



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2018

Thursday, March 1, 2018

4:30 p.m. Talk - Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

Have you wondered what the “Man in the Moon” really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon and see a demonstration of the Moon phases. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. Followed immediately by The Moon Rises.

5:30 p.m. Talk – The Moon Rises

1 Hour

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon’s rising. Join us on the Visitor Center roof, “The Bridge” to watch the full moon rise. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Friday, March 2, 2018

8:30 a.m. – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



Join us for a Spring Plant Walk in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Enjoy and learn about the ingenuity of the Park's survival experts, our amazing desert plants! Meet knowledgeable Botany Society volunteers for a morning stroll in different locations in the Park. Leaders and destinations will vary depending on bloom locations. No advance registration required, donations encouraged. For more information, contact Anza-Borrego Foundation at 760-767-0446. Meet at State Park Store.

Saturday, March 3, 2018

7:00 a.m. Hawkwatch – A Borrego Springs Phenomenon

2.5 Hours

Why are these people looking up into the sky? Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld to discover the fascinating story of migrating Swainson’s Hawks. We’ll meet at the Visitor Center outdoor amphitheater for a 40-minute 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 hawk migration phenomenon in 2003 and helped to put the Borrego Hawkwatch in motion. Bring binoculars, water and hats. You may also appreciate a portable chair. Limited to 12 participants who must have pre-registered at the Visitor Center.



11:00 a.m. Walk - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

2:00 p.m. Walk – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

Special California State Parks program for children only, ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Bring a sunhat and water.

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Saturday, March 3, 2018 (continued)

2:00 p.m. – Event/Fundraiser – Boots Ball Fundraiser

3 Hours



Join us in your “desert dressy” and finest hiking boot fashion for an afternoon of fun while we explore visions of the next fifty years for Anza-Borrego Foundation, the Park’s cooperating association. Enjoy live music, food by Kesling’s Kitchen, and a silent and live auction. We will be joined by special guest Obi Kaufmann. More information is available at www.theABF.org/BootsBallNext50. With additional questions, contact Lauren at lauren@theABF.org or 760-767-0446.

7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future? Bring a flashlight and meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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.

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

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1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - What Gives Ravens Their Star Quality?

45 Minutes

Enjoy finding out how the intelligence and personalities of ravens have inspired their starring role in myths and legends around the world. With Volunteer Naturalist Karen DeLorenzo you will discover a new way to look at these mischievous – and maybe even wise – birds.

3:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Monday, March 5, 2018

9:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

3.5 Hours



Meet at the State Park Store in The Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by ABF Staff, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes will take you to little-known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. These hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit www.theabf.org/2017-2018-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446. No advance registration required.

2:30 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. Meets in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

8:30 a.m. – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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Thursday, March 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike - Badlands Bench with a View

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 2½ 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.

1:00 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.

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Friday, March 9, 2018

10:00 a.m. Lecture – Paleontology Society Monthly Lecture

2 Hours

Join us for a talk by geologist Dr. Monte Marshall. We will continue our discussion of the birth and role of the San Andreas Fault in California Geology. We will look specifically at the portion between the Sea of Cortez and the Transverse ranges. He will also talk about how modern astronomy and space science has changed our understanding of the formation of the solar system. Meet at the UCI Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center on Tilting T Drive. On Saturday, Monte will lead a field trip to the Painted Canyon in the Mecca Hills. Open to the public at no charge.

7:30 p.m. Lecture – Anza-Borrego: In Focus- Peninsular Bighorn Sheep

1 Hour



Mathias Tobler, Ph.D. and Lisa Nordstrom, Ph.D., both of the Institute for Conservation Research at San Diego Zoo Global, will discuss their research on Peninsular bighorn sheep in Baja California examining their population status, genetic structure, disease prevalence, and linkages across the US-Mexico border. Lecture is at the UCI Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (401 Tilting T Dr, Borrego Springs). \$5 at the door, no advance registration needed.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

7:00 a.m. Hawkwatch – A Borrego Springs Phenomenon

2.5 Hours


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9 a.m. – Field Class – Anza-Borrego: In Focus- Peninsular Bighorn Sheep

6 Hours



Join Environmental Scientist Mike Puzzo on a short hike near Pinyon Wash to visit a wildlife guzzler and learn about the bighorn sheep of our Park: how they survive on the scarce resources, seasonal movements, and their current status based on monitoring efforts. You'll also hear about the guzzlers' history, how they work, and how they are monitored and maintained through a partnership with the Safari Park. After our hike to the guzzler, the group will stop near Tamarisk Grove Campground to observe bighorn sheep (fingers crossed!) on the nearby hillsides and continue discussions on their natural history. Registration includes Friday Lecture. \$60 Public/\$50 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Briana for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1004.

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8:30 a.m. Hike – Ghost Mountain

3 Hours

Experience the Marshal South story on this trek up Ghost Mountain with Volunteer Naturalist Dan Leidecker. The hike is steep but relatively short (1 mile up, 1 mile down) and offers a glimpse into the family's life on this remote mountaintop. Bring water, a snack, hat and sturdy footwear. Meet Dan at the Blair Valley entrance (turn off highway S2 near Mile-marker 23, at the Butterfield Stage sign). **Prehike Optional Add-on:** Meet at the Shelter Valley Community Center for a no-host breakfast with Dan at 7:30. (The Community Center accepts donations.)

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

2:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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7:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Enjoy Anza-Borrego's Dark Night Sky!

1 Hour

Desert nights are perfect for Stargazing. Explore constellations and discover what it means to be an International Dark Sky Park! Bring binoculars if you have them, flashlight (red lens is preferable) and your imagination! Join Interpreter Sally Theriault at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00 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.

8:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter 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.

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9:00 a.m. Walk – Pictograph Trail

3 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 and experience beautiful views from the dry fall at the end of Smuggler Canyon. Meet at the entrance to the Blair Valley primitive camp (turn off Highway S2 at the Butterfield Stage sign, near mile marker 23). Bring water, hat, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.

Monday, March 12, 2018

10:00 a.m. Lecture ♿ – Monthly Botany Lecture

1 Hour

Join the Botany Society and their guest speaker Stephen Ingram, author of *Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas of California and Nevada*. Meet in the Discovery Lab. The public is welcome.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

3.5 Hours



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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future?

Thursday, March 15, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike - Hornblende Canyon

6 Hours

Join volunteer naturalist Paul Larson on a moderate hike in Hornblende Canyon. We'll check out wildflowers along the way as we enjoy one of the most beautiful but overlooked canyons in the Park. Bring hiking stick(s), ample water, hiking boots and lunch. Meet at entrance to Blair Valley at 9am. Hike is about 5 miles.

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!

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Friday, March 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. Hike – Stone Bridge #1 North

3.5 Hours

Join Brian and Susie Jones and explore a winding wash with towering sandstone water-carved walls, scramble up a 5 foot dry waterfall, and walk through mini-slots, ending up at a magnificent view of the badlands. There is a strenuous drop into the wash, followed by a moderate and inspiring 4.8 round trip mile hike. Hiking stick(s) may be helpful. Bring water, snack, and sturdy hiking shoes. Limited to 15 people and you must sign up at the Visitor Center. Meet at mile marker 36.6 on Highway S22 (approximately 16.8 miles east of the traffic circle in town). Please be prompt.

8:30 a.m. – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours



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11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Archaeology Lecture

1 Hour

Join the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society for a talk by retired Professor of History George Harwood Phillips about conflicts between early American settlers and Native Americans leading to the pan-Indian Garra Revolt of 1851. This coordinated uprising sent shockwaves throughout the state. Martial law was declared in San Diego while in Los Coyotes Canyon a band of Cahuillas engaged troops sent out to put down the Revolt. A State Park monument at the Santa Catarina parking area in the Canyon commemorates this uprising. The meeting will be held in the Discovery Lab at the Anza-Borrego Park Visitor Center; the public is invited.

Saturday, March 17, 2018

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

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).

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2:00 p.m. Walk – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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4:00 p.m. Walk - Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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7:00 p.m. Campfire - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join a Park Interpreter for a family campfire program at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

7:30 p.m. – Concert – Outrageous ABF Front Porch Revue

1.5 hours



In support of Anza-Borrego Foundation and their work supporting and protecting Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, board member Jimmy Smith has gathered a plethora of local talents to join together for a fun and entertaining night of down home, musical fun at the Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at www.theABF.org/events, at the State Park Store in the Mall, or via phone at 760-767-0446 ext 1002.

Sunday, March 18, 2018

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.

1:00 p.m. Walk – Those Amazing Desert Plants!

1 Hour

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8:00 a.m. Walk – Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

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Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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.

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

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4:00 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3 Hours


Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian at the call box across from Thimble Trail on S-22 at Mile Marker 31.9. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this 2-3 mile roundtrip hike on uneven ground.

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

8:30 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

5-6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and see a demonstration of calcite's interesting optical properties. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, mile marker 38.1, east on Highway S-22. Parking is available on both sides of the highway. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderately strenuous.

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Thursday, March 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. Hike – South Palm Wash

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a hike up a wash, then into a beautiful slot canyon up to a 20-25 foot dry waterfall. There is a rockfall about 100 meters before the waterfall that can be negotiated by those who choose. Meet at the overlook at mile marker 38 on S22 (at the phone call box near the Calcite Mine) for this moderate 4-mile hike.

Friday, March 23, 2018

8:45 a.m. – Field Class – Desert, Sea & Mountains Birding Class

3 Days



Join instructors Bob Theriault and Mark Jorgensen for a three-day birding class. We will visit a variety of ecosystems: Borrego Valley, Saltons Sea, and the desert mountains. The class is intended for birders of all levels and abilities. The full agenda is on the ABF Website and is subject to change based on weather, road conditions, or bird sightings. The cost of registration is for the full three days. \$140 Public/ \$110 ABF Member. Visit www.theABF.org/events or call Briana at 760-767-0446 ext 1004.

8:30 a.m. Hike - Borrego Mountain West Butte

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Brian and Susie Jones for a moderate 3-mile (roundtrip) hike to the top of one of our smaller peaks, but with great views! There will be some walking on narrow ridges and scrambling on rocks toward the summit. Meet just off Highway #78 at the intersection of Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots, hiking sticks (optional). Hike is limited to 15 people; please sign up at the Visitor Center.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Murders and Unkindnesses

1 Hour

Join State Park Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens, and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the behavior of these two subspecies of the Corvid family of birds. Curious, intelligent, mischievous...all these characteristics, and more, come to life in this interesting discussion of ... Murders and Unkindnesses!



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

1 Hour

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Saturday, March 24, 2018

7:00 a.m. – Strenuous Hike – Mile High Mountain with Scott Turner

8 Hours

This unofficially named trio of peaks near the southeast end of the Santa Rosa Mountains offers one of the more nearly 5,000 feet over 13.6 miles from the desert floor at the opening of Palo Verde Canyon to the Santa Rosa crest. Hikers attempting this route should be in good physical condition. Additionally, hikers should be prepared for steep grades, loose soil, rugged footing, and prolonged periods of exposure. You must register in advance for this hike. \$45 / \$35 for ABF Members. Visit www.theABF.org/events for more information. With additional questions, please contact Ashley at 760-767-0446 ext 1003



7:00 a.m. Hawkwatch – A Borrego Springs Phenomenon

2.5 Hours

Why are these people looking up into the sky? Join State Park volunteer Naturalist Terry Hunefeld to discover the fascinating story of migrating Swainson's Hawks. We'll meet at the Visitor Center outdoor amphitheater for a 40-minute 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 hawk migration phenomenon in 2003 and helped to put the Borrego Hawkwatch in motion. Bring binoculars, water and hats. You may also appreciate a portable chair. Limited to 12 participants who must have pre-registered at the Visitor Center.

8:00 a.m. Hike – South Rockhouse Loop

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a hike to the other rockhouse in the southern part of the Park. We could see some great flower displays along the way, plus the other Una Palma. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet near Mile Marker 48 on Highway S-2.

11:00 a.m. Walk - Garden Walk

45 Minutes

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

2:00 p.m. Walk – Junior Rangers

1 Hour

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MARCH 2018

Saturday, March 24, 2018 (continued)

7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – Animal Songs

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

1 Hour



Sunday, March 25, 2018

9:30 a.m. Walk – What Plants Tell Us

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a creative way to engage with the desert plants. Have you been drawn to a certain plant or felt a sense that an Ocotillo tells you something different than a Brittlebush? Sit with the plants and learn beginning steps of an ancient art of "listening" to the plants. Bring a folding chair, sun hat, drinking water, and a notebook.

1 Hour

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - What Gives Ravens Their Star Quality?

Enjoy finding out how the intelligence and personalities of ravens have inspired their starring role in myths and legends around the world. With Volunteer Naturalist Karen DeLorenzo you will discover a new way to look at these mischievous – and maybe even wise – birds.

45 Minutes

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Those Amazing Desert Plants!

Explore the Visitor Center garden with Park Interpreter Sally Theriault and discover some of the unique strategies that help plants survive here. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

1 Hour

Monday, March 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature Journaling. We'll explore the desert using very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to help us see, remember, and investigate vibrantly. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water and sunhat. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

2 Hours

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

8:30 a.m. Member Hike – Free ABF Member Hike

Meet at the State Park Store in The Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. Led by ABF Staff, retired Park Rangers, and various Park enthusiasts, these hikes will take you to little-known but fairly easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park. These hikes are a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit www.theabf.org/2017-2018-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446. No advance registration required.

3.5 Hours



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Wednesday, March 28, 2018

8:00 a.m. Hike – Whale Peak

6 – 7 Hours

Whale Peak, due south of Borrego Springs, provides a sweeping view from the summit. Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian, Dan Jellis, and Paul Larson for a moderately paced but somewhat strenuous hike to the top, including some boulder scrambling. Limited to twelve participants. Two high-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles are required for six participants. Sign up at the Visitor Center. Bring water and lunch and wear sturdy footwear. Meet along County Road S2 4.5 miles south of the junction with State Hwy 78 (just south of Shelter Valley.)

8:30 a.m. – Spring Plant Walk

2 Hours

Join us for a Spring Plant Walk in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Enjoy and learn about the ingenuity of the Park's survival experts, our amazing desert plants! Meet knowledgeable Botany Society volunteers for a morning stroll in different locations in the Park. Leaders and destinations will vary depending on bloom locations. No advance registration required, donations encouraged. Meet at the State Park Store in The Mall. For more information, contact ABF at 760-767-0446.



11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Bighorn Sheep: Symbol of Desert Wilderness

1 Hour

Join Volunteer Naturalist Tony DeLorenzo to find out about bighorn sheep. Where did they come from? What is their history here in the desert? What are their prospects for the future?

Thursday, March 29, 2018

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 Hwy S-22. Hike is rated moderate.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

2.5 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.

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Mart

45 Minutes

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

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3:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Notice and Wonder

2 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to explore Nature Journaling. We'll explore the desert using very basic techniques of writing, drawing, and painting to help us see, remember, and investigate vibrantly. No artistic ability required! Bring your own journal or use ours. Be prepared with water and sunhat. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.



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

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian 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; sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

Friday, March 30, 2018

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store

45 Minutes

Join Certified Interpretive Guide Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

2:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

You're probably familiar with solar cooking without knowing it! Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter to experience the ease and effectiveness of various solar cooking devices.

5:15 p.m. Talk ♿ – Moon Features Come Alive

1 Hour

Have you wondered what the “Man in the Moon” really is? Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for this interactive program to discern the features of the Moon and see a demonstration of the Moon phases. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab. Followed immediately by The Moon Rises.

6:15 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Moon Rises

1 Hour

Watch the sky during the hour of the Moon's rising. Join us on the Visitor Center roof, “The Bridge” to watch the full moon rise. Bring binoculars if you have them.

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Saturday, March 31, 2018



9 a.m. – Social Bike Ride – Blair Valley Bikes & Brews **4 Hours**

Join us for a 12-mile mountain bike ride in beautiful Blair Valley. This moderate route will take us into Little Blair Valley Cultural Preserve and past some of the most popular trail heads in the area. \$20 Public/\$15 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

10:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Garden Walk **45 Minutes**

Join a Visitor Center Interpreter who will take you on a stroll through the Visitor Center Garden to discover some of our special desert plants.

2:00 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. Walk ♿ – Junior Rangers **1 Hour**

Special California State Parks program for children only, ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited. Bring a sunhat and water. Groups of 5 or more, call in advance 760-767-0334 and check for availability.

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!

7:00 p.m. Campfire ♿ – The Amazing World of Bats—Nature’s Tiny Fighter Jets **1 Hour**

Though poorly understood and often feared, bats are fascinating animals with incredible skills of flight and nighttime navigation. Join Volunteer Naturalist Don Endicott at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for a multimedia exploration of these amazing fliers.

Sunday, April 1, 2018

11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Mystery Cat: Anza-Borrego’s Elusive Mountain Lion **45 Minutes**

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. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

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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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **Prepare yourself.**
In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit that includes a comb and tweezers.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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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