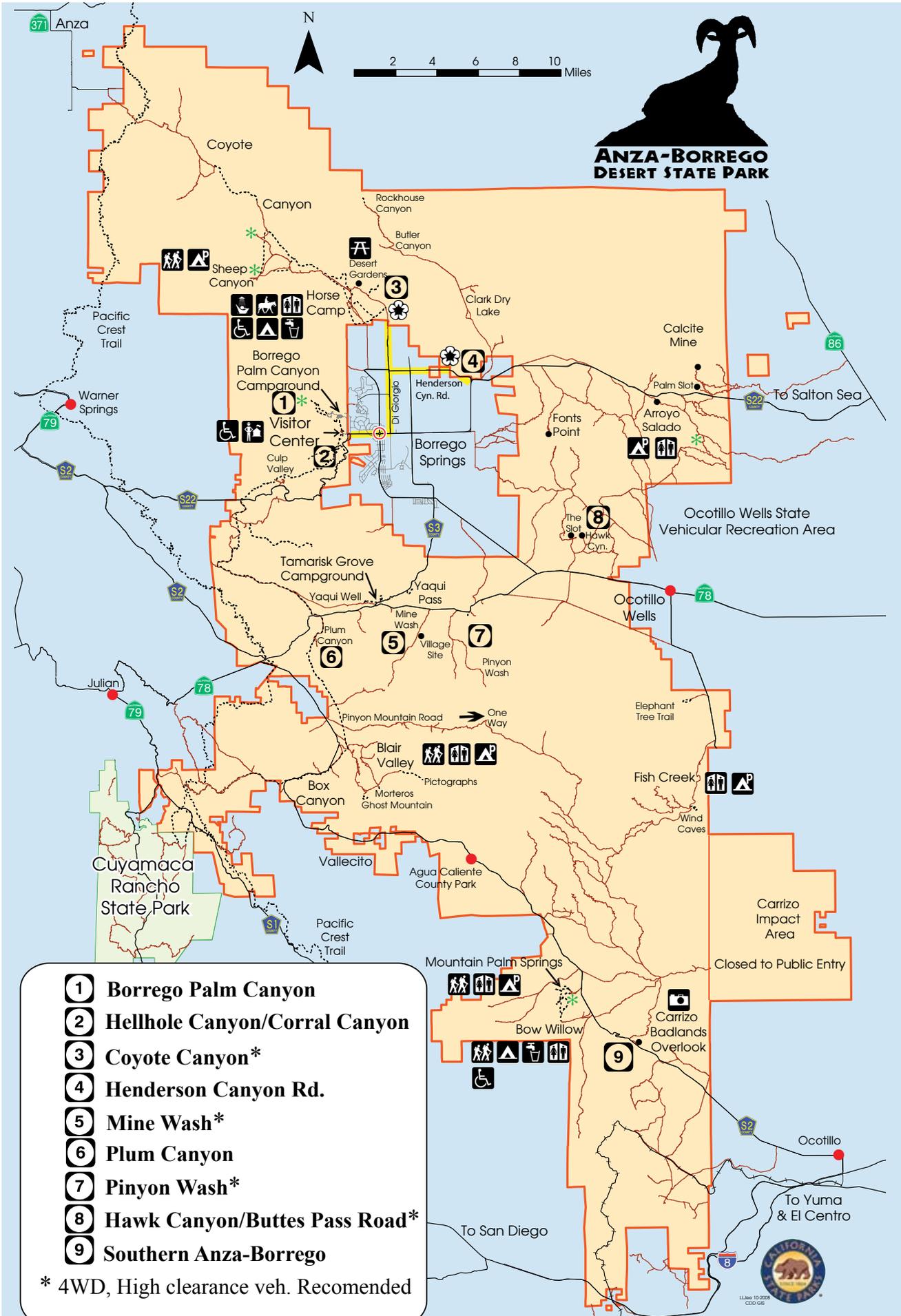


Flower Map for Entire Park



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Annual wildflowers are starting to dry up in parts of the Borrego Valley, but can be found in abundance in many of the canyons in the park. Cacti are just coming into bloom in full force, and should be good for a few more weeks.

- ① **Borrego Palm Canyon** – This is still one of the easiest places in the park (along with other western canyons) to see lots of different blooming species. The campground road is flanked by fields of yellow Desert Dandelion, and you don't need to walk very far up the trail to see lots of Chuparosa, Desert Lavender, Brittlebush and Creosote Bush in bloom. Keep an eye out for the sweet-smelling Indigo Bush and Krameria (Rhatany), and look for a variety of annual wildflowers—Desert Pincushion, Phacelia, Poppies, Chia, Monkeyflowers—along the main and alternate trails, as well as in sandy washes.
- ② **Hellhole Canyon and Corral Canyon** – Lots of shrubs and annuals are blooming in these canyons also. Corral Canyon is accessed by walking West-Northwest from the Visitor Center parking lot (no maintained trail). Beautiful flowers in the wash and along the hillside north of Hellhole Canyon can be seen by walking due west from the Visitor Center parking lot toward the hillside to the west, and then following either the wash or the base of the hills to the left (south). Again, no maintained trail exists from the Visitor Center parking lot.
- ③ **Coyote Canyon** – A nice field of Desert Dandelion and other annuals appears on the right side of the dirt road 2.1 miles past the end of paved DiGiorgio Road. Look for blooming Ocotillo on the way to Desert Gardens. Monkeyflowers and Ghost Flowers can be found on the hillside just past where the Alcoholic Pass Trail turns to head steeply uphill out of the wash (stay in the wash, rather than taking the trail up the hill). The trailhead is about 2.6 miles past the end of the pavement. Drivers of 2WD vehicles should use caution; **4WD is recommended beyond Desert Gardens**, a little further up the road
- ④ **Henderson Canyon Road** – Sand Verbena and Lupine, Dune Primrose, and Desert Sunflowers are blooming toward the eastern end of the road. Desert Sunflowers are making a weak appearance in the "flower fields" along the north side of the road, and there are quite a few annuals blooming at the far west end of the road, at the intersection with Borrego Springs Road.
- ⑤ **Mine Wash** – Colorful shrubs line the road, and Gold Poppies are decorating the hillsides. **Caution: Four-wheel drive is required beyond the Indian Village site!**
- ⑥ **Plum Canyon** – Quite colorful (especially the left/east fork) with shrubs like Chuparosa, Brittlebush, and Desert Lavender in full bloom. Lots of Chia and Fiesta Flower, some Monkeyflowers and a few Poppies. Check out both forks of the road. See if you can find Wild Canterbury Bells among the rocks.
- ⑦ **Pinyon Wash** – Also colorful, with lots of Chuparosa and Ocotillo. Look for Monkeyflowers in sandy washes, and Gold Poppies on hillsides. **Caution: 4WD required.**
- ⑧ **Buttes Pass Road and Hawk Canyon** – Scattered Sand Verbena and plenty of Arizona Lupine, Brittlebush and Desert Lavender. Look around and see how many annuals you can find: Desert Dandelion, Brown-eyed Primrose, Phacelia, Pincushion, Poppies, and Desert Chicory, among others. Short walks from the end of the road should yield ghost flowers, desert tobacco and five-spots. **Caution: High clearance is required, 4WD recommended.**
- ⑨ **Southern Anza-Borrego** – There is a nice roadside display of Arizona Lupine along Highway S-2, between mile markers 49 and 52.

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