

NOVEMBER 2012 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, November 3, 2012

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 in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

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).

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - The Wild Side of Anza-Borrego

1 Hour

Meet Ranger Josh at the Campfire Center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.

Sunday, November 4, 2012

7:30 a.m. 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.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

2.5 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 back 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).

Friday, November 9, 2012

9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lectures - ♿ - Geology and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

2.5 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist (Introduction to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park), and Myrl Beck (Introduction to Geology) will present these lectures to open the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

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

1 Hour

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).

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Saturday, November 10, 2012

8:00 a.m. Tour – Secrets of Desert Cahuilla

8 Hours



On this 4WD trip, led by Paul Johnson, explore the geologic wonders of the Desert Cahuilla property, one of the newest additions to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. See many different kinds of sandstone concretions, fault offsets, rich plant life, and some of the most pristine desert views in Anza-Borrego. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$70/\$60 for ABF members.

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

45 Minutes

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 Jennifer at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for a fun campfire program.



Sunday, November 11, 2012

8:00 a.m. Hike – Beyond the First Palm Grove

9 Hours



Join invasive species specialist Scot Martin on a hike that explores beyond the First Palm Grove of Borrego Palm Canyon. Trek 6 miles to the Third Palm Grove and back to discover the ways that water, fire, and invasive species have impacted the park's most visited canyon, and hear what is being done to encourage restoration and recovery. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$50/\$40 for ABF members. Strenuous.

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Monday, November 12, 2012

10:00 a.m. ♿ - Botany Lecture – Popcorn Flowers: Recent Insights

45 Minutes

Michael Simpson, professor of Biology at San Diego State University, will outline new discoveries made about “Popcorn Flowers” (*Cryptantha spp*) in this lecture sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society. The public is welcome, no charge. Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

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Thursday, November 15, 2012

9:00 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.

1:00 p.m. Class – ABF Volunteer Host Training

2 Hours



Anza-Borrego Foundation, the park's cooperating association, is looking for active volunteers interested in helping with hikes, classes, and lectures. Program hosts check in participants, assist instructors, and ensure programs run smoothly. Training is offered for new and returning volunteers, including basic first aid and park radio operation. Register in advance. To sign up, or get more details, email joan@theabf.org or call 760-767-4063.

Friday, November 16, 2012

9:00 a.m. Paleontology Lecture - Introduction to Rocks and Minerals

3 Hours

George Jefferson 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, November 17, 2012

8:00 a.m. Tour – Slot Canyons of Northern Anza-Borrego

7 Hours



Explore with Paul Johnson two of the most dramatic slot canyons of Northern Anza-Borrego to learn how they're formed and what they reveal about the geology of the badlands. To experience the unique features of each, you'll hike to the Calcite Canyon slot first, cut through hard sandstone, and then wind through the softer mudstone and sandstone of the Palm Wash Slot Canyon. Includes 5 miles of hiking over rough terrain. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$70/\$60 for ABF members. Strenuous.

2:00 p.m. Talk - Cahuilla Medicine Chest

45 minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow to learn about the medicine chest full of effective treatments that the Cahuilla people utilized long before the first Europeans arrived.



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Saturday, November 17, 2012 (continued)

7:30 p.m. – Campfire  Who are the Creatures in Your Neighborhood? **1 Hour**

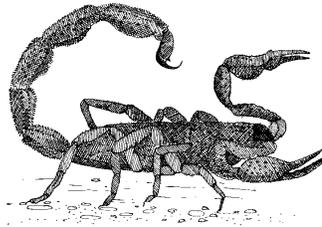
Diurnal, Nocturnal, Desert Life

Relies on temperature to make livin' right!

Come to campfire with Ranger Steve

Learn things about Desert Creatures you won't believe!

Meet Ranger Steve at the Campfire Center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.



Sunday, November 18, 2012

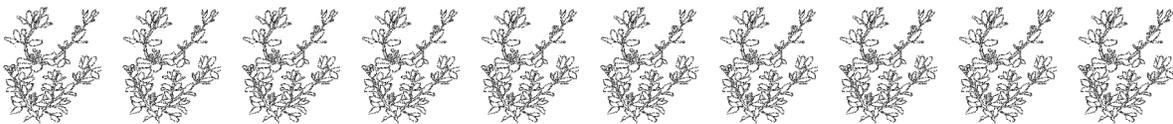
11:00 a.m. Talk  - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote **1 Hour**

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.

1:00 p.m. Walk  - Those Amazing Desert Plants! **45 Minutes**

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.



Friday and Saturday, November 23-24, 2012 Fourth Annual Botany Festival and Plant Sale

Friday, November 23, 2012

9:00 a.m. Fourth Annual Botany Festival Native Plant Sale **All Day**

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

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9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

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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.



1:00 p.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 as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

Saturday, November 24, 2012

8:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan 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.

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Until Plants are Gone

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10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Fourth Annual Botany Festival Lecture

1 Hour

Deborah Small and Abe Sanchez, specialists in native American foods, will speak about the gathering and preparing of native foods. This lecture is sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Botany Society. The public is welcome, no charge. Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

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

1 Hour

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

1 Hour

Join Ranger Don at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for a fun campfire program.

Sunday, November 25, 2012

7:30 a.m. 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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Sunday, November 25, 2012 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

3 Hours

Hike Alcoholic Pass! 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 3 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.

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego

1 Hour

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.

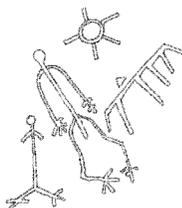


Thursday, November 29, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45-minute drive from the Visitor Center.



Friday, November 30, 2012

9:00 a.m. Lecture - ♿ Minerals, Sedimentary Rocks and Bedding

2.5 Hours

George Jefferson will present this lecture that is part of the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at 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.
- ✓ **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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