



# INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

## OCTOBER 2019

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### Saturday, October 5, 2019

#### 11:00 a.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk in the Badlands

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family walk. We'll discover the exciting features of this dramatic landscape on a rugged cross-country walk. For families with kids 7-12. Bring water and wear a sun hat. **Meet at the Call Box at Mile marker 34.6 on Highway S-22**, east of Borrego Springs. *Please sign up before 10 a.m. at the Visitor Center. Call 760-767-4205.*

#### 3:00 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.

#### 6:00 p.m. Intern'tl Observe the Moon Night Celebration ♿ – Moon Viewing

1 Hour

Join Park staff on the roof of the Visitor Center to celebrate with Moon viewers all around the world for this year's International Observe the Moon Night. We'll see the Moon soon after it rises and learn some of the facts and features of the Moon!

### Sunday, October 6, 2019

#### 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.

### Saturday, October 12, 2019

#### 11:00 a.m. Junior Ranger Family Walk in Little Surprise Canyon

1.5 Hours

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a family hike. We will meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking lot and walk through Little Surprise Canyon. If we can, we'll walk to the end and climb out onto the ridge above and circle around back to the parking lot. It's a short, strenuous walk for adventurous hikers! Kids 7-12 will receive their Junior Ranger badge. Bring water and wear a sun hat. We will hike rain or shine. *Limited to those who have signed up at the Visitor Center before 10 a.m. today!* Meet at Hellhole Canyon Parking on S-22, west of Borrego Springs. If you have one, bring your California State Parks Junior Ranger Logbook! For families with kids ages 7-12.



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UNLESS NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE AND HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER  
(\*\$10 DAY USE FEE PER CAR; OPEN DAILY 9 AM to 5 PM) ♿ DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED.  
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### Sunday, October 13, 2019

#### 5:30 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.

#### 6:30 p.m. Talk ♿ – The Full 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. The parking lot will remain open until after the program.

### Saturday, October 19, 2019

#### 10:00 a.m. Parade!! ♿ – Borrego Days

1 Hour

Come cheer on the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park staff and volunteers marching along Palm Canyon Drive in the annual town parade.

#### 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Open House ♿ – Stout Paleontology Research Lab

2.5 Hours

Tour the Paleontology Lab and see fossils from the Park. Talk with our Paleontology experts. Meet at the Visitor Center for guided walks to the lab.

#### 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. Open House ♿ – Begole Archaeology Research Lab

2 Hours

Tour the Archaeology Lab and see the artifacts of Cahuilla and Kumeyaay cultures firsthand. Talk with Park Archaeology staff and volunteers. Meet at the Visitor Center for guided walks to the lab.

#### 7:30 p.m. Talk – Enjoy Anza-Borrego’s Dark Night Sky!

1.5 Hours

Balmy nights are perfect for stargazing in the desert! Explore constellations, search for planets, and learn about the importance of dark skies everywhere. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, binoculars if you have them (you’ll be amazed at the view!), and flashlight (red lens is preferable, to preserve night vision). Telescope viewing if weather permits. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center. Enter at the Campground kiosk.

### Sunday, October 20, 2019

#### 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.–12 p.m. Open House ♿ – Stout Paleontology Research Lab

3 Hours

Tour the Paleontology Lab and see fossils from the Park. Talk with our Paleontology experts. Meet at the Visitor Center for guided walks to the lab.

#### 3:00 p.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 nearby the Visitor Center, exploring how color occurs and reveals the details of the desert that we often only glimpse. Meet at the Visitor Center.

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**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

**11:00 a.m. Junior Ranger Family Adventure up Junior Ranger Mountain**

**1.5 Hours**

Join Park Interpretive Specialist Regina Reiter for a fun family hike up “Junior Ranger Mountain”, a favorite promontory for young explorers, just west of the Visitor Center. Meet at the Visitor Center with water and hats for everyone in your group. For families with kids ages 7-12. *Limited to families who have signed up by 10 a.m. today at the Visitor Center or by calling 760-767-4205*

**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).

### WATER NEEDS FORMULA For WINTER DESERT WALKING



Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 2014

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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 which 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!!!