



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Cultural Preserve Classifications



California State Parks is proposing to classify seven areas as Cultural Preserves in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park as recommended in the approved 2005 General Plan. State Parks will hold three public meetings (see details on pg.3) for the proposed Cultural Preserve classifications. Park staff will provide information about the classification process. The meetings will be an "Open House" format, where you can preview resource information, talk with the planning team, and provide comments on the materials being presented any time during the meeting hours. The seven areas are identified below:



COYOTE CANYON
"A Canyon Called Home"
• 29,809 acres

Home for thousands of years for Mountain Cahuilla, route of Anza Expeditions, location of "Garra Uprising" Military Tribunal and many historic homesteads.



VALLECITO
"Hawi"
• 4386 acres

Location of many Kumeyaay village sites, Olin Bailey historic earthen structure, and the historic Campbell Ranch. Southern Overland Trail passes through the valley.



CULP VALLEY
"Kish Kāwish"
• 1277 acres

Numerous significant archaeological and historic features abound in this ridge top valley.



PIEDRAS GRANDES
"The Living Rocks"
• 1924 acres

Massive boulder landscape provided many shelters used by Kumeyaay People. Location of the famous "Horse and Rider" pictograph interpretive site.



LITTLE BLAIR VALLEY
"Amat Inuk"
• 4900 acres

Kumeyaay "Morteros Village" site, elaborate pictographs, and home of Marshall South's *Yaquitepec* homestead.



SOUTHERN OVERLAND TRAIL
"Desert Corridor"
• Approx. 40 miles

System of southern desert routes from the Colorado River to points west.



ANGELINA SPRING
"A Passage Between High and Low Places"
• 427 acres

Stopping place for Kumeyaay and Cahuilla Peoples in their seasonal passages from the mountains to the deserts and back again.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is over 640,000 acres. For a park of that extreme size, these sub classifications will provide the framework for focused management of the cultural resources present and an increased awareness of the historic significance of these areas. The new Cultural Preserves will also enhance the visitor experience through informative interpretation and by allowing for appropriate recreational opportunities.

The Public will be able to hike or ride horses along sections of the Southern Overland Route, mountain bike through the historic setting of Vallecito valley, continue to 4 wheel drive and camp in designated areas of Coyote Canyon, or walk an interpretive trail to view prehistoric rock art in Little Blair Valley or Piedras Grandes. Visitors will also benefit from interpretation about the Native California Indians that once lived in Anza-Borrego and the many explorers, pioneers and overland travelers that traversed Anza-Borrego in historic times. The creation of these Preserves has generated a unique opportunity to work with local tribal people and historic groups associated with these particular areas.

The California State Legislature provided for the creation of Cultural Preserves within established State Park units in 1978.

“Cultural Preserves consist of distinct areas of outstanding cultural interest established within the boundaries of other state park system units for the purpose of protecting such features as sites, buildings, or zones which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California. Areas set aside as cultural preserves shall be large enough to provide for the effective protection of the prime cultural resources from potentially damaging influences, and to permit the effective management and interpretation of the resources. Within cultural preserves, complete integrity of the cultural resources shall be sought, and no structures or improvements which conflict with such integrity shall be permitted.” Public Resources Code—Div.5, Chapter 1, Article 1, 5019.74



Relief pictograph~Piedras Grandes

You're invited to an Open House

PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Riverside, CA

Saturday, March 20, 2010

3 to 6 p.m.

Magnolia Room

Riverside Convention Center - (free parking)

3443 Orange Street

Riverside, CA

<http://www.riversidecb.com>

Borrego Springs, CA

Thursday, April 1, 2010

4 to 7 p.m.

Borrego Springs Resort

1112 Tilting T Drive

Borrego Springs, CA 92004

<http://www.borregospringsresort.com>

San Diego, CA

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

5 to 8 p.m.

Mission Trails Regional Park

Visitor and Interpretive Center

One Father Junipero Serra Trail

San Diego, CA 92119-1008

<http://www.mtrp.org>

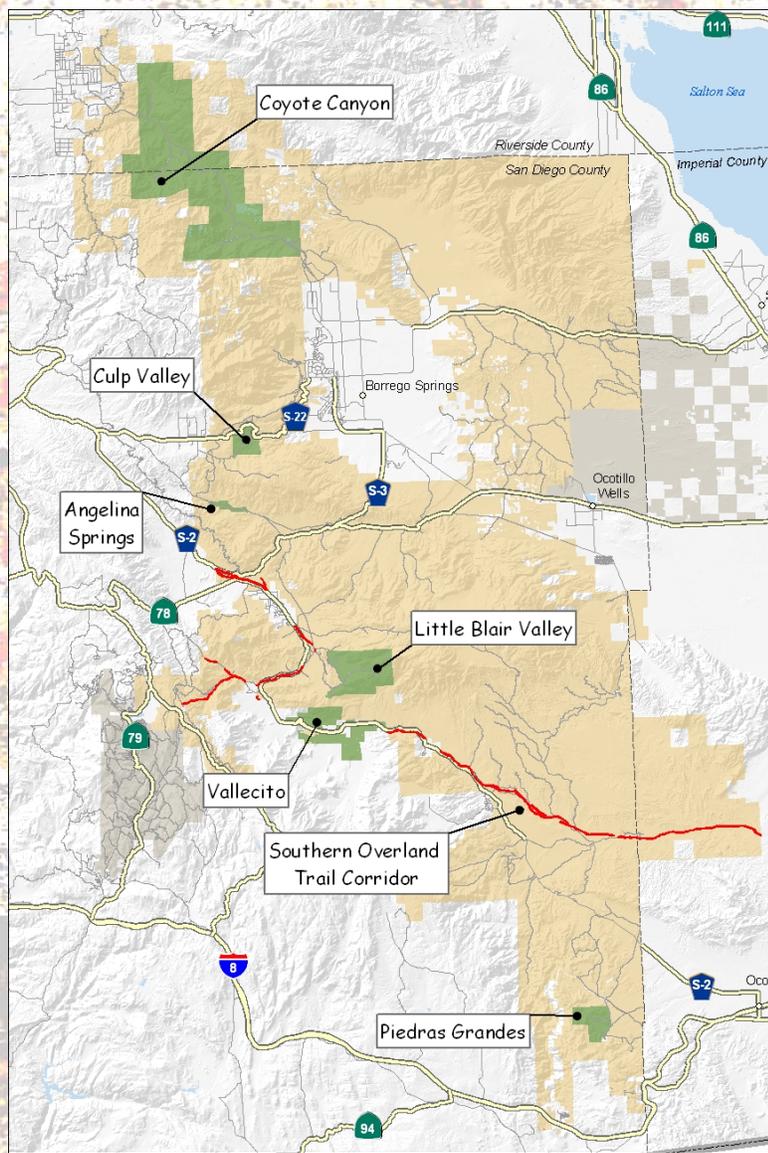
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Location map of the proposed Cultural Preserves:



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