

# May 2010 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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## Saturday, May 1

**11:00 a.m. - Talk & - Modern Warrior/ Ancient God..... The Scorpion** **45 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.

## Sunday, May 2

**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 sheep are about, he is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.



## Thursday, May 6

**8:00 a.m. - Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama** **4 Hours**  
Join Volunteer Naturalist Paul Larson and 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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## Saturday, May 8

### 8:00 a.m. Hike – Squeeze through the Slot

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist 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.

### 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. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

### 3:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Flowers of Anza-Borrego

45 Minutes

Join Naturalist Paul Larson for a slide show presentation identifying many of the flowering plants found in our desert.

## Saturday, May 15

### 11:00 a.m. - Talk ♿ - We have Wal-Mart. 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.

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## Saturday, May 22

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

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan 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.

### 11:00 a.m. - Walk ♿ - Desert Drug Store

45 Minutes

Join Naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush.. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden. If the weather is too bad or hot, Abby will do a power point program in the Discovery Lab.

## Saturday, May 29

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

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## Sunday, May 30

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## DESERT SAFETY

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✓ **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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