



Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains NATIONAL MONUMENT

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

September, 2006

Event: Family Day at Mt. San Jacinto State Park

Day, date, time: Saturday, September 2, 2006 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location and address: Long Valley, “top of the tram”

Sponsor: Mt. San Jacinto State Park

Contact number: Ellen Absher, Mt San Jacinto State Park 760/325-4970

Description: Join State Park and National Monument rangers for a variety of nature crafts and activities. This is a free event; however a tram fare is required.

Event: There’s a National Monument in Your Backyard

Day, date, time: Thursday, September 14, repeats Monday, September 18, 2006, 10 a.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 State Hwy 74, Palm Desert, Ca.

Presenter and title: Bonnie Adkins, National Monument Ranger

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center, 760/862-9984

Description: Did you know there is a National Monument in your backyard? Take a photographic journey of the magnificent landscape, plants, animals, and places to visit in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Free.

Event: Santa Rosa Tamarisk Bash

Day, Date, Time: Saturday, September 23, 2006. Meet at 8 a.m.

Location and Address: Meet at the Mobil gas station located at the intersection of Highway 111 and Jefferson Street, in Indio, CA, then caravan to the Boo Hoff trail head near Lake Cahuilla County Park, it’s about 2-mile hike into the work site.

Organizer and Title: Justin Seastrand, Wilderness Specialist, Bureau of Land Management

Sponsor: Sierra Club

Contact Number: Justin Seastrand, BLM, 760/831-0700 or Craig Deutshce, Sierra Club, 310/477-6670.

Description: Assist Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument with eradicating an invasive plant, to improve the water source for bighorn sheep and other wildlife. Tools needed: loppers, hand saws and a really bad attitude toward tamarisk. Free.

Event: National Public Lands Day

Day, date, time: Saturday, September 30, 2006

Description: Take pride in our public lands and visit the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and enjoy this special day!

October, 2006

Event: There's a National Monument in Your Backyard

Day, date, time: Monday, October 9, 2006, 10 a.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 State Hwy 74, Palm Desert, Ca.

Presenter and title: Bonnie Adkins, National Monument Ranger

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

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Description: Did you know there is a National Monument in your backyard? Take a photographic journey of the magnificent landscape, plants, animals, and places to visit in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Free.

Event: Murray Canyon Nature Walk

Day, date, time: Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Location and address: Meet at Indian Canyons tollgate entrance to Indian Canyons

Presenter and title: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Celebrate the National Monument's seventh birthday with Mother Nature walk through regions featuring desert varnish, native palms and riparian canyons. Rated moderate; some stream crossing may be necessary. Indian Canyons entrance fee required.

Event: Monumental Expeditions

Day, date, time: Tuesday, October 24, 2006 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert

Presenter and title: Greg Hill, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Learn about the early explorers and surveyors of the Southern California deserts and mountains. You may be surprised how they affect you today. Greg Hill will present a living history program with a "hands on" demonstration of historic surveying instruments. Free.

Event: National Monument Anniversary!

Day, date, time: Tuesday, October 24, 2006, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Continuous showings of the film *Voices of the Monument* throughout the day, plus "living history" from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. (see above)

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 State Hwy 74, Palm Desert, Ca.

Presenter and title: National Monument staff

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center, 760/862-9984

Description: Enjoy the award winning documentary on the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Take a journey in to the Monument and discover one of North America's most unique and diverse mountain ranges. Learn about the native Cahuilla Indian Tribes and how they survived in such extreme environments. Soar over some of the most spectacular geographical landscapes from indigenous palm oases to one of the largest rockslides in the world. View spectacular footage of the illusive and endangered Peninsular Ranges Bighorn Sheep; plus a range of animal and plant life encompassing five different life zones. Shot in spectacular high definition format, you'll experience details of this diverse and seldom seen public land. Free.

Event: Cactus Springs Nature Hike

Day, date, time: Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location and address: Meet at Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert

Presenter and title: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and BLM Volunteer

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Experience the high chaparral of the National Monument. Follow this trail through a variety of vegetation and an abandoned dolomite mine. Rated moderate, however at 4000 feet elevation this trail has some steep sections and may be considered strenuous for some. Bring plenty of water and a lunch. Free, but RSVP is necessary.

November, 2006

Event: Amazing Adaptations

Day, date, time: Saturday, November 18, 2006 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location and address: Tahquitz Canyon Visitor Center, 500 W. Mesquite just west of Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs.

Presenter and title: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and BLM Volunteer

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: In the beauty of Tahquitz Canyon, discover the amazing survival strategies of native flora and fauna. Wear sun protection and good walking shoes. Free.

Event: There's a National Monument in Your Backyard

Day, date, time: Tuesdays, November 7 and 21, 2006, 10 a.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 State Hwy 74, Palm Desert, Ca.

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December, 2006

Event: Illustrated lecture: Countdown to Earthquakes

Day, date, time: Monday, December 4, 2006, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Location and address: Community Room, Rancho Mirage Library, 71-100 Highway 111 in Rancho Mirage, Ca.

Presenter and title: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and BLM Volunteer

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center, 760/862-9984

Description: Where we live is one of the most seismically active regions of the world! Viewing slides and animations, learn about the dynamic geological forces which are shaping our landscape and environment. Free.

Event: Nature Hike to Fern Canyon

Day, date, time: Friday, December 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location and address: Meet at Indian Canyons tollgate entrance to Indian Canyons, in south Palm Springs

Presenter and title: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: In the Indian Canyons near Palm Springs, hike past a wall of maidenhair ferns in a natural palm oasis. Moderate rating with 500' elevation gain. Entrance fee required.

Event: Nature Hike on the Art Smith Trail

Day, date, time: Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert

Presenter and title: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and BLM Volunteer

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: In the heart of the Santa Rosa Mountains hike a single track trail to see the Coachella Valley from a 2,500 foot high viewpoint. Strenuous rating with 1300 foot elevation gain. Free.

January, 2007

Event: Nature Hike to Vargas Palms

Day, date, time: Thursday, January 4, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location and address: Meet on Snow Creek Road at Highway 111, about three miles west of Windy Point (near the I-10 and highway 111 interchange).

Presenter and title: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: This five mile round-trip hike travels over a variety of terrain including creosote scrub, sand dunes, desert wash and through a native palm oasis. Cameras are a must. Rated moderate, with 300 feet elevation gain. Free.

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Event: Wind Energy: an illustrated lecture

Day, date, time: Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 9 a.m.

Location and address: Bureau of Land Management South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs (just west of Pilot gas station)

Presenter and title: Claude Kirby, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management California Desert District

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: Bureau of Land Management 760/251-4800

Description: Experience the giants of Palm Springs as Claude Kirby, BLM Realty Specialist takes you on an armchair adventure through the windmills of the desert. How fast do they turn? Where does the energy go? Learn about these amazing facts, and more! Free.

Event: Nature Hike to Indian Portrero

Day, date, time: Monday, January 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location and address: Meet at tollgate entrance to Indian Canyons, in south Palm Springs

Presenter and title: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and BLM Volunteer

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Take an extended hike into the Indian Canyons to an area inhabited by the ancestors of today's Cahuilla. Travel through the world's largest palm oasis and climb to a high desert plateau. Rated strenuous, and recommended for well-conditioned and experienced hikers only. Entrance fee required.

Event: RV Fire Safety Workshop

Day, date, time: Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 9 -11 a.m.

Location and address: Bureau of Land Management Field Office, 690 W Garnet Ave, (just west of Pilot Gas located at Indian Ave and I-10)

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

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: Bureau of Land Management, 760/251-4800

Description: Information on do it yourself inspections, traveling tips, free fire safety materials, and fire extinguisher use will be provided to make your travels safer. Free.

February, 2007

Event: There's a National Monument in Your Backyard

Day, date, time: Monday, February 5, 2007 10 a.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 State Hwy 74, Palm Desert, Ca.

Presenter and title: Bonnie Adkins, National Monument Ranger

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center, 760/862-9984

Description: Did you know there is a National Monument in your backyard? Take a photographic journey of the magnificent landscape, plants, animals, and places to visit in the National Monument. Free.

Event: Wildflower Workshop

Day, date, time: Monday, February 5, 2007, 6 p.m.

Location and address: Community Room, Palm Desert Library 73-100 Fred Waring Drive in Palm Desert

Presenter and title: Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Sponsor: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Enjoy this colorful botanical workshop for beginners and get a head start on the wildflower season! Find out the best places to see flowers, learn identification tips and amazing pollination strategies. Free.

Event: Open House and Wildflower Celebration

Day, date, time: Saturday, February 17, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert

Sponsor: Friends of the Desert Mountains

Contact number: Friends of the Desert Mountains 760/568-9918

Description: Come see a beautiful wildflower display and spend a fun filled day at the National Monument Visitor Center. Join in activities for the entire family including hikes and wildflower workshops. Watch plein air artists at work. Refreshments provided. Free.

Event: Nature Hike on Victor Trail

Day, date, time: Friday, February 23, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location and address: Meet at tollgate entrance to Indian Canyons, in south Palm Springs

Presenter and title: Joe Migliore, Desert Naturalist and BLM Volunteer

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Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Hike along a ridge overlooking the largest palm oasis in the world, viewing trailside cactus and stunning geological formations. We'll stop for wildflowers too! Rated moderate, bring water, sun protection, and wear sturdy shoes. Cameras and binoculars recommended. Indian Canyons entrance fee required.

March, 2007

Event: Wildflower Walks

Day, date, time: All Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in March, 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Location and address: Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert

Presenter and title: Friends Volunteers, BLM Staff

Sponsor: Friends of the Desert Mountains

Contact number: National Monument Visitor Center 760/862-9984

Description: Join a guided nature walk to see the desert in its glory. This is the best time of year to see desert wildflowers; you don't want to miss out! Wear good walking shoes (no sandals, please) sun protection and bring water. Camera and binoculars recommended.

April, 2007

Event: California Desert Nature Festival

Day, date, time: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 13, 14, 15, 2007

Location and address: California State University, San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus

Presenter and title: A variety of presenters, field trip leaders and vendors

Sponsor: Natural Science Collaborative of the Desert Region and California State University, San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus

Contact number: Natural Science Collaborative of the Desert Region 760/341-9312

Description: A three day nature festival celebrating southern California's desert plants, animals and landscapes through nature field trips, seminars, art workshops, literature sessions, vendors, and children's activities. Festival attendance is free, fees apply to some field trips.

Event: Annual Golf Tournament

Day, date, time: Monday, April 23, 2007

Location and address: Stone Eagle Golf Club, Palm Desert

Sponsor: Friends of the Desert Mountains

Contact number: 760/568-9918

Description: Join the Friends for an exciting day of golf and other festivities at the beautiful, exclusive Stone Eagle Golf Club in Palm Desert. Proceeds from the event support the Friends' mission of conserving critical lands in the Coachella Valley and providing support to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Entry Fee required

May, 2007

Event: Wildflower Show and Art Exhibit

Day, date, time: May 26-28, 2007, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location and address: Idyllwild Nature Center, 24225 Highway 243 in Idyllwild, Ca

Sponsor: Riverside County Parks

Contact number: 951/659-3850

Description: Over Memorial Day weekend, enjoy presentations by County Park and Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument rangers, Forest Service botanists, artists and authors.

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Visitor Center: 51-500 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA 92260

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*Thank you for listing these events in your schedule!
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*From desert oases to granite peaks,
the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument
is a land of contrast with stories of adaptations.*