



Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

2009-10 SPECIAL EVENTS - DETAIL

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THE FRIENDS OF THE DESERT MOUNTAINS AT (760) 568-9918

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51-500 HIGHWAY 74, PALM DESERT, CA 92260 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

Calendar of Programs & Activities

Name of Event: RV Fire Safety Workshop

Date, Time: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Location: Two Springs Resort, 14200 North Indian Canyon Drive, North Palm Springs

Presenter: Chuck Robbins, Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist, Bureau of Land Management

Description: Information on do-it-yourself inspections and traveling tips. Free fire safety materials.
Demonstration on use of fire extinguishers will make your travels safer.

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 833-7100, Bureau of Land Management Field Office.

Name of Event: Star Party

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Host: Astronomical Society of the Desert (www.astrorx.org)

Description: Observe the first quarter moon with its spectacular mountains and craters, and see Mars rising while at its brightest this year. We will also see the Orion Nebula, the great Andromeda Galaxy, and other deep-sky objects. Andromeda, the princess; Orion, the hunter; Perseus, the hero; and Cassiopeia, the queen will be pointed out during the evening star tour. Large telescopes will be provided. Please bring a flashlight and a light coat for evening conditions. **NOTE: Arrive promptly as gate to Monument Visitor Center will be closed by 5:30 pm. Don't be late!**

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more information.

Name of Event: "Ready, Set, Find!" ... Geocaching in the National Monument

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Presenter: Danielle Ortiz, Interpretive Ranger, Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains Nat'l Monument

Description: Arrive at 9:00 am for a brief introduction about this "treasure hunt." Receive a coordinate list that will help you find all 10 geocaches. Caches will be hidden along trails near the National Monument Visitor Center. Each cache will have a sign-in sheet and a "treasure" from the

National Monument. Participants must have their own GPS unit to participate. It is recommended you bring 10 small items, or S.W.A.G., to exchange for items in the caches. This is an annual one-day event, so do not miss it!

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more information.

Name of Event: Slideshow Safari and Book Signing with Philip Ferranti

Day, Date, Time: Second Tuesday of each month, February 9, 2010; 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Description: Come along for an adventure on the trails without having to do any hiking. Check out this engaging new slideshow highlighting some of our area's finest trails and enchanting vistas.

After the program, you can pick up a copy of the author's latest book, *140 Great Hikes In and Near Palm Springs*, or bring your own copy and get it signed in person.

RSVP: Please sign up by February 8.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: Wildflower Workshop

Day, Date, Time: Thursday, February 11, 2010, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Community Center, Thousand Palms Library, 31189 Robert Road, Thousand Palms

Presenter: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mnts Nat'l Monument

Description: Get a head start on wildflower season! See flowers, field guides, and tools to get a full experience of wonderful wildflowers.

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: Call (760) 343-1556 for more information.

Name of Event: Teen Program: Wildflowers

Day, Date, Time: Thursday, February 11, 2010, 4:00 pm

Location: Thousand Palms Library, 31189 Robert Road, Thousand Palms

Presenter: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mnts Nat'l Monument

Description: Find out how the world works together uniting birds, bees, and flowers! Dissecting flowers and making bookmarks are just part of the fun.

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: Call (760) 343-1556 for more information.

Name of Event: Bald Eagle Count at Lake Hemet

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, February 13, 2010, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Location: Meet at Lake Hemet Market, 56571 Highway 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561

Description: Pack your watch and a pair of binoculars and join US Forest Service wildlife biologists in their annual census of our national bird, the bald eagle. No experience necessary.

RSVP: Required by February 12, 2010.

Contact: (909) 382-2945, Heidi Hoggan, or hhoggan@fs.fed.us for more information and to register.

Name of Event: Junior Trail Guides Explorer Program

Day, Date, Time: February 13, 2010, from 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Description: This program connects youth ages 9 to 12 with the outdoors to: promote safe and ethical enjoyment of the outdoors; emphasize health, nutrition, and an active lifestyle; boost environmental

awareness and illustrates the need for conservation; increase children's familiarity with outdoor safety and ethics, native Cahuilla culture, local flora and fauna, and geology and geography of the area
RSVP: You must fill out an application to reserve your child's space, limit 15 children per group.
Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: "Be My Valentine" Hike

Day, Date, Time: Sunday, February 14, 2010, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Guide: Steve Fuchs, Interpretive Guide/Volunteer, Friends of the Desert Mountains

Description: Love is in the air and on the trails. Whether you are single or already taken, come on out and enjoy a late afternoon hike in the romantic Santa Rosa Mountains. Learn about some of the things animals do to show off and express their love for their mate. Valentines will be provided to give to a loved one or a new friend you meet on the trail.

Hike rating, elevation change, length: Easy, 423 feet, 2.4 miles

RSVP: Required by February 13, 2010.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: Cahuilla Culture in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains: Part I

Day, Date, Time: Thursday, February 18, 2010; 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Presenter: Daniel McCarthy, Tribal Relations Programs Manager, US Forest Service

Description: Through an informative presentation, explore the National Monument from a cultural heritage standpoint and learn the history of how the Cahuilla Indians utilized the upper elevations. Learn about the important role the mountains played in the lives of the Cahuilla Indians and how these historic sites are being preserved for the future.

RSVP: Required by February 17, 2010.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to sign up.

Name of Event: Bear Creek Oasis Wildflower Quest

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Meet at the La Quinta Cove Oasis on Calle Tecate at Avenida Diaz

Guide: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide

Description: If conditions are favorable, we will see wonderful wildflowers as we stroll up a sandy wash and onto the Bear Creek Oasis Trail at the foot of the Santa Rosa Mountains. Great flowers or not, our purpose is to enjoy the beautiful views and rugged terrain and whatever nature offers us during our four-hour outing. We'll talk about plants, animals, geology, and how they all get along in this arid rocky place! Hike toward Bear Creek Oasis with no particular destination. Bring water, snacks, and sunscreen.

Hike rating, elevation change, length: Moderate, 1,000 feet, 5 miles

RSVP: Required by February 19, 2010. Limit: 10 hikers.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: Star Party

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, February 20, 2010, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Host: Astronomical Society of the Desert (www.astrorx.org)

Description: Observe a fat, waxing crescent moon. The red planet, Mars, will be observed along with the Orion Nebula, double cluster in Perseus, and other deep-sky objects. Perseus, the hero; Orion,

the hunter; and the Gemini twins will be pointed out during the evening's star tour. Large telescopes will be provided. Please bring a flashlight and a light coat for evening conditions.

NOTE: Arrive promptly as gate to Visitor Center will be closed by 6:30 pm. Don't be late!

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: Cahuilla Culture in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains: Part II

Day, Date, Time: Sunday, February 21, 2010; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Meet at the Cahuilla Tewanet parking lot off Highway 74 in the Pinyon Flats area.

Guide: Daniel McCarthy, Tribal Relations Programs Manager, US Forest Service

Description: Explore the National Monument from a cultural heritage standpoint and learn the history of how the Cahuilla Indians utilized the upper elevations. Hear stories about how the Cahuilla used the natural resources they had available to them and visit an agave roasting site used by the Cahuilla hundreds of years ago. Some light walking will be required.

RSVP: Required by February 20, 2010.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to sign up.

Name of Event: Landscape on the Loose: Understanding Earthquakes

Day, Date, Time: Friday, February 26, 2010; 6pm-7:30pm

Location: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Presenter: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide

Description: Only three things are certain; Death, Taxes and The Big One! Find out what earthquakes are all about and why you should be prepared! This presentation includes state of the art animations that will help you understand why we live in Earthquake Country and what is really happening when the earth trembles!

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: Wildflower Bus Tour

Date, Time: Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Meet at site to be determined (TBD); arrive by 7:50 am for an 8:00 am departure.

Guides: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and Certified Interpretive Guide, Friends of the Desert Mountains Volunteer

Description: Join our search to find as many spring wildflowers as possible! Explore the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument to uncover secret places to locate desert plants in bloom. Your guides will provide field guides, handouts, and hand lenses so you can "botanize" with ease. Bring a sack lunch, comfortable walking shoes, sun protection, and a camera.

RSVP: Required by March 1, 2010. Space is limited!

Tickets: \$40 per person, \$25 for students w/ ID.

Contact: (760) 862-9084, to purchase your ticket through the Friends of the Desert Mountains.

Name of Event: Wildflower Festival!

Date, Time: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Description: Spend the day with your whole family and friends in support of the National Monument and Friends of the Desert Mountains. Join us in search of wildflowers with guided hikes and nature walks, and enjoy kids' activities, plein-air painting, wildflower photography workshops, plant sales, nature-oriented raffles, and vendors.

RSVP: Not required.

Cost: Free entry to event. Food and merchandise available for purchase.

Contact: (760) 568-9918, Friends of the Desert Mountains, or (760) 862-9984 Visitor Center

Name of Event: Morning Wildflower Walks

Day, Date, Time: Every Friday in March 2010; 9:30 – 11:00 am

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Description: Enjoy a stroll amidst desert wildflowers and learn fascinating bits of information about our beautiful, short-lived blooms. Discover what is in bloom at this time of the year and learn where the flower “hotspots” are located.

Hike rating, elevation change, length: varies per trail

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: Hold the Mustard!

Day, Date, Time: Every Friday in March 2010; 8:00 – 11:00 am

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Leader: Candice Weber, Interpretive Guide/Volunteer, Friends of the Desert Mountains

Description: Spend the morning helping the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument by lending a hand pulling out one of its unwanted seasonal visitors: Sahara mustard. This invasive species comes to life in the spring threatening the areas native plants and wildflowers. The exact location of the eradication will depend on which areas need the most help. We recommend you bring a hat, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, and pants for working that day.

RSVP: Required by the day before the program.

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Name of Event: Bald Eagle Count at Lake Hemet

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Location: Meet at Lake Hemet Market, 56571 Highway 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561

Guide: Heidi Hoggan, Wildlife Biologist, US Forest Service

Description: Pack your watch and a pair of binoculars and join US Forest Service wildlife biologists in their annual census of our national bird, the bald eagle. No experience necessary.

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Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: Wildflower Wonders Nature Hike in the Indian Canyons

Day, Date, Time: Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Meet at tollgate entrance to Indian Canyons in South Palm Springs.

Entrance fee to Canyons: adults \$8; children 6-12- \$4; seniors 62+ \$6.

Guide: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide

Description: Leaving the towering native palms of Andreas Canyon, we'll cross the desert to Murray Canyon, hiking up the cool, clear stream through several groves of palms, all while appreciating spring blooms and curious lizards. We'll have plenty of time to observe and talk about the plants and animals and how they thrive in this environment. Bring water, snack, lunch, sunscreen, and camera. Trekking poles recommended for stream crossings.

Hike rating, elevation change, length: Moderate, 500 feet, 6 miles

RSVP: Required by March 15, 2010. Limit: 10 participants.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: Star Party

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, March 20, 2010, 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Host: Astronomical Society of the Desert (www.astrorx.org)

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RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail Bus Tour

Day, Date, Time: Sunday, March 28, 2010, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Location: Meet at Nat'l Monument Visitor Center; arrive by 8:45 am for a 9:00 am departure.

Guide: Kurt Leuschner, Associate Professor, College of the Desert

Description: Whether you are a beginning or a serious birder, enjoy spectacular desert and mountain scenery on a bus tour to well-known birding and nature hotspots in and around the Coachella Valley. Water and snacks will be provided. Bring a sack lunch.

RSVP: Required. Space is limited!

Cost: \$40 per person; \$25 for students with ID.

Contact: (760) 862-9084 to purchase your ticket through the Friends of the Desert Mountains.

Name of Event: Junior Trail Guides Explorer Program

Day, Date, Time: April 10, 2010, from 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center,

Description: This program connects youth ages 9 to 12 with the outdoors to: promote safe and ethical enjoyment of the outdoors; emphasize health, nutrition, and an active lifestyle; boost environmental awareness and illustrate the need for conservation; increase child's familiarity with outdoor safety and ethics, native Cahuilla culture, local flora and fauna, and geology and geography.

RSVP: You must fill out an application to reserve your child's space, limit 15 children per group.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.

Name of Event: Top Ten Scary Desert Creatures

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Presenter: Steve Fuchs, Interpretive Guide/Volunteer, Friends of the Desert Mountains

Description: Which desert creatures are the most venomous, strongest, and sneakiest? Find out what a public poll determined to be the most feared desert creatures. Learn about their fascinating abilities and maybe even face your fear by seeing one or a few of these creatures up close. This evening program under the stars is not to be missed, outside on the Visitor Center's patio. BYOBC (bring your own beach chair). Families welcome!

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: Friends of the Desert Mountains Annual Golf Tournament

Day, Date, Time: Monday, April 12, 2010, 8:00 am -12:00 pm

Location: Stone Eagle Golf Club, Palm Desert

Description: Teams compete at the beautiful, exclusive Stone Eagle Golf Club for prizes and awards. Refreshments following at Aerie restaurant at Golf Club, with breathtaking views of course and valley below. Proceeds from the event support the Friends' mission of conserving critical lands in the Coachella Valley and providing support to Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mnts. Nat'l. Monument.

Contact: (760) 568-9918, Tammy Martin, Friends of the Desert Mountains, for more information.

Cost: Tax-deductible entry fee. Please call to be put on invitation list: 760-880-0636

Name of Event: Slideshow Safari and Book Signing with Philip Ferranti

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Name of Event: Star Party

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, April 17 2010, 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Host: Astronomical Society of the Desert (www.astrox.org)

Description: Observe the slender crescent moon with earthshine as well as Venus, Mars, and Saturn. The beehive star cluster and great Orion Nebula will also be seen. Orion, the hunter; Gemini, the twins, and Leo, the lion are among the constellations that will be pointed out during the evening's star tour. Large telescopes will be provided. Please bring a flashlight and light coat for evening

conditions. **NOTE: Arrive promptly as gate to Monument Visitor Center will be closed by 7:30 pm. Don't be late!**

RSVP: Not required. **Contact:** (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: First Annual Earth Day Birding Challenge

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, April 24, 2010; midnight to midnight

Location: Finish line is at the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains Nat'l Monument Visitor Center

Description: Take part in a 24-hour birding competition/fundraiser to support the Friends of the Desert Mountains, various Audubon Societies and Bird Clubs, Preserves, Parks, Conservancies, and other conservation organizations throughout southern California. Individuals or teams will compete to identify as many bird species as possible by sight or sound in the four counties (Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, and San Diego) included in the *Palms To Pines Birding and Nature Trail Guide*. Different competitive and non-competitive categories such as: "sea to sand," "single county," "single site," "big sit," "on foot," "golf course only," and "youth." Trophy and prizes will be awarded. Fun for all ages!

Sponsors: Friends of the Desert Mountains and Desert Cities Bird Club (www.dcbc.blogspot.com)

Fee: \$20 per person to register or \$30 per person including a T-shirt. Pledges are encouraged to raise monies to benefit wild birds and the habitats they live in. Pledges totaling \$50 or more will get entry fee waived and a free T-shirt. Youth 12 and younger: no fee required.

Contact: (760) 776-7285, Kurt Leuschner, Associate Professor, College of the Desert, or kleuschner@collegeofthedesert.edu for more details and to register – or check the Friends of the Desert Mountains website for more details, www.desertmountains.org.

Name of Event: I Spy a Reptile

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, May 8, 2010, 9:00 – 11:30 am.

Location: Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Guide: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide

Description: Snakes and lizards are superbly adapted, scaly critters that almost define "desert." Learn about their extraordinary survival strategies for thriving where humans fear to tread. We'll take a short walk-about seeking them out for an up-close (maybe not too close) and personal look. Bring the kids; also binoculars, water, sunscreen, walking shoes.

RSVP: Not required.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details.

Name of Event: Pacific Crest Trail Wildflower Wonderland Hike

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Meet at Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

Guide: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and NAI Certified Interpretive Guide

Description: A lovely hike alternating through chaparral, Pinyon Pine/Juniper woodland, and a dazzling variety of trees, shrubs, and – hopefully – annual wildflowers found mainly in this mid-level (5,000 feet) transition zone between coastal and desert environments. As we slowly ascend toward the crest of the mountain ridge, Mt. Palomar and distant valleys and mountains will come into view creating a visual feast as the backdrop to the lush vegetation around us. Bring at least two quarts of water, snacks, lunch, sunscreen, camera, and dress appropriately for expected weather.

Hike rating, elevation change, length: Moderately strenuous, 1,000 feet, 8 miles

RSVP: Required by May 14, 2010. Limit: 8 Participants.

Contact: (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center, for more details and to register.