

# JANUARY 2009 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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## Thursday, January 1, 2009

### 9:00 a.m. - Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama

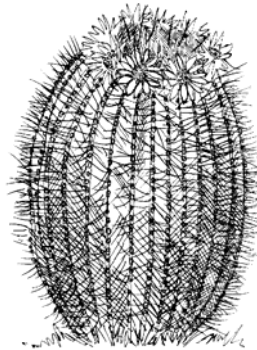
3 hours

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.

### 1:00 p.m. - Talk/Walk - What is a Borrego?

1 hour

Join Park Interpreter Nova Clarke at the Borrego Palm Canyon trailhead to learn about our resident desert bighorns. From there we will wander a bit up the canyon to learn a bit more about the ecosystem and perhaps see a bighorn.



## Friday, January 2, 2009

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

30 minutes

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. Volunteer Naturalist Don Rideout will discuss the most common cactus species of Anza-Borrego as we stroll through the Visitor Center garden.

### 2:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Where is that Wascally Wabbit?

45 minutes

Join Park Interpreter Nova Clarke to learn about the rabbits, roadrunners, and coyotes of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Find out what the cartoons get right and wrong. Meet at the Visitor Center Amphitheater.

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**Saturday, January 3, 2009**

- 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. She will be featuring mesquite products.
- 12:00 p.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours** **1 hour**  
Join the only CA State Park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will meet and be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport.
- 12:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego** **45 minutes**  
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- 7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - Raptors of Anza-Borrego** **1 hour**  
Anza-Borrego is a great place to see different types of birds of prey. Join Ranger Jim Collins to learn more about the birds of prey of Anza-Borrego at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.
- 7:30 p.m. - \$\$ - Talk - ♿ - A State Parks Sampler Lecture**  
**Suggested donation \$5**  
State Parks have something for everyone! Learn more about the parks in the Colorado Desert District and what they can offer you and your family as you seek to spend more time enjoying the outdoors. Lecture held at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center.  
**Call ABFI for more information: (760)767-4063**

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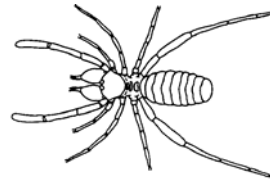
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## Sunday, January 4, 2009

- 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Lifestyles of the Hot and Thirsty** **30 minutes**  
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- 10:00 a.m. – Talk – Native Americans of Coyote Canyon Tailgate Tour** **1 hour**  
Join Ranger Nancy Wittig to learn more about the Native Americans who lived in this beautiful area of the park. Meet at the Desert Gardens Picnic Area in Coyote Canyon.
- 11:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Arachnophobia** **30 minutes**  
Join Park Interpreter Nova Clarke for a look at the eight-legged residents of Anza-Borrego. Find out about their role in the ecosystem and why there is no reason to be afraid of them.



## Thursday, January 8, 2009

- 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.
- 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.

## Friday, January 9, 2009

- 9:30 a.m. – Talk – Upper Coyote Canyon Tailgate Tour** **1 hour**  
Join Ranger Don Strampfer to learn more about Upper Coyote Canyon. Meet at CDF Station in Warner Springs. **A 4x4 vehicle is required for this program.**
- 1:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Camels, Sloths, and Seashells --ABDSP fossils** **30 minutes**  
Join Volunteer Naturalist Sandra Keeley for a Powerpoint presentation about recent fossil finds in Anza-Borrego.

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**Saturday, January 10, 2009**

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

**90 minutes**

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. (This program will be cancelled if raining.)

**10:00 a.m. – Military Wash Experience Tailgate Tour**

**1 hour**

Join Ranger Jim to discuss the history of Rake Station at Military Wash. Meet at the restroom of the Arroyo Salado Primitive Campground off Highway S22. **4WD required.**

**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/Walk – What is a Borrego?**

**1 hour**

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**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.



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## Sunday, January 11, 2009

- 8:30 a.m. – Walk – Bird Walk at Tamarisk Grove** **2 hours**  
Search for birds of the season in the area of Tamarisk Grove Campground (including Yaqui Well) with Ranger Bob Theriault. Meet at the campground office, located on County Road S-3, near the junction with State Highway 78. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes for this moderate stroll of up to 2 hours.
- 9:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Hidden Gems of Indio Hills Palms** **6 hours**  
Instructors: Superintendent Kathy Dice and Ranger Steve Bier  
**Fee: \$35 Non-member; \$25 ABFI Member**  
Experience the hidden gems of the Colorado Desert: the native palm oases. You will see new State Park lands and their future potential, walk in the quiet of hidden oases and ponder the amazing web of life found in desert resources, while learning local lore and cultural history. Bring a lunch, hat, sunscreen, water and sturdy walking shoes for this moderately difficult hike.  
**Call ABFI for more information: (760)767-4063**
- 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Modern Warrior/Ancient God..... The Scorpion** **30 minutes**  
Join Volunteer Naturalist Gerald Ehly to learn more about the fascinating life of the scorpion and its significance to different cultures all over the world. Meet in the Discovery Lab.
- 1:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Where is that Wascally Wabbit?** **45 minutes**  
Join Park Interpreter Nova Clarke to learn about the rabbits, roadrunners, and coyotes of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Find out what the cartoons get right and wrong. Meet at the Visitor Center Amphitheater.

## Thursday, January 15, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. – Walk – Bill Kenyon Trail** **2 hours**  
Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a 1.5 mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, 1 mile north of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

## Friday, January 16, 2009

- 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, January 17, 2009**

**9:30 a.m. – Talk – Tulloch Ranch Tailgate Tour**

**1 hour**

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 the Tulloch Ranch :  
On Rt. 79 a short distance north of Hwy . S-1.

**10:00 a.m. – Talk – Tailgate Tours**

**1 hour**

Join Ranger Steve for a special presentation about the amazing history of this region. Program will meet and be conducted at the Carrizo Overlook, where the past, present, and hopeful future of this resource will be interpreted.

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

**45 minutes**

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**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 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.

**1:00 p.m. – Talk/Walk – What is a Borrego?**

**1 hour**

Join Park Interpreter Nova Clarke at the Borrego Palm Canyon trailhead to learn about our resident desert bighorns. From there we will wander a bit up the canyon to learn a bit more about the ecosystem and perhaps see a bighorn.

**2:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Mountain Lions**

**30 minutes**

Investigate the habits and habitats of our top predator, the mountain lion, with Volunteer Naturalist Grace Clark, and discover how you can protect yourself while protecting them at the same time.



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## Saturday, January 17, 2009

### 7:00 p.m. - \$\$ - ♿ - Desert Skies Outdoor Lecture Series: 2009: A Celestial Sneak Preview

Instructor: Dennis Mammana Suggested donation \$5

Four centuries ago Galileo first aimed his telescope skyward. Now, as we begin this International Year of Astronomy, don't miss this sneak preview of what promises to be an exciting year of cosmic wonder! Meet at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center amphitheater.

Call ABFI for more information: (760)767-4063

### 7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - Birds in Anza-Borrego

1 hour

Anza-Borrego is a great place to enjoy bird watching, since its different habitats attract many species of birds. Share in all the fun by joining Ranger Bob Theriault at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center.

## Sunday, January 18, 2009

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

90 minutes

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. (This program will be cancelled if raining.)

### 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - What Kind of Bird is That? – Basic Birding in Borrego 45 minutes

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## Monday, January 19, 2009

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

90 minutes

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. (This program will be cancelled if raining.)

### 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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## Wednesday, January 21, 2009

### 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.



LONG-EARED OWL

## Thursday, January 22, 2009

### 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.

### 2:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Cahuilla Medicine Chest

45 minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mike Bigelow to learn about the medicine chest full of effective treatments that the Cahuilla people utilized long before the first Europeans arrived.

## Friday, January 23, 2009

### 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Camels, Sloths, and Seashells --ABDSP fossils

30 minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalist Sandra Keeley for a Powerpoint presentation about recent fossil finds in Anza-Borrego.



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**Saturday, January 24, 2009**

**8:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Hollywood in Borrego**

**6 hours**

Instructor: Fred Jee      **Fee: \$35 Non-member; \$25 ABFI Member**

Films have been part of our cultural history since 1928 when *Beggars of Life* was filmed on the San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railroad. Today we have a rich history of films shot in our desert region and this tour explores some of these locations. We begin at the Visitor Center, viewing clips from feature films. Then we'll travel to many of the actual locations where scenes from the films were shot. 4WD is required to get to some of the sites; carpooling is encouraged. Bring lunch, water, and a hat and sunscreen. **Call ABFI for more information: (760)767-4063**

**10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers**

**45 minutes**

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**10:00 a.m. - Talk/Walk - What is a Borrego?**

**1 hour**

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**11:00 a.m. - Talk - Tracks Tell Tales**

**45 minutes**

Tracks tell the fascinating stories of the lives of our animal neighbors in the Anza Borrego Desert. Meet our Volunteer Tracker-Naturalist Karin Vickars at the entrance to the Visitor's Center, and start to learn to read these tales of life -- and death -- in the desert.



**12:00 p.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 - ♿ - Dark Shadows**

**30 minutes**

Most creatures that live out here blend in with the desert but there are two dark birds that you might see circling overhead who have adapted to life out here without blending in. Join Park Interpreter Nova Clarke to learn more about these dark shadows.

**7:30 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - "Boulders, Palm Trees and Water, Oh MY!"**

**1 hour**

What happens when a 16-foot wall of water comes pouring out of Borrego Palm Canyon? Join Ranger Jennifer Rodrigues at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center as she tells all.

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## Sunday, January 25, 2009

### 8:00 a.m. – Walk – Tracking Walk

2 hours

The desert is full of life, but most of it is hidden from the casual observer. Join Volunteer Naturalist-Tracker Karin Vickars at the entrance to the Visitor's Center. Together we will explore the desert around us, finding and learning to read animal tracks and sign during a one- to two-hour walk in Palm Canyon.

### 10:00 a.m. – Walk – Unsolved Mysteries of Mine Wash

90 minutes

Join Ranger Jeri Zemon to see the remains of a Kumeyaay village site. We will look for clues about the daily life of the people who once lived there. Easy walk. Directions: from Tamarisk Grove Campground turn east on Highway 78, continue 2.7 miles to Mine Wash. Road. Drive 1 mile on this passable dirt road to the parking area.

### 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Where is that Wascally Wabbit?

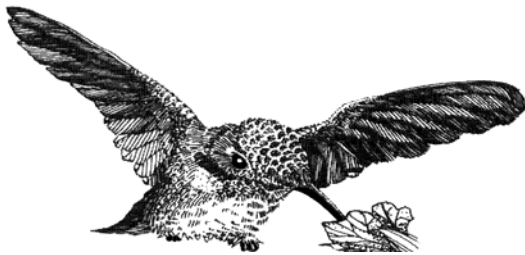
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## Wednesday, January 28, 2009

### 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.

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**Saturday, January 31, 2009**

**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.

**11:30 a.m. - \$\$ - Desert Sky Photography for Beginners**

**8 hours**

Instructor: Dennis Mammana **Fee: \$45 Non-member; \$35 ABFI Member**

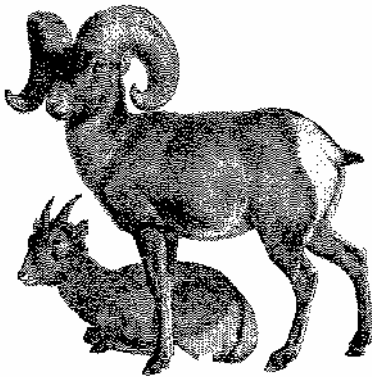
Learn how to capture the dramatic desert night sky on film in this full-day workshop.

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**7:30 p.m. - \$\$ - ♿ - Beasts from the East: Conserving Wildlife in Mongolia's Gobi Desert**

**Suggested donation \$5**

Join Dr. Richard Reading, a wildlife researcher at the Denver Zoo, as he describes the fascinating wildlife conservation and research projects taking place in the Gobi Desert. Lecture held at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. **Call ABFI for more information: (760)767-4063**

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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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