

APRIL 2010 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Thursday, April 1

9:00 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.

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - \$\$ - April Fools' Day Nature Hike

1 Hour

Join Professor Itchy Scratchy (aka Ranger Steve) on this 1-hour irreverent tour of the strange and wondrous wildlife in the Park. Be ready to have your funny bone tickled! Proceeds benefit ABF's Fifth Grade Environmental Camp. \$10 each, advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

10:00 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 ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

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Saturday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Bird Walk

2½ Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for an easy 2-mile bird walk from and around Tamarisk Grove to and around Yaqui Well. We will be looking for spring migrants as well as the common desert birds. Meet at the Tamarisk Grove Campground with binoculars and water.

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7:30 p.m. - \$\$ - Fossil Treasures of Anza-Borrego - George Jefferson and Lowell Lindsay

Learn about the tremendous variety of life forms that populated this area long before it was a desert! Lectures take place at the Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. No registration required. A \$5 donation is suggested.

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

1 Hour

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

Sunday, April 4

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

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Joe Hopkins will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him as you hike to the palm oasis. As an experienced naturalist, he can answer many of your questions about the park. If bighorn are about, he is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.

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Monday, April 5

10:00 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.

Tuesday, April 6

10:00 a.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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Wednesday, April 7

10:00 a.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.



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Thursday, April 8

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8:00 a.m. Hike – Mountain Palm Springs **5 Hours**
Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5-mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1.

10:00 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.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿- ABDSP Fossils – Surprises within Surprises **30 Minutes**
In this 30 minute slide presentation investigate recent fossil finds with Volunteer Paleontologist and Naturalist Sandra Keeley. Meet at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Friday, April 9

10:00 a.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers **45 Minutes**
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1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree **30 Minutes**
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Saturday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Hike – Pinyon Wash

6 Hours

This is a moderately strenuous hike to Harper Flat with Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson. We'll probably go to the base of the infamous Pinyon Drop-Off. Meet at the Tamarisk Grove Campground.

10:00 a.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

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

1 Hour

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

Sunday, April 11

7:30 a.m. - \$\$ - Hike of the Month: Lower Willows

5½ Hours

This is a moderate hike with Paul Jorgensen through Lower Willows to spot migrating warblers and other wildlife. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring binoculars, water, hat, and snacks/lunch. Expect to hike all morning returning to the State Park Store by 1 p.m. \$10 each, advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

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8:00 a.m. Walk - Bill Kenyon Trail

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson 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.



Friday, April 16

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Bats - Myths and Marvels

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Norma Decker at the visitor center discovery lab for this intimate look at the wonders of bats.

12:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old/new technology. Volunteer Naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the Nierenberg Amphitheater outside the Visitor Center.

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Saturday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Hike - \$\$ - Barrel Springs to Warner Springs on the PCT

7 Hours

Hike 8 miles on a beautiful stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail that could include a field of California Poppies. Meet volunteer Naturalists Hank Barber and Paul Larson at Mile Marker 1 on County Highway S-22 just west of Ranchita. Advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

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Wednesday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Hike - Pinyon Ridge

7 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike in the higher country with some great views and wildflowers. Meet at the Visitor Center Parking Lot. 4-wheel drive (or all-wheel drive) is mandatory with some carpooling available.

8:30 a.m. Hike - Cool Canyon

4 Hours

Join Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow as we hike this beautiful canyon looking for wildflowers and cacti in bloom. Meet at the turnoff to Cool Canyon at Mile 21.4 on S2 (approximately 4.3 miles south of Scissors Crossing). This is a moderately strenuous, 5-mile round trip.

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1 Hour

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Saturday, April 24

7:30 a.m. Bird Walk

1½ Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Rain cancels.

8:00 a.m. Hike - \$\$ - Lost Valley to near Warner Springs on the PCT

7 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund, Hank Barber, and Paul Larson on a beautiful wooded section the Pacific Crest Trail. Meet in front of the fire station at Warner Springs. Advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

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Sunday, April 25

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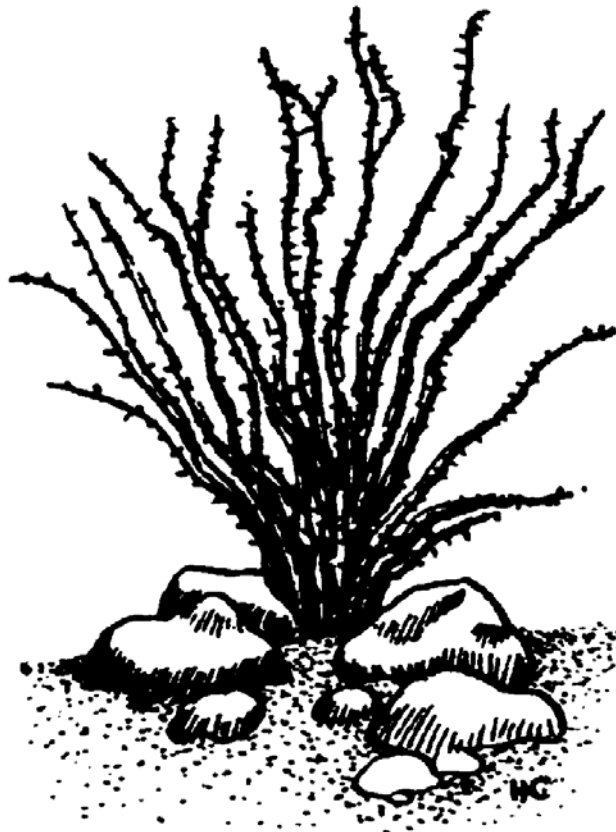


Thursday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

4 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.



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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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