

# November 2008 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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**Saturday, November 1, 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.



**7:30 p.m. - ♿ - Campfire - Bats of Borrego and Beyond**

**1 Hour**

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center.



**Sunday, November 2, 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.

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# November 2008 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



## Friday, November 7, 2008

### 9:00 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.

## Saturday, November 8, 2008

### 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Hike – Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Nancy Estes will be roaming in Borrego Palm Canyon hoping to answer your questions about our beautiful desert park. *This is not a guided hike.*

### 10:00 a. m. - Junior Rangers - ♿ -

**45 Minutes**

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### 10:00 a. m. – Talk ♿ - Lifestyles of the Hot and Thirsty

**1 Hour**

Cactus and succulents have some amazing adaptations that help them survive in extremely hot and dry climates. This talk will reveal some little-known facts about how cacti work overtime to stay alive. The most common cactus species of Anza-Borrego will also be discussed as we stroll through the Visitor Center garden.

### 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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## Friday, November 14, 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.

## Saturday, November 15, 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. – 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.

### 1:00 p.m. - Talk ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

**1 Hour**

Solar energy - the old/new technology. Volunteer naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater.

### 7:30 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - Ranger Surprise!!!

**1 Hour**

Discover the wonders of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park! Join Park Ranger Steve Bier at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center to explore the natural desert world.

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# November 2008 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



**Saturday, November 22, 2008**

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

**45 Minutes**

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**10:00 a. m. – Talk ♿ - Lifestyles of the Hot and Thirsty**

**1 Hour**

Cactus and succulents have some amazing adaptations that help them survive in extremely hot and dry climates. This talk will reveal some little-known facts about how cacti work overtime to stay alive. The most common cactus species of Anza-Borrego will also be discussed as we stroll through the Visitor Center garden.

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.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, November 23, 2008**

**7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk**

**1 Hour**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.



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# November 2008 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



**Wednesday, November 26, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. – Hike – Mine Wash Vista**

**3 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.

**Friday, November 28, 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.



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**Saturday, November 29, 2008**

**7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner’s Bird Walk**

**1 Hour**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

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

**45 Minutes**

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**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. Try our tasty mesquite and pinyon coffee and mesquite punch for the kids!

**7:30 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - Ranger Encounters!**

**1 Hour**

Join Ranger Don Strampfer to explore the multitude of remarkable experiences a Ranger might encounter while patrolling Anza-Borrego Desert State Park’s great expanses!  
Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

**Sunday, November 30, 2008**

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

**45 Minutes**

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



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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 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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