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# Autumn!

## At Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains NATIONAL MONUMENT



### National Monument Visitor Center

51-500 Highway 74, Palm Desert  
760/862-9984



Friends of the  
Desert Mountains

Programs are FREE unless marked \*

<b>GUIDED NATURE HIKES</b>	Thursdays 8:30 am Saturdays 9 am	<i>Enjoy a healthy and informative hike into the Santa Rosa Mountains. Meet at the Visitor Center with hiking gear and water. Free, no RSVP necessary.</i>
<b>FIRST SATURDAY ART DISPLAYS</b>	Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6 9 am - 3 pm	<i>See works of art and demonstrations by featured local artists and photographers who highlight the beauty of desert mountains. At the Visitor Center.</i>
<b>TEN TOP SCARY CREATURES</b>	Wednesday, Oct 8 Noon- 1:30 pm	<i>Learn about the desert's most venomous, strongest and most feared fauna. Thousand Palms Library 31-189 Robert Rd, 760/343-1556.</i>
<b>HIKE &amp; SLIDE SHOW SAFARI</b>	Saturday, Oct 11 8:30 am hike, 11 am show	<i>Join author Phil Ferranti on the Sawmill Trail in Pinyon for a moderate hike. Slide show follows, at the Visitor Center, call 760/862-9984 for details.</i>
<b>PACK RAT HIKE</b>	Tuesdays, Oct 14, 28, & Nov 11 9 am	<i>Explore the Randall Henderson Trail with Ranger Bonnie Adkins and visit homes of pack rats. One-mile easy hike, at the Visitor Center. RSVP.</i>
<b>NATIVE PLANTS &amp; THEIR USES</b>	Thursday, Oct 16 11 am	<i>Just in time to design a Thanksgiving meal! Join Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist at La Quinta Museum 77-885 Ave Montezuma. 760/777-7189.</i>
<b>HIKE CACTUS SPRINGS TRAIL</b>	Friday, Oct 17 8:30 am- 2:30 pm	<i>Explore pinyon forest zones with Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist. Rated moderate/strenuous, elevation gain 900 ft. Five-miles, RSVP.</i>
<b>STAR PARTY</b>	Saturday, Oct 18 7- 9 pm	<i>At the Visitor Center, join the Astronomical Society of the Desert and discover the wonders of the heavens. RSVP, 760/862-9984.</i>
<b>IS ANYBODY HOME? NATURE WALK</b>	Oct 24 repeats Nov 19 8:30- 10:30 am	<i>Celebrate the National Monument's 8th anniversary with a three-mile, easy hike. Search out tarantula dens and more, led by Ranger Dani Ortiz.</i>
<b>HAPPY TAILS DOG ADVENTURE</b>	Wednesday, Nov 5 8- 9:30 am	<i>Dogs fetch your master and leash for a hike at Cahuilla Hills Park. RSVP, 760/862-9984. Learners welcome, but no aggressive dogs please.</i>
<b>SAN JACINTO PEAK ADVENTURE*</b>	Saturday, Nov 8 7:30 am- 4:30 pm	<i>Travel from the desert valley to mountaintop summit. Strenuous rating with 2,300 ft gain. Tram fee required. Call to RSVP, 760/862-9984.</i>
<b>ART SMITH TRAIL HIKE</b>	Friday, Nov 14 8 am- 3 pm	<i>While hiking at 2,000 ft, enjoy views of Coachella Valley and San Andreas fault. 6 -mile strenuous hike, 1,000 elevation gain. RSVP space limited.</i>
<b>HISTORY OF CONSERVATION</b>	Tuesday, Nov 18 4:30- 6 pm	<i>Hear Buford Crites, Board Member, Friends of the Desert Mountains, share stories of Coachella Valley's heritage. For more info call 760/862-9984.</i>
<b>THE NEW TRAILS PLAN</b>	Tuesday, Nov 25 4:30- 6 pm	<i>An overview of the Multiple Species Trails Plan by Katie Barrows, CVAG Director of Environmental Resources and Jim Foote, Monument Manager.</i>
<b>DESERT LIFE NATURE WALK</b>	Friday, Nov 28 9 am repeats 1 pm	<i>On this easy three-mile round trip walk the desert will share its survival secrets with you! Meet at the Visitor Center with water and sun protection.</i>
<b>TODDLER TREK</b>	Wednesday, Dec 3 9- 10 am	<i>Young observers (eighteen months to three years) welcome to join Caliso Learning Instructor for safe activities outdoors! RSVP, 760/862-9984.</i>
<b>ROADRUNNER: Cuckoo of the Desert</b>	Monday, Dec 8 6:30 pm	<i>Check out this bird that would rather run than fly! At Palm Springs Library 300 S Sunrise Way. Call 760/416-6731 for more information.</i>
<b>MURRAY HILL PEAK HIKE</b>	Wednesday, Dec 10 8 am- 3 pm	<i>This adventurous hike is 10 miles and rated strenuous for elevation gain and distance. Call the Visitor Center for details and to RSVP.</i>
<b>TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS</b>	Thursday, Dec 18 5 pm	<i>What are the wild creatures of the National Monument doing the night before Christmas? Find out, at the Visitor Center!</i>
<b>BALD EAGLE COUNT</b>	Saturday, Dec 20 8:30- 10 am	<i>Pack a watch and binoculars to join US Forest Service Wildlife Biologists in an annual census. RSVP at 909/382-2945 or hhogan@fs.fed.us.</i>
<b>CARRIZO CANYON HIKE</b>	Friday, Dec 26 9 am- noon	<i>This hidden canyon takes hikers 'inside' the Santa Rosa Mountains to view rich geology and ecology. Rated moderate, call the Visitor Center to RSVP.</i>
<b>JUNIOR TRAIL GUIDE</b>	Selected Saturdays	<i>9 to 12-years old? Get connected with nature! Call Visitor Center for dates.</i>

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