



INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday, November 1, 2016



8:30 a.m. Hike - Weekly Members Hike

3.5 Hours

Meet at the State Park Store in the Mall. Join ABF for our weekly member hikes. These hikes take you to little-known but easily accessible spots throughout the northern area of the Park as a free perk for ABF members. Not a member? Ask about joining at the Visitor Center or State Park Store. Visit www.theabf.org/2016-member-hikes or call 760-767-0446 ext. 1003 for more information. No advance registration required.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist for a sensory exploration of the desert in words and color to nourish your connection with the rugged beauty of the desert. This hands-on experience makes it surprisingly easy to enhance your enjoyment of the desert. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

Friday, November 4, 2016

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Let's Be "Crepuscular"!

1 Hour

You probably know "Nocturnal", maybe even "Diurnal" animals. Walk with Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, near the Visitor Center at dusk to explore the fascinating and surprisingly active hour between the day and the night. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

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

2 Hours

Join the Paleontology Society for their monthly lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center. Dr. Lyn Murray will present "Introduction to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park".

Saturday, November 5, 2016

10:00 a.m. Talk/Walk ♿ - Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

If you've always wanted to learn about birds but thought it's too complicated and only for birding experts, you'll enjoy this simple way of appreciating the birds! Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab for this hands-on discovery session and get a close look at birds in and around the Visitor Center. For bird lovers 8 years old and up with no previous birding experience necessary. Bring binoculars if you have them.

2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers ♿

1 Hour

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

3:00 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.

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Saturday, November 5, 2016 (continued)

7:30 p.m. Campfire Program ♿ - 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. Meet at the campfire center in Borrego Palm Canyon campground.



Sunday, November 6, 2016

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.

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Min.

The seldom-seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued them, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds “in the wild”.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016



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Thursday, November 10, 2016

9:00 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 miles.

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Thursday, November 10, 2016 (continued)

11:00 a.m. Talk - ♿ Raven the Shape Shifter

45 Minutes

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, for an interactive program introducing you to the lore and habits of Raven, a raucous inhabitant of the Park. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

4:00 p.m. Walk – Panoramic Overlook

2.5 Hours

Meet Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter at the Visitor Center to walk across the desert and up the Panoramic Overlook Trail for good views of the Borrego Valley and Font's Point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring at least one liter of water.



Friday, November 11, 2016

11:00 a.m. Walk ♿ - Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

Even when it's not raining, you can discover a rainbow of color in the desert. Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a unique view of the desert near the Visitor Center, exploring how color occurs and reveals the details of the desert that we often only glimpse. Meet at the Visitor Center.

4:00 p.m. Talk/Walk ♿ – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

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Friday & Saturday, November 11-12, 2016

Anza-Borrego: In Focus- Forbidden Canyons of the Carrizo Impact Area 2 days



Explore the beauty of the Carrizo Impact Area through the magic of the photographer's lens! Our first class in the *Anza-Borrego: In Focus* series explores a unique twist on research using photo documentation. Cowan spent eight years exploring, photographing and mapping the human history, natural history and military history of the area. Please note: this tour will not physically visit Carrizo

Impact Area, which is off-limits to the public since 1942 due to the dangers of unexploded ordnance. \$60 Public / \$50 ABF Members. Friday's lecture is open to the public at 7:30 at the Visitor Center, \$5. Visit www.theABF.org/events or call 760-767-0446 ext 1004 for more information and to register.

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Saturday, November 12, 2016

9 a.m. Bike Ride – Bikes & Brews: Grapevine Canyon

4 hours

Join ABF for a mountain bike ride! Our enthusiastic ride leaders, Jim and Gary, will lead us on a two-wheeled, 14-mile adventure starting from Ranchita and ending at Tamarisk Grove Campground. This ride will require a shuttle and has limited space, so please register in advance. Need a mountain bike? Visit Bike Borrego in The Mall for a rental. \$20 Public / \$15 ABF Members. Visit www.theabf.org/events or call Ashley for more details and to register: 760-767-0446 ext 1003.



2:00 p.m. Junior Rangers &

1 Hour

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

3:00 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.

7:30 p.m. Campfire &- 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, November 13, 2016

11:00 a.m. Talk/Walk & – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

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Tuesday, November 15, 2016



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Wednesday, November 16, 2016

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6:00 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.

7:00 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.



Friday, November 18, 2016

1:00 p.m. Walk & - Rainbow Any Day

1 Hour

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4:00 p.m. Walk & – Let’s Be “Crepuscular”!

1 Hour

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Saturday, November 19, 2016

7:00 a.m. – Strenuous Hike – Mike’s Hikes to Whale Peak

10 hours



Our kickoff Mike’s Hike of the season will be up the iconic Whale Peak, offering a glimpse of transitional vegetation as we make our way to the summit. This is an 8-mile, off-trail adventure that will take us the whole day and reward us with breathtaking views in all directions. You must register in advance for this program, no exceptions. Go to www.theABF.org/5hikes or call 760-767-0446 ext 1003.

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Saturday, November 19, 2016 (continued)

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.

12:00p.m. Hike–Discovering the Archaeological History of the *'Ehmuu* Morteros 2 Hrs

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. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

4:00 p.m. Talk/Walk & – Beaks and Feet: Birding Made Simple

1 Hour

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7:30 p.m. Campfire - &

45 Minutes

Join Ranger Steve at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.



Sunday, November 20, 2016

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.

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11:00 a.m. Talk ♿ – Geology for Creative Thinkers

1 Hour

Explore the basic rock types found in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and the geologic processes that shaped them in a fun, hands-on way that makes geology come alive! Join Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, at the Park Visitor Center for a rockin' good time with rocks! No previous geology vocabulary is necessary.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Inspiration

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Tuesday, November 22, 2016



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3.5 Hours

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Wednesday, November 23, 2016

3:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Raven the Shape Shifter

1 Hour

Join Regina Reiter, Park Interpretive Specialist, for an interactive program introducing you to the lore and habits of Raven, a raucous inhabitant of the Park. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Thursday, November 24, 2016



The Visitor Center is OPEN from 9a.m. – 5 p.m. Come on in!

Volunteers and staff will be happy to answer your questions, suggest hikes in the Park, and show any of our five 15-minute videos.

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9:00 a.m. Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama

4 Hours



Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

9:00 a.m. Sale ♿ - Eighth Annual Botany Festival Native Plant Sale

6 Hours

The Botany Society will have native plants for sale at the Visitor Center until sold out.

4:00 p.m. Walk ♿ – Let’s Be “Crepuscular”!

1 Hour

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Friday and Saturday, November 25-26, 2016

Anza-Borrego: In Focus- The Historic Landscape of the Vallecito Valley

2 days



Explore the ranching history of the valley and the landscape features that have attracted humans to Vallecito for thousands of years. For more than 40 years, the valley was home to the Campbell Ranch, a full-time desert ranching operation. Descendants of ranchers Granville and Mollie Martin will share personal stories and read diary entries that reveal what life was like for this hired cowhand and his family. Friday’s lecture is open to the public, 7:00 at the Steel/Burnand Research Center, \$5. The field class, Saturday, will include a hike to Bailey Cabin and an overview of the ranch operation. \$60 Public / \$50 ABF Members. Visit www.theABF.org/events or call 760-767-0446 ext 1004 for more information and to register.

Saturday, November 26, 2016

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.

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Saturday, November 26, 2016 (continued)

- 9:00 a.m. Sale & -Botany Festival Native Plant Sale** **Until plants are sold out**
Plant sale continues today until the plants are gone! Front patio at the Visitor Center.
- 10:00 a.m. & - Botany Festival Lecture: Our Native Trees** **1 Hour**
Native Plant expert Don Rideout will give a talk in the Discovery Lab on native trees. Admission is free and open to the public.
- 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.
- 3:00 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.
- 7:30 p.m. Talk & – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!** **1.5 Hours**
Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campground Amphitheater. Explore constellations and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring warm clothing, binoculars if you have them, and a flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits.

Sunday, November 27, 2016

- 10:00 a.m. Talk & – Murders and Unkindnesses** **1 Hour**
Join Volunteer Naturalist Jeff Salton to discover the remarkable differences between Crows and Ravens and explore some of the mystery and intrigue in the world of birds.
- 1:00 p.m. Hike – Culp Valley Wander** **3.5 Hours**
Take a walk in one of the favorite areas of Anza-Borrego that features a historic spring, an awesome scenic overlook, and beautiful boulders. Meet Park Interpretive Specialist, Regina Reiter, at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and a sun hat. Bring a snack and a quart of water to carry plus another quart to leave in your car for afterward.



Tuesday, November 29, 2016



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