



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2017

Saturday, April 1, 2017

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Pictograph Trail

2.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Judy Stewart on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at a large rock that displays fragile artwork from hundreds of years ago. This is one of the rare cultural sites that is accessible to the public. We will also experience beautiful views from the dry fall at the end of Smuggler Canyon. Meet at the entrance to the Blair Valley primitive camp, off Highway S2, near Mile Marker 23, at the Butterfield Stage sign. We will then drive to the trailhead. Bring water, hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter in the Visitor Center Garden for an imaginative and satisfying exploration of flowers and how to put names to all those confusing blooms. No nomenclature expertise is needed!



7:30 p.m. Campfire - Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrogo's Elusive Mountain Lion

45 Min.

Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott for a 45-minute multi-media introduction to the natural history of the Park's seldom seen apex predator. Don's talk will describe the amazing attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their key contributions to a healthy wilderness environment.

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Yaqui Well Loop

3 Hours

Discover desert diversity with Volunteer Naturalist Kathy Bussey on a moderate 2-mile hike along Yaqui Well Trail. Travel through a profusion of cacti, then dense mesquite thickets. Meet outside Tamarisk Grove Campground. Bring a hat and water, and wear sturdy shoes.

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Monday, April 3, 2017

7:30 a.m. Talk – Hawkwatch: A Borrego Springs Phenomenon

2 Hours

Why are these people looking up into the sky? Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld and discover the fascinating story of migrating Swainson's Hawks. We'll meet at the Visitor Center outdoor amphitheater for a half-hour program, then caravan to the hawkwatch site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and (we hope) see migrating raptors. We'll also meet "HawkGuy" Hal Cohen, the man who discovered the migration phenomenon in 2003 and then, with Resource Ecologist Paul Jorgensen, put the Borrego Valley Hawkwatch in motion. Bring binoculars, water, hat and a portable chair.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



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Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:00 a.m. Walk - Bill Kenyon Trail

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a 1.5 mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, 1 mile north of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

8:30 a.m. Hike – Big Spring Ramble

2.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian to discover an oasis in the transition zone and see what's blooming. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.3 on highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpreters Regina Reiter and Aleese Golding to explore Nature journaling. Indulge yourself in a quiet time of close observation with color, shape, and word. We'll share a handful of easy ways to see, remember, and question as you create a lasting memory of your visit to the desert. We'll observe the desert closely and record what we experience with very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to focus on what we notice and what we wonder. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water, sunhat, sunscreen.

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Thursday, April 6, 2017 (continued)

1:30 p.m. Talk - Mysterious Holes and More: Discover the Abundant Life of ABDSP 1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld and get ready to do some detective sleuthing on a slow, easy nature walk around the Visitor Center gardens to discover how many species of animals may have built those little holes along the trail. We will also examine desert plants up-close-and-personal to find out how they survive 122F summer heat. What other clues can we find to the plentiful life in ABDSP? Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Limited to 14 participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center.



6:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration 1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a sensory exploration of the desert in word and color that will nourish your connection with the rugged beauty of the desert. You'll be surprised how much keener and richer your desert observations are after this hands-on experience. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this gentle walk.

Friday, April 7, 2017

3:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Cosmic Recycling: Geological Highlights of the Anza-Borrego Region 1 Hour

Southern California has a rich and varied geological history. Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian will relate some of the fascinating local lore and how it ties into the larger picture. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

5:00 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike 5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). We will cover as much as six miles and the daylight portion will involve walking over uneven ground. Limited to 15 participants – please sign-up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

6:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Let's Be "Crepuscular"! 1 Hour

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Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Cool Canyon

3.5 Hours

Join Brian and Susie Jones on a strenuous 3 mile round trip hike up Cool Canyon. We'll hike up some dry waterfalls in the higher country where the flora is different from that of the desert floor and observe some of the many lizards that live there (provided we have warm weather). Meet at 8:00 am at the intersection of County Highway S-2 and the first dirt road to the west, ½ miles south of the Anza Borrego Desert State Park boundary sign just beyond Shelter Valley. Approximate drive time is 45 minutes from the ABDSP Visitor Center. Four-wheel drive not required. Hike is limited to 15 people; please sign up at the Visitor Center. Bring water, a hat, snacks, hiking sticks (optional) and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

12:00 p.m. Hike–Discovering the Archaeological History of the *'Ehmuu* Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Kumeyaay Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, about 3 miles off Highway S-2 on a dirt road (turn into Blair Valley near Mile Marker 23)

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12 only. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

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5 Hours

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7:30 p.m. Campfire Program

Join us for a campfire program at Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Pinyon Ridge

7 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous (approx 6-9 miles) in the higher country with some great views and wildflowers. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Four-wheel-drive(or all-wheel drive) is mandatory with some carpooling available.

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Monday, April 10, 2017

6:00 a.m. Walk - Discover Hidden Treasures on the Palm Canyon Trail

2 Hours

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld for a slow, easy 2-hour nature walk up part of Palm Canyon Trail. This “explore & discover” hike won’t make it all the way to the palm oasis, but you’ll have the option to continue on your own. We’ll examine the unique adaptations of desert plants and look for wildflowers, birds, bighorn sheep and signs left by mammals, reptiles and insects. Bring binoculars, water, hat, sunscreen and hiking footwear. Meet at the Palm Canyon Trailhead. Limited to 14 participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours



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7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

Come inside the Visitor Center for a demonstration of the reason we see the shape of the moon change each month and learn about the features that make the “Man in the Moon.” Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

8:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Moon Rises!

1 Hour

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon’s rising. Bring out your lawn chair, binoculars and a red-filtered flashlight and meet on the Visitor Center Roof, the “Bridge”, for star and moon gazing. Dress warmly for welcoming this month’s moon.

Thursday, April 13, 2017

6:30 a.m. Walk - Sunrise Over The Mescal Bajada

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld for a slow 2-mile round-trip nature walk up a steep, rocky trail to the Bill Kenyon Overlook featuring an enormous view across the Mescal Bajada. Along the way we’ll look for Bighorn Sheep and examine desert plants up-close-and-personal to find out how they survive 122F summer heat. Bring water, hat, hiking shoes & sunscreen. Meet at the south side of Yaqui Pass Campground on Highway S-3 at the William Kenyon Overlook trailhead sign, one mile North of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Limited to 12 participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center.

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8 a.m. Hike – Pacific Crest Amble

6 Hours

Plants, flowers, and beautiful scenery are the reward for this 8.5 mile hike from Barrel Spring to Warner Springs. Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian at Mile Marker 1 on County Highway S22 just west of Ranchita. We'll car shuttle from Barrel Spring to Warner Springs. Bring plenty of water and a snack. Wear sturdy shoes.

11:00 a.m. Talk - The Coyote : Song-Dog or Trickster?

1.5 Hours

Have you heard them at night? They're wonderful songsters. Have you seen them? They're in the park... and in town, too. Native Americans admired them for their intelligence & seemingly magical powers. How much do you really know about these ghostly creatures? Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld as we sort out fact from fiction about these amazing wild animals. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

3:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

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1 Hour

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Friday, April 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Paleontology Lecture

3 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series. This presentation is open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

6:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

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7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot.

Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

8:30 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12 only. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Petals, Leaves, and Pollen

1 Hour

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7:30 p.m. Campfire Program - Animal Songs

45 Minutes

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a lighthearted look at the sounds some of the Park animals make. You'll leave this 45-minute program with new appreciation for some of the Park animals and a song in your heart! Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, April 16, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him in his volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

10:00 a.m. Ranger Hike – Walking Phantom Trails

1 Hour

Join Ranger Heidi for a hike into the Mine Wash Village Site to learn about the intertwining history of the people of the Park. Meet her at the Mine Wash Village Site about a mile up Mine Wash Road from the intersection with Highway #78. 4WD is not required.

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Monday, April 17, 2017

12:00 p.m. Talk - Mysterious Holes and More: Discover The Abundant Life of ABDSP **1 Hour**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld and get ready to do some detective sleuthing on a slow, easy nature-walk around the Visitor Center gardens to discover how many species of animals may have built those little holes along the trail. We will also examine desert plants up-close-and-personal to find out how they survive 122F summer heat. What other clues can we find to the plentiful life in ABDSP? Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Limited to 14 participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center.



Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:30 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Walkabout **3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in the transition habitat of Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and its associated riparian area. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

8:30 a.m. Hike – Weekly Members Hike **3.5 Hours**



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Wednesday, April 19, 2017


3:00 p.m. Walk – Desert Scents **1 Hour**

Enjoy an easy stroll through the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

Thursday, April 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike - Badlands Bench with a View **2 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2 ½ mile hike up a badlands wash to a memorial bench with a marvelous view. Learn about some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the intersection of Inspiration Wash and S-22 by driving east on S-22 past Mile Marker 28 for 1/2 mile.

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1 Hour

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Friday, April 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Notice and Wonder

1.5 Hours

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Saturday, April 22, 2017

12:00 p.m. Hike-Discovering the Archaeological History of the 'Ehmuu Morteros

2 Hours

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2:00 p.m. ♿ - Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special program for children ages 7-12 only. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

8:00 p.m. Evening Ranger Program

1 Hour

Join Ranger Lauren for a program all about Tarantulas. Meet her at Arroyo Salado Primitive Camp. Please bring your own chair(s).

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. Roving Ranger

1 Hour

Join Ranger Carina who will be roving on the Bill Kenyon Trail. Meet at the Yaqui Pass Campground.

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Thursday, April 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45-minute drive from the Visitor Center.

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Friday, April 28, 2017

10:00 a.m. – CDAS Archaeology Lecture

1 Hour

Join the Archaeology Society for their monthly lecture series. This presentation is open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Notice and Wonder

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2:00 p.m. ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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8:00 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ – Getting the “Bad” Out of the Badlands

1 Hour

Join Ranger Mike at the Bow Willow Campground for an evening campfire program to explore the Badlands. Find out why the Badlands aren't so bad.

8:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1 Hour

Spring nights are perfect for Stargazing. Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Look for Sally Theriault, Park Interpreter, at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.



Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00 a.m. Talk – Coffee with a Ranger

1 Hour

Join the only CA State Park pilot, Ranger Josh, for a special presentation about his responsibilities and see the plane up close. The program will be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Meet him at the airport office.



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DESERT SAFETY

- ✓ **Carry water AND drink it**
Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.
- ✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**
Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.
- ✓ **Prepare yourself.**
In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **Have a plan.**
Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.
- ✓ **Leave snakes alone.**
Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.
- ✓ **When emergencies happen:**
Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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