

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Walk – Behind the Ghost Mountain Story: Facts and Fabrications 3 Hours

Learn about the Marshall South family and their experiment in primitive living on a remote mountain top. Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow on this 2-mile round trip, steep but scenic walk up Ghost Mountain. Bring water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Marshall South Home Trailhead in Blair Valley, 3.2 miles off Highway S2.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Heavenly Hike through Hellhole Canyon

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a 6-mile round trip moderately strenuous hike to Hellhole Canyon and Maidenhair Falls. Meet at the Hellhole Canyon parking area; take S-22 south from Palm Canyon Drive approximately 1 mile. The parking area is on the right hand side of the road. Due to the difficult terrain, wear sturdy footwear and bring a hat, sunscreen, lunch and plenty of water.

Thursday, March 4

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

4 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.

10:00 a.m. Talk 🕹 – ABDSP Fossils – Surprises within Surprises

30 Minutes

In this 30 minute slide presentation investigate recent fossil finds with Volunteer Paleontologist and Naturalist Sandra Keeley. Meet at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab.





Friday, March 5

7:30 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.

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.

Saturday, March 6

7:30 a.m. Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

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

8:00 a.m. \$\$ - Arroyo Tapiado Mud Caves

8.5 Hours

Instructor: Paul Johnson

Fee: \$45 or \$35 for ABF members

You won't want to miss this popular 4WD tour to explore fascinating geological features! Participants will also hike extensively in the mud caves. Advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

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. Talk 🖔 - Modern Warrior/ Ancient God..... The Scorpion

45 Minutes

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12:00 p.m. Talk & - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

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Saturday, March 6 continued

1:30 p.m. Walk – Small World

1 Hour

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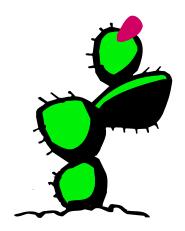
7:00 p.m. - Talk – Celestial Bucket List (Desert Skies Outdoor Lecture Series) 2 Hours

Instructor: Dennis Mammana Fee: \$5 suggested donation
The heavens are filled with amazing sights you won't want to miss. Popular astronomer Dennis
Mammana enlightens and inspires us with the mysteries of the cosmos, followed by telescope
viewing (weather permitting). Bring blanket and flashlight with red lens or covering to the
Nierenberg Plaza at ABDSP Visitor Center. No registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

7:30 p.m. Campfire 🕹 - A World of Cactus

1 Hour

How do cacti survive in this harsh, desert environment? You will be surprised to learn that Cacti are found in other environments beyond the southwest. Find out more about this unique group of plants. Join Ranger Jeri Zemon at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.





Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Hike of the Month: Grapevine Canyon (strenuous)

5 Hours

Leader: Mountain Lion expert, Mike Puzzo Fee: \$10

Explore various canyons within Grapevine Canyon, while learning about our neighbor, the mountain lion. Advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

8:30 a.m. - \$\$ - Wreckage of Time: The Fish Creek Badlands

8 Hours

Instructor: Paul Remeika Fee: \$45 or \$35 for ABF members
Explore the fascinating geology of Split Mountain Gorge and Sandstone Canyon. 4WD required.

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

Advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063 for details.

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp 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. Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

3 Hours

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to 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 north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

11:00 a.m. Talk & - What Kind of Bird is That? - Basic Birding in Borrego 45 Minutes

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Tuesday, March 9

10:00 a.m. Nature Walk - Colorful Canyon-&

2 Hours

Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon to take a close-up look at the colorful wildflowers of Glorietta Canyon. Meet at the fenced pump station between Mile Marker 8 and 9 to carpool from there.

Wednesday, March 10

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, March 11

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.

Friday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Hike - Box Canyon and the Mormon Battalion of 1847

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Jan and Mike Bigelow in Box Canyon near Blair Valley for a 3-mile hike through an area that is packed with stories about the Mormon Battalion, the Butterfield Stage Line, and the Southern Immigrant Trail. Bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at Mile Marker 26.3 on S-2. Parking is available on the left side of the highway.

12:00 p.m. Talk & - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy is the old/new technology. Volunteer Naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the Nierenberg Amphitheater outside the Visitor Center.

Friday - Sunday, March 12-14

6:00 pm - \$\$ - Anza-Borrego Institute of Photography

3 Days

Instructors: Ernie Cowan and Paul Johnson Fee: \$325 or \$295 for ABF members Improve your skills through three days of intensive sessions with two professional photographers who have been viewing Anza-Borrego through the lens for many years. Advance registration required. Call 760-767-4063.

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Saturday, March 13, 2010

8:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Hike of the Month: Harper Cabin (strenuous)

7 Hours

Instructor: Mark Jorgensen

Fee: \$10

Hike to the old Harper brothers' cabin with retired superintendent Mark Jorgensen as your guide.

Meet at Tamarisk Grove Campground parking lot.

9:00 a.m. - \$\$ - Colorado River Boat Tour though Picacho

7 Hours

Leader: Supervising Ranger Robin Greene Instructor: Ron Knowlton

Fee: \$150 or \$125 for ABF members

Our popular jet boat tour on the lower Colorado River is back, enhanced by more paddling opportunities to experience the river up-close and personal! Trip meets just north of Yuma. Space is limited. Advance registration required; call ABF at 760-767-4063 for details.

9:00 a.m. Hike – Truckhaven Rocks Trek

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander on a 3-mile peaceful trek through the sandy wash to Truckhaven Rocks. At the rocks, meander up a canyon enjoying the sandstone beauty and the ever changing plants and flowers. Along the way, we will enjoy the sights and smells of Smoke Trees, Desert Lavender, Desert Lupines, Orcutt Asters, Desert Holly and much more. Limited to 10 cars, so please sign up at the Visitor Center. There is little shade, so be sure to have hats and lots of water. Meet at the overlook, just past Mile Marker 36 on S22 at 9 a.m. We will then drive to our starting point.

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. Talk 🕹 - Tracks Tell Tales

1 Hour

Tracks tell the fascinating stories of the lives of our animal neighbors in the Anza Borrego Desert. Meet our Volunteer Naturalist- Tracker Beth Shugan in the Discovery Lab, and start to learn to read these tales of life -- and death -- in the desert.

12:00 p.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.

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

1 Hour

Join Ranger Brittany Veater at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

Sunday, March 14, 2010

8:00 am - \$\$ - Hollywood in Borrego

8 Hours

Instructor: Fred Jee Fee: \$45 or \$35 for ABF members See clips of movies shot in Borrego, and travel to locations, primarily in the southern part of the park, where scenes were filmed.

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

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp 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.

9:00 a.m. Talk - Freeman Acquisition Tailgate Tour

2.5 Hours

Join Ranger Paul Reisman for a journey through some of the most pristine and challenging off road country around. Learn what life was like here in the past and learn how you can help protect and preserve these lands while keeping them open for use. Meet at the intersection of Holly Road and S-22. **High clearance 4x4 required.**

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11:00 a.m. Talk & - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

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Tuesday, March 16

10:00 a.m. Nature Walk - Colorful Canyon-&

2 Hours

Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon to take a close-up look at the colorful wildflowers of Glorietta Canyon. Meet at the fenced pump station between Mile Marker 8 and 9 to carpool from there.

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Walk - Yaqui Well and Spring Flowers

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow for this easy 2-mile walk. We will look for a mix of blooming cacti and spring wildflowers. Don't forget your camera! Meet at the entrance to Tamarisk Grove Campground.

1:00 p.m. Walk & - Desert Scents

1 Hour

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Thursday, March 18 9:00 Hike – Hawk Canyon

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander on a hike into a very colorful canyon whose rock formations and flowers are just begging to be photographed. This is a 2-mile roundtrip hike with some light bushwhacking and boulder hopping toward the end. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1 ½ miles east of Borrego Valley Road on Highway 78 (watch for my sign), after which we will drive to the start of Hawk Canyon. This hike is limited to 15 people. Please sign up at the Visitor Center desk.

10:00 a.m. Talk & ABDSP Fossils – Surprises within Surprises

30 Minutes

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Friday, March 19

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

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Friday - Saturday, March 19 – 20 Festival of Hawks

The Borrego Valley Hawkwatch counts more spring Swainson's Hawks than any other site in North America—it is possible to see 500 hawks in one day! Be a part of science in action. While the peak of hawk migration through the Borrego Valley is often mid-March, counts are variable and observers will be present at both sites through April 15.

Join counters at the evening Hawkwatch site on Borrego Valley Road (1.5 miles north of Palm Canyon Drive) one hour before sunset. To catch "lift-off" in the mornings, plan to arrive at the morning count site on DiGiorgio Road (2.3 miles north of Palm Canyon Road) between 8 and 9 a.m. Call ABF at 760-767-4063 for more details and information





Saturday, March 20, 2010

7:30 a.m. Bird Walk 2 Hours

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

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

3 Hours

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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.

2:00 p.m. - Talk - Hawkwatch Lecture: What's Going On in Our Valley?

1 Hour

Leader: Hal Cohen, Hawkwatch organizer

Find out what we are learning about the amazing Swainson's hawks that journey 7,000 miles every year, and why they are stopping off in Borrego Springs! Meet at the Borrego Springs Library Community Room.

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

1 Hour

Join Ranger Steve Bier at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

Sunday, March 21

11:00 a.m. Talk & - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote

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March 23

1:00 p.m. Walk & - Desert Scents

1 Hour

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Wednesday, March 24

1:00 p.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian 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. This is not a guided hike.

Thursday, March 25

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 of 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, March 26

10:00 a.m. Garden Walk & - Small World

1 Hour

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Saturday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Hike - South Rockhouse Loop

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous 7 to 8 mile roundtrip hike to the park's southern Rock House and some palm groves. Wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bow Willow Campground off highway S-2. Allow 1.25 hours drive time from Borrego Springs

9:00 a.m. - \$\$- Flowering Plants of Higher Elevations

7 Hours

Instructor: Michael Wangler Fee: \$45 or \$35 for ABF members
Learn to identify the flowering plants found in the higher elevation desert within Anza-Borrego
Desert State Park.

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

11:00 a.m Talk & - Modern Warrior/ Ancient God..... The Scorpion

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Saturday, March 27 continued

7:30 p.m. - Talk - Why Are There Wildflowers?

1.5 Hours

Dr. Michael Wall

Fee: \$5 suggested donation

Everyone loves flowers. Now learn the other half of the pollination story, how insects have colored the desert, from the San Diego Natural History Museum Curator of Entomology. The lecture takes place at the Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. No registration required.

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

1 Hour

Join Ranger Josh Heitzmann at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

Sunday, March 28

10:00 a.m. Talk & - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

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1 Hour

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Monday, March 29

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.

Tuesday, March 30

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45 Minutes

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Wednesday, March 31

10:00 a.m. & - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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1:00 p.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

4 Hours

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DESERTSAFETY

✓ 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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