

November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, November 3, 2007

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.



12:00 p. 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.



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

45 Minutes

Join naturalist Abby Barker at the visitor center discovery lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors, the desert plants.



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November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Sunday, November 4, 2007

10:00 a. m. – Hike - Milling around Mine Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Archeologist and Certified Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable look at how the ingenious desert Indians used plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. During this trip we will be discussing how Indians used mesquite, agaves, creosote and other plants. We'll stop at a mesquite grove in Yaqui Wells, and then visit an important ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash to look at a rock shelter and ceremonial features. We'll also see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs that were used for milling food. Afterwards, there will be a short exploratory hike around the site area. Please bring lunch, hat, and ample water. 2-Wheel drive is okay. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot. Please come and mill around on this desert adventure.



11:00 a. m. – Talk - ♿ - Slithering and Scampering through ABDSP

45 Minutes

Discover the secrets of desert reptiles with park interpreter Michael. Meet at the visitor center discovery lab.

Thursday, November 8, 2007

1:00 p. 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.



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November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, November 10, 2007

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 ♿ - Desert Safety

45 minutes

Don't die in the desert! Ever wonder what to do if you get stranded out in the desert? Join Volunteer Naturalist Bill Barker as he gives great safety tips and real life adventure stories about being out in the desert on foot or in your car.

Sunday, November 11, 2007

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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November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, November 17, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon** **3 Hours**
Volunteer naturalist Bonnie Loizos 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. – 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.
- 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 - ♿ - 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.
- 7:30 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - Freedom from Fear: Understanding Rattlesnakes** **1 Hour**
Rattlesnakes are fantastic and wonderful creatures, yet some people have an unreasonable fear of them... It's time to get over it! Join Park Ranger Vic Herrick at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center to discover the amazing world of the rattlesnake.

Sunday, November 18, 2007

- 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.
- 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.

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November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Wednesday, November 21, 2007

1:00 a. m. – Talk - ♿ - Desert-Mart

45 Minutes

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Thursday, November 22, 2007

11:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors

45 Minutes

Join naturalist Abby Barker at the visitor center discovery lab as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors, the desert plants.

Friday, November 23, 2007

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

45 Minutes

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November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Saturday, November 24, 2007

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.

10:00 a. m. - Junior Rangers- ♿ -

45 Minutes

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10:00 a. m. – Hike - Milling around Mine Wash

4 Hours

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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.

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.

7:30 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - After the Rain

1 Hour

The desert is a land of extreme temperatures and drought. However, when rain does fall in this arid environment, it erupts with life. Join Park Ranger Steve Bier to discover the desert after the rain. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

7:30 p.m. – ♿ - Campfire – The Borrego Alphabet

1 Hour

An A-Z look at the plants, animals and places that make Anza-Borrego such an inviting park to visit. Join Park Ranger Bob Theriault at the Tamarisk Grove campfire center for this evening program.

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November 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



Sunday, November 25, 2007

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

3 Hours

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11:00 a. m. – Talk - ♿ - Slithering and Scampering through ABDSP

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Friday, November 30, 2007

9:00 a.m. – Hike Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 hours

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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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