

May 2008

INTERPRETIVE

SCHEDULE



Saturday, May 3, 2008

11:00 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.”

11:00 a.m. – Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros 2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient 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, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

Monday, May 5, 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.

Friday, May 9, 2008

10:00 a. 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, and medicine. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT THE VISITOR CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON TRAILS OR TOURS.**  DENOTES PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED. PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATION, (760) 767-4205.

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Saturday, May 10, 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.

11:00 p.m. – Talk ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree **45 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.”

2:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Desert Drug Store **45 Minutes**
Join naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Sunday, May 11, 2008

10:00 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors **45 Minutes**
Join naturalist Abby Barker as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors in the garden, the desert plants. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden.

2:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Slithering and Scampering through ABDSP **45 Minutes**
Discover the secrets of desert reptiles with Park Interpreter Michael Rodrigues. Meet at the visitor center discovery lab.

Monday, May 12, 2008

8:00 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.

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Friday, May 16, 2008

11:00 a. m. – Talk ♿ - 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, May 17, 2008

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.

2:30 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - The Mysterious Mountain Lion

45 Minutes

Park Interpreter Michael Rodriques explores the lives of California's big cats and discusses human / cougar conflict. Meet in the visitor center discovery lab.

Sunday, May 18, 2008

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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2:00 p.m. – Talk ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join naturalist Abby Barker as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors in the garden, the desert plants. Meet in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Sunday, May 25, 2008

1:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Slithering and Scampering through ABDSP

45 Minutes

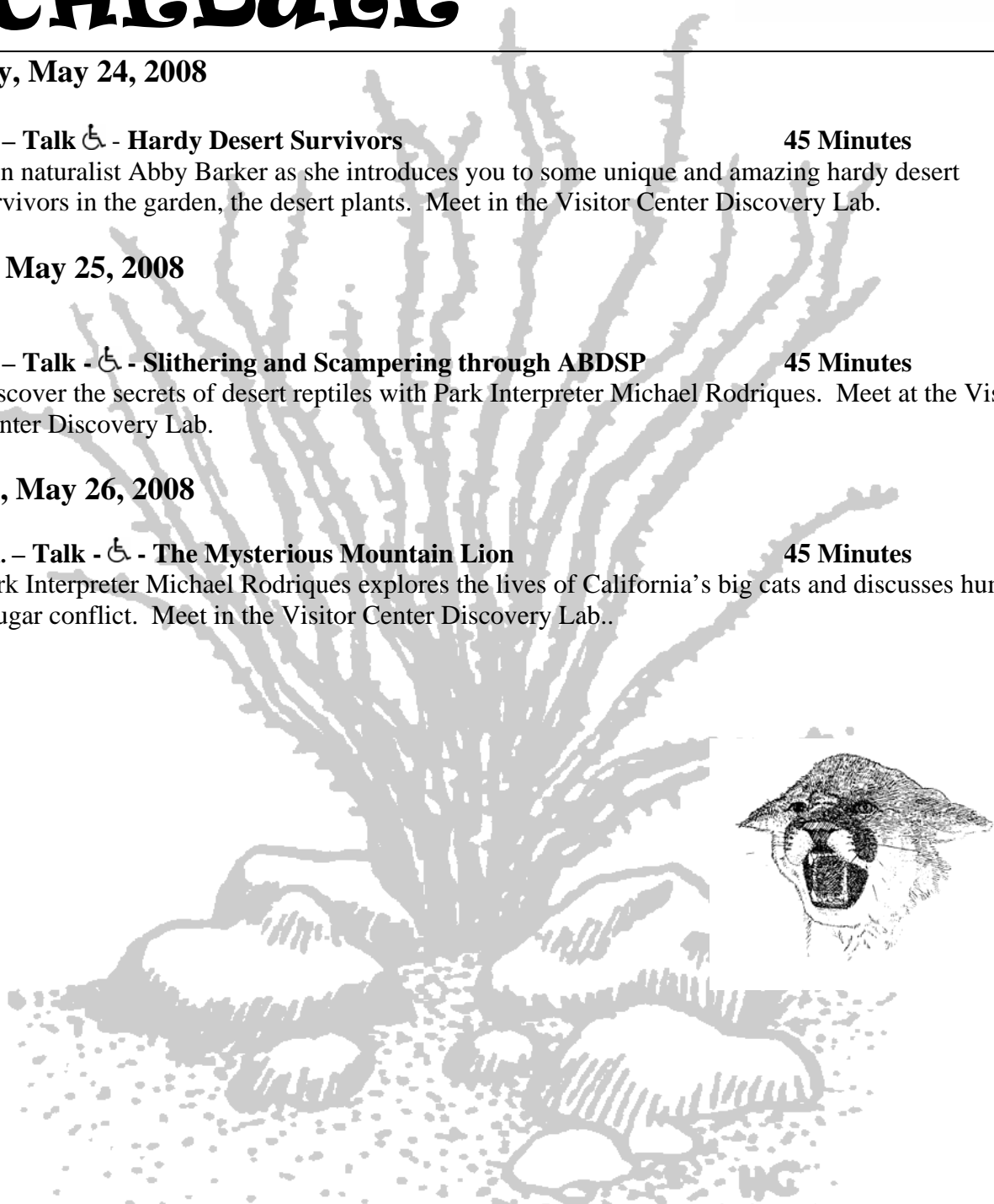
Discover the secrets of desert reptiles with Park Interpreter Michael Rodriques. Meet at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.

Monday, May 26, 2008

11:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - The Mysterious Mountain Lion

45 Minutes

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