the Visitor Center.

Remember to protect yourself from the sun and carry (and drink!) plenty of water!

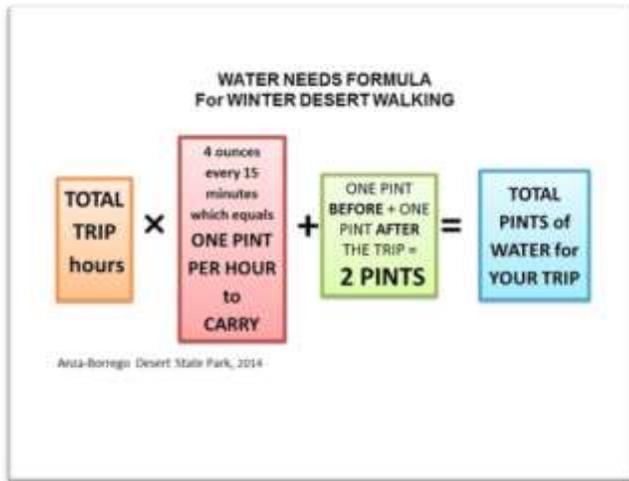
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DESERT SAFETY



✓ **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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