

# Mary Beal Nature Study Trail



**Length:** ½ mile round-trip

**Time:** About 30 to 45 minutes

**Difficulty:** Moderate

The Mary Beal Nature Study Trail is an excellent introduction to some of our desert's unique flora. The path puts you in the middle of a rugged wash as it meanders through a diversity of plants.

This trail is named for Mary Beal, a pioneering female botanist. Beal came to the Mojave in 1910 after contracting pneumonia and being advised to move here for the dry air. For the next four decades she traveled through the remote California desert, documenting more than 1,000 plant species.



## Helpful Hints When Hiking

- Always bring water with you—and drink it.
- Apply sunscreen liberally.
- Hiking boots are recommended.
- Watch where you step: snakes do live here.
- Keep small children close by.

## Park Regulations

- Leave all plants, rocks, and historical artifacts where you find them. They are legally protected.
- Pack out all trash—yours and others.
- Dogs or other pets not allowed on any trails.
- Entering any caves or mines is prohibited.
- Please stay on the designated trail.