PARK WILDFLOWER UPDATE: 2/26/2020

More wildflowers are in bloom now, but it’s still early. With approximately 3.5 inches of rainfall in the Borrego Springs area in November and December, the winter season started off right for a good spring wildflower season. But there was no additional rain in January, and February had little rain so far. The best guess for this year’s flower season: there will be flowers but not to expect any kind of “superbloom” as we experienced in recent years. There are a few areas where you can find a sprinkling of annual wildflowers. Desert Gold Poppies, Phacelia, and a variety of tiny “belly flowers” are starting to make their appearance.

1. Visitor Center area and on low rocky hillsides.
2. Little Surprise Canyon has a variety of plants in bloom.
3. Yaqui Well Trail: Fishhook cacti are abundant and in bloom and Cactus Loop Trail.
4. Coyote Canyon Road: desert dandelions, white chicory, orange desert sunflowers, and purple sand verbena.
   (park at the end of the pavement at the north end of DiGiorgio Road and walk up the 4WD Coyote Canyon Road)
5. East end of Henderson Canyon just west of the “PegLeg” area: a small pocket of wildflowers is blooming.
6. Along roadside of s22, west of Arroyo Salado (between mile markers 34-37): desert lilies, and brittlebush among others.

CHECK BACK IN A WEEK AND SEE WHAT HAS DEVELOPED!

ENJOY AND PROTECT OUR WILDFLOWER BLOOM

ENJOY THE BLOOM SAFELY

• Bring water and food. Drink water frequently. Don’t save it for later.
• Wear sunscreen, a hat, and layers, the weather can change quickly.
• Wear closed-toed shoes, the desert can be “pokey”.
• Stay on two-wheel-drive roads unless you have a high clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicle.

SHARE THE BLOOM

• Take photos and share them #anzaborrego. Drones are not allowed in the Park.
• Please do not pick the flowers, leave them for all visitors to experience.

PROTECT THE BLOOM

• Wildflower Hotline: 760-767-4684
• Tread lightly and stay on trails. Be careful not to walk on the blooms.
• Pack it in and pack it out, take your trash with you.
• Dogs are allowed ONLY on Park roads and MUST be on a 6-foot leash at all times.

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