

DECEMBER 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 1, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **3 Hours**
Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Loizos will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.
- 10:00 a.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
- 10:00 a. m. – Talk ♿ - Lifestyles of the Hot and Thirsty** **30 Minutes**
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- 11:00 a.m. – Hike – Discovering the Archeological History of the Morteros** **2 Hours**
Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archeologist 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

Sunday, December 2, 2007

- 8:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **4.5 Hours**
Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.
- 2:00 p.m. – Talk ♿ - Home Sweet Home** **1 Hour**
Join Park Interpreter Scott Kraynak as we talk about how our amazing plants and animals have been able to turn a hot, dry, barren, rocky desert into “Home Sweet Home.” We will meet outside the visitor center and stroll through the garden, then go inside to talk about the animals.

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DECEMBER 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Monday, December 3, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Talk ♿ - Home Sweet Home

1 Hour

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Thursday, December 6, 2007

1:00 p.m. - Talk ♿ - We may have Wal-Mart but the ingenious Native Americans had Desert-mart

45 Minutes

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, medicines and, yes, even for torture. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

Saturday, December 8, 2007

8:00 a.m. - Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4.5 Hours

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10:00 a.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.

10:00 a. m. - Hike - Milling around Mine Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Archeologist and Certified Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable look at how the ingenious desert Indians used plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. During this trip we will be discussing how Indians used mesquite, agaves, creosote and other plants. We'll stop at a mesquite grove in Yaqui Wells, and then visit an important ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash to look at a rock shelter and ceremonial features. We'll also see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs that were used for milling food. Afterwards, there will be a short exploratory hike around the site area. Please bring lunch, hat, and ample water. 2-Wheel drive is okay. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot. Please come and mill around on this desert adventure.

1:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Desert Drug Store

30 Minutes

Join Naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

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Sunday, December 9, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **3 Hours**
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- 10:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Our Ever Changing Desert** **30 Minutes**
Welcome to a land that was once covered with erupting volcanoes, then with a sea, then to a woodland environment with flowing streams, all the way to being the dumping ground for the Grand Canyon. Join Park Interpreter Scott Kraynak as we discuss all of the changes that this area has gone through in order to become what it is today. We will meet in front of the visitor center.

Monday, December 10, 2007

- 11:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Our Ever Changing Desert** **30 Minutes**
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Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, medicines and, yes, even for torture. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

Thursday, December 13, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. – Hike – Squeeze through The Slot** **3 Hours**
Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a moderate 3 mile round trip hike through a winding slot canyon with rugged walls, overhanging rocks, and some surprising wild flowers. You will have to negotiate some tight squeezes and a short climb up a very steep hill. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.
- 10:00 a.m. - Talk ♿ - Those Rambunctious Ravens!** **45 Minutes**
Can you tell Ravens from Crows? Do you believe the myths and poems about Ravens? Come hear Volunteer Naturalist Joan Rosen give an outdoor presentation in the Plaza about our Borrego Ravens and their lively times.

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Saturday, December 15, 2007

10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers **45 Minutes**

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Sunday, December 16, 2007

8:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon **4.5 Hours**

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- 10:00 a.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.
- 10:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Desert Safety** **1.5 hours**
Ever wonder what to do if you get stranded out in the desert? Join Volunteer Naturalist Bill Barker as he gives great safety tips and real life adventure stories about being out in the desert on foot or in your car.
- 11:30 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer** **1 hour**
The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

Sunday, December 23, 2007

- 7:30 p.m. – Campground Talk - ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?** **1 Hour**
Whether you are a first time visitor or one who has not had the opportunity to visit sections of the park, join Volunteer Interpretive Guide Ron Shugan for a slide show presentation meant to provide an overview of the many activities and sights of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. This series of slides will make you want to get out and visit some of the many wonders of California's largest state park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon campfire center.

Thursday, December 27, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Those Rambunctious Ravens!** **45 Minutes**
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- 11:00 a.m. – Display ♿ - Usefulness of Desert Plants** **2 Hours**
Stop by the visitor center and see the items made from desert plants. Volunteer Naturalist Marge Hatcher will be available for questions about the garden plants around the visitor center and elsewhere in the desert.
- 11:30 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer** **1 hour**
The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

Sunday, December 30, 2007

- 7:30 p.m. – Campground Talk - ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?** **1 Hour**
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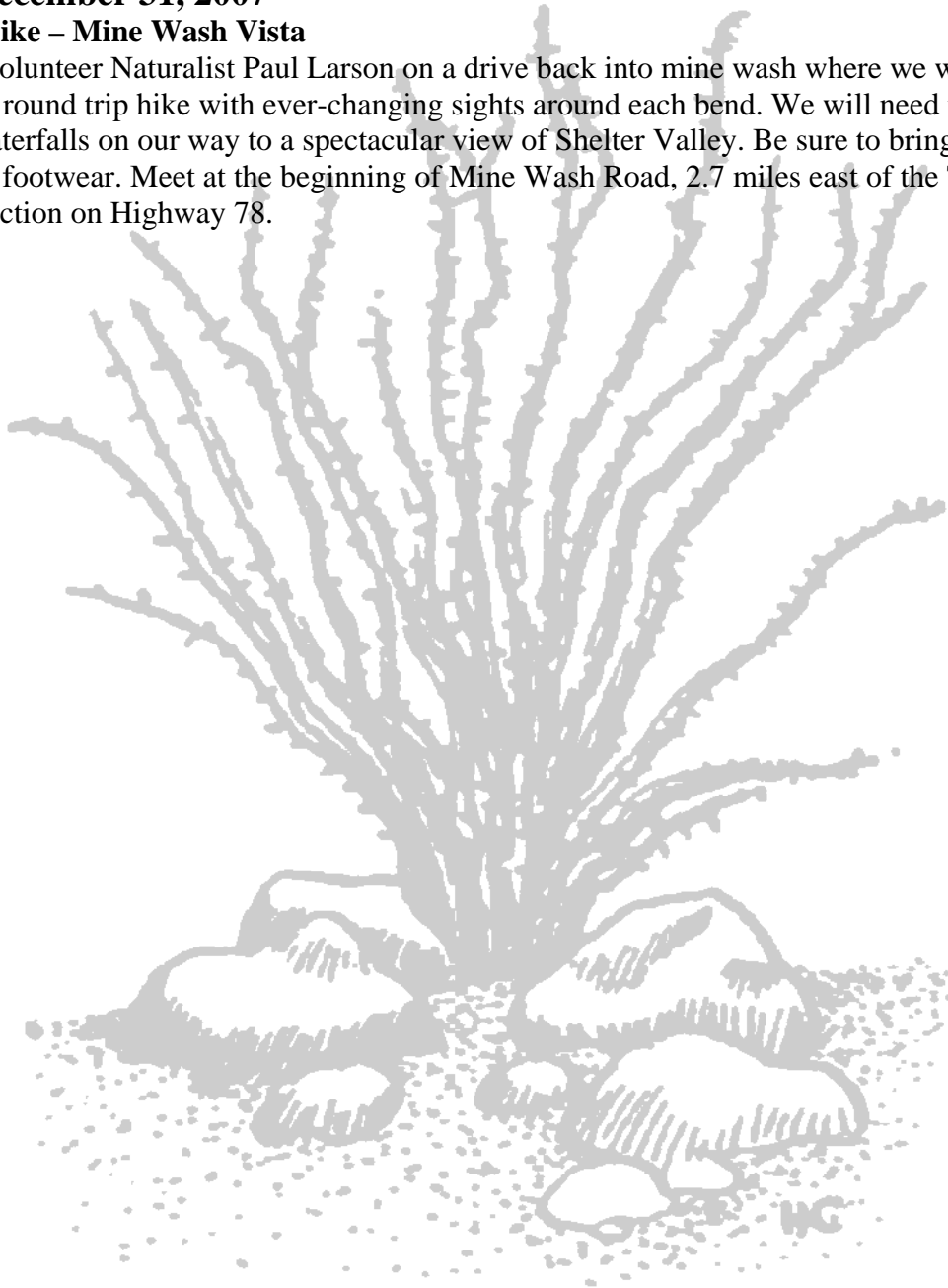


Monday, December 31, 2007

9:00 a.m. – Hike – Mine Wash Vista

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson on a drive back into mine wash where we will continue on foot for a 4 mile round trip hike with ever-changing sights around each bend. We will need to climb a couple 4-foot dry waterfalls on our way to a spectacular view of Shelter Valley. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the beginning of Mine Wash Road, 2.7 miles east of the Tamarisk Grove intersection on Highway 78.



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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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Do not split up the group**
Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.
- ✓ **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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