

Tuesday, January 1, 2008

9:00 a.m. – Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

3 Hours

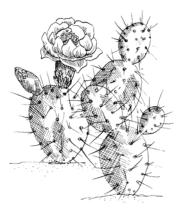
Hike Alcoholic Pass! Experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the Alcoholic Pass Trailhead 2 ½ miles past the end of the blacktop on DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

Wednesday, January 2, 2008

11:00 a.m. – Display & - Usefulness of Desert Plants

3 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.



Thursday, January 3, 2008 11:00 a.m. - Talk & - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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Saturday, January 5, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers

45 minutes

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11:00 p.m. – Hike – Discovering the Archeological History of the Morteros

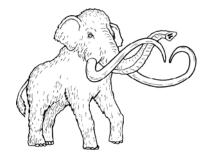
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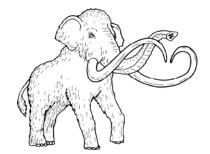
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30 Minutes

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7:30 p.m. – Campfire - 🕹 - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

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Sunday, January 6, 2008

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

4.5 Hours

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10:00 a.m. – Talk - & - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer

1 Hour

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2:00 p.m. - Talk 🕹 - Home Sweet Home

1 Hour

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Tuesday, January 8, 2008

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.

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

11:00 a.m. - Talk & - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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Thursday, January 10, 2008

10:00 a.m. -Talk- - Those Rambunctious Ravens!

45 Minutes

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Saturday, January 12, 2008 10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers

45 minutes

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10:00 a.m. - Talk - Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

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Sunday, January 13, 2008

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

4.5 Hours

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11:00 a.m. – Talk 🖔 - Bats - Myths and Marvels

1 Hour

Join volunteer naturalist Norma Decker at the visitor center discovery lab for this intimate look at the wonders of bats.



2:00 p.m. – Talk 🖔 - Our Ever Changing Desert

45 Minutes

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Tuesday, January 15, 2008

10:00 a.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

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Wednesday, January 16, 2008

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.

Thursday, January 17, 2008

11:00 a.m. - Talk & - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

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Saturday, January 19, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Junior Rangers

45 minutes

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6:00 p.m. - Music Under the Stars With Rick Shea

Come and celebrate the Parks 75th Anniversary with a special concert at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center Amphitheatre, sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute. Tickets are \$10 and a limited number of seats are available. No host bar, hors d'oeuvres.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - 🕒 - Ranger Surprise

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Tuesday, January 22, 2008

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.

Thursday, January 24, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Talk -- Those Rambunctious Ravens!

45 Minutes

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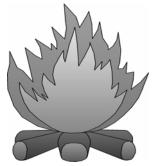
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Tuesday, January 29, 2008

9:00 a.m. - Hike - Mountain Palm Springs

3.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund for a moderate to strenuous 5 mile loop hike through several palm groves and Torote Bowl at the southern end of the park. Bring water, lunch, binoculars, hat, sunscreen and sturdy footwear. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs on Highway S-2 at mile post 47.1.



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✓ Carry water AND drink it

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✓ 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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