

April 2008 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 2, 2008

8:30 a.m. – Hike – Mountain Palm Springs

4.5 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.

10:00 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 in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

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.

Thursday, April 3, 2008

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.



5:00 p.m. – Book Signing

1.5 Hours

Writer Nick Clapp will be signing his new book “Who Killed Chester Pray? – A Death Valley Mystery” at the visitor center.

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Friday, April 4, 2008

8:00 a.m. – Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.



2:00 p.m. – Talk ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

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 the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds “in the wild.”

Saturday, April 5, 2008

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.

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.

11:00 a.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

Join Ranger Don at 11:00 a.m. at Bailey’s cabin. These programs are being conducted to help honor the 75th Anniversary of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. . Programs will be conducted at or near a historic site, where the past, present, and hopeful future of that resource will be interpreted. 4x4 vehicle is required.

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Sunday, April 6, 2008

11:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Wings Over Anza – Borrego

45 Minutes

Can you identify the more common birds found in ABDSP? Join volunteer interpretive guide Beth Shugan to learn more about our resident and migratory feathered visitors.



11:00 a.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

Join Ranger Jeri at 11:00 a.m. at Tamarisk Grove Campground. These programs are being conducted to help honor the 75th Anniversary of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. . Programs will be conducted at or near a historic site, where the past, present, and hopeful future of that resource will be interpreted.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

8:00 a.m. – Hike – Mine Wash Vista

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and 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.

Thursday, April 10, 2008

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

45 Minutes

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Friday, April 11, 2008

7:30 p.m. - ♿ - Campfire - 60 million years in 60 minutes

1 Hour

Join Carole Ziegler from Southwestern College as she delves into the geology of Southern California over the last 60 million years

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Saturday, April 12, 2008

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.

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.

7:30 p.m. ♿ Campfire – Astronomy Program/History Program

1 Hour

Join Bradley Pickett for a slide presentation on the astronomy of the desert. Historian and publisher Diana Lindsay will open the program discussing how visionaries came together to form Anza Borrego Desert State Park, and much that led up to the development of this incredible park.

Sunday, April 13, 2008

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

3 Hours

Volunteer naturalist Joe Hopkins will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him as you hike to the palm oasis. As an experienced naturalist, he can answer many of your questions about the park. If bighorn are about, he is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.

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.

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Thursday, April 17, 2008

8:00 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.

Saturday, April 19, 2008

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 – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

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Sunday, April 20, 2008

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.

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

8:00 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.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

10:00 a.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours 1 Hour

Join Ranger Don at 10:00 a.m. at Tulloch Ranch. Ranger Don talks about why this area is one of his favorites in the park. Learn a bit of the history of the area and enjoy the beautiful views! Meet at Tulloch Ranch: On Rt. 79 a short distance North of Hwy. S-1.

Saturday, April 26, 2008

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.

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

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, April 27, 2008

9:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Nancy Estes 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. – Talk – Tailgate Tours

1 Hour

Join Ranger Steve at 10:00 a.m. at the Carrizo Overlook. These programs are being conducted to help honor the 75th Anniversary of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Programs will be conducted at or near a historic site, where the past, present, and hopeful future of that resource will be interpreted.

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

8:00 a.m. – Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 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.

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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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