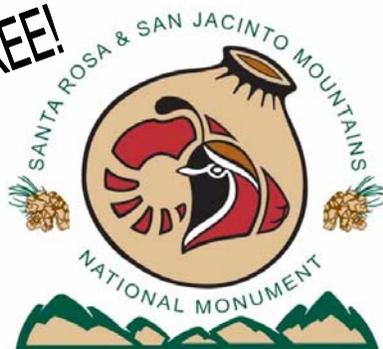


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THESE SPECIAL EVENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR

NATURE WALKS	Monday, Dec 27 and Tuesday, Dec 28	<i>Come to the National Monument Visitor Center to escape the house and the holiday rush. Enjoy a Park Ranger-led nature walk and learn how desert plants and animals survive in arid lands.</i>
BALD EAGLE WATCH	Saturdays, Dec 18, Jan 8 and Feb 12	<i>Search the trees surrounding Lake Hemet for our National bird with spotting scopes and binoculars with a US Forest Service Biologist. Call 909/382-2828 for more information.</i>
THERE'S A MONUMENT IN YOUR BACKYARD	Monday, Jan 10 and Thursday, Feb 10 10 am	<i>Come and visit with us at the National Monument Visitor Center. Find out where to go and what to do in the National Monument with Bonnie Adkins, Public Information Specialist.</i>
BIGHORN SHEEP & THE AMERICAN WEST	Sunday, Jan 16 11 am	<i>Join Ranger David Korzilius and learn about one of the West's most legendary creatures, the Bighorn Sheep. Enjoy this slide program at the National Monument Visitor Center.</i>
ECOLOGY OF THE PALM OASIS	Wednesday, Jan 19 10:30 am	<i>Explore wonders of the oases of our desert in this armchair adventure, at the Thousand Palms Library, 72715 La Canada Way in Thousand Palms. See a free slide presentation by National Monument staff, call 343-1556 for details.</i>
OUT OF THE FRY- ING PAN & INTO THE FREEZER	Saturday, Jan 22 11 am	<i>Enjoy a visual journey through a diverse landscape to learn what makes the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument home to a wide variety of plants and animals.</i>
DON'T HUG THE TEDDY BEARS!	Saturday, Feb 5 11 am	<i>Come to the National Monument Visitor Center and learn about the amazing adaptations of teddy bear cholla cactus, one of our most curiously named desert species.</i>
DESERT WILDFLOWERS	Thursday, Feb 24 3:30 pm	<i>Get a head start on wildflower identification at this botanical workshop for beginners. Free, at the Bureau of Land Management Field Office, 690 W. Garnet in North Palm Springs. Call 251-4800 for information.</i>
We equals WILDFLOWERS	Sunday, Feb 27 2 pm	<i>The W might be When, Where, or Wondrous, only nature can tell. Come learn what makes an amazing desert wildflower year and see what's blooming at the National Monument Visitor Center.</i>

The Natural Science Collaborative and Cal State San Bernardino are sponsoring the California Desert Nature Festival, held April 8–10, 2005. Call 760/341-9312 or visit Californianaturefestival.com for event information.

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From desert oases to granite peaks, the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument contains a land of contrast with stories of adaptation.