

PARK WILDFLOWER UPDATE: 3/2/2020

More wildflowers are in bloom now, continuing in the same locations mentioned before in previous weeks. We have flowers but don't expect a "superbloom" as we experienced in recent years. There are scattered areas where you can find a concentration of annual wildflowers and are very much worthwhile exploring. Desert Gold Poppies, Phacelia, and a variety of tiny "belly flowers" are starting to make their appearance. Swaths of yellow brittlebush, purple Arizona lupine and the pink of sand verbena and desert lily are blooming. Fishhook cacti are especially abundant (and in bloom!) along the Yaqui Well Trail.

- 1. Flowers are blooming around the Visitor Center and along the Palm Canyon Trail.
- 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 Road just west of the "PegLeg" area: small pockets of wildflowers are blooming.
- 6. Along roadside of s22, west of Arroyo Salado (between mile markers 34-37): desert lilies among others. Brittlebush and lupine at the stone bridges along S22 are just stunning.
- 7. Carrizo Creek and Bow Willow area of the s2 in the Southern part of the park shows desert lilies, ghost flowers, desert five-spot, among others.

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.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ 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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