



OCTOBER 2014 INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES



Saturday, October 11, 2014

8:00 a.m. Workday—Invasive Plant Removal

4 Hours



Help give native plants in Sentenac Cienega a fighting chance to grow and thrive! Join ABF and Park staff in removing the invasive 5-hook bassia. Training will be provided, so no previous experience is necessary. Wear sturdy boots, long pants and long sleeves, and bring snacks, sun protection and lots of water! Contact Ashley at ABF for more info or to RSVP: 760-767-0446.

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

1.5 Hours



Summer nights are perfect for Stargazing at the Visitor Center! Explore constellations, search for planets, and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them (you’ll be amazed at the view!), and a flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits.

Sunday, October 12

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 Park Aide Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

Saturday, October 18, 2014

8:00 a.m. Hike-- California’s Gold: The Ghost Mountain Experiment

3 Hours



Join filmmaker John McDonald for a moderately strenuous 2.2-mile round trip hike to Ghost Mountain. Learn about the family that lived there for 17 years and how John’s production team captured the amazing story that attracted Huell Howser to the project. There will be frequent stops along the trail to discuss points of interest and to share archival and production photos. \$20, which includes admission to "California's Gold" Screening. To register call ABF: 760-767-0446.

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7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – California’s Gold: The Ghost Mountain Experiment

2 Hours



In celebration of Huell Howser’s birthday, Anza-Borrego Foundation presents this unseen episode of “California’s Gold” featuring the film “The Ghost Mountain Experiment” and including an introduction and Question-and-Answer session with filmmaker John McDonald. At the Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. Door open at 6:30 pm. \$10.

UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER (OPEN WEEKENDS and HOLIDAYS).

♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED. PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATION, (760) 767-4205.

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Thursday, October 23, 2014

2:00 p.m. Talk – Ice Mummies: Siberian Ice Maiden

1 Hour

Sacrificial horses guard her tomb. Gold and silk adorn her body. For 24 centuries, she was frozen in time. Was she a priestess? A warrior chief? This NOVA program, presented by the Colorado Desert Archeology Society (CDAS), now reveals the secrets of "The Siberian Ice Maiden". ABDSP Visitor Center Discovery Lab. Free and open to the public. CDAS monthly meeting will follow.

Friday, October 24, 2014

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

Saturday, October 25, 2014

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.



8:30 a.m. Hike – Behind the Ghost Mtn Story: Facts, Fabrications, and Embellishments

3 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 entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the Visitor Center.

12:00 p.m. Book Signing--Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wilderness Icon

2 Hours



In celebration of the publication of their beautiful book, Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wilderness Icon, the book's author, Mark Jorgensen, and photographer, Jeff Young, will be on hand to sign copies of the book, for sale at Christmas Circle after the Borrego Days parade. Look for them near the Anza-Borrego Foundation trailer.

1:00 p.m. Tours and Open House – Paleontology and Archaeology Laboratories

3 Hours

Paleontology Open House and tours of the Stout Research Center: "What's Under Your Feet?"
Archaeology Open House and tours of the Begole Archaeological Research Center
Tours meet at the Visitor Center

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Saturday, October 25, 2014 (continued)

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 Park Aide Steve Russell in an exciting journey through the past as we take a look at how early residents migrated to take advantage of different food supplies.

Sunday, October 26, 2014

8:00 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. Tours and Open House – Paleontology and Archaeology Laboratories 3 Hours

Paleontology Open House and tours of the Stout Research Center: “What’s Under Your Feet?”
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2:00 p.m. Book Signing--Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wilderness Icon 2 Hours



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Saturday, November 1, 2014

1:00 p.m. Book Signing--Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wilderness Icon 2 Hours



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Friday through Sunday, November 7-9, 2014



Celebrating the Wonder of Wilderness: Colorado Desert Natural History Symposium

Lizards, quail, bighorn sheep, pollination ecology . . . learn from the experts in their fields!

Educational sessions and field trips will help you discover more about our great desert. Call Ashley at ABF for more information or to register: 760-767-0446, ext 1003.

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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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