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# Nature Programs

Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument



## Agents of Discovery

Ongoing

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

**Guide:** "Borrego the Bighorn" will be your guide on the trail

**Description:** Bring your mobile device for the new Agents of Discovery AR (augmented reality) game to experience an educational "Mission"(game) designed to get youth active, engaged and leaning about the world around them. Assume the exciting role of a secret agent on a mission and gain new insights in to the natural world. Challenges (or questions) are geo-triggered as you walk the trail. Special prizes are awarded as "Agents" complete their educational "Mission".

To get started download the FREE game to your mobile device. A Training Camp will allow you to learn how to play. Then go to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center to activate the Mission, named Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mtns begins there. You must be on site to play.

**Hike rating, elevation change, length:** Ed Hastey Trail rating: Easy, no elevation change, ¼ mile

**Contact:** (760) 862-9984, National Monument Visitor Center.

## Guided Bird Walk

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert

**Description:** Walk on the paved Ed Hastey Garden Walk and Art Smith Trailhead parking lot area with an experienced birder to discover the year round and migratory birds who call the Coachella Valley Desert their home. Bring your binoculars, water, hat, sunscreen and camera.

**RSVP:** Required

**Contact:** Go to [www.desertmountains.org/calendar](http://www.desertmountains.org/calendar) OR Call 760-862-9984 to reserve a spot!

## Happy Tails Dog Adventure

Wednesday, December 5, 2018; 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** La Quinta Cove Parking Lot; at the Corner of Avenida Bermudas and Calle Tecate

**Guide:** Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

**Description:** Dogs! Fetch your leash and join other dogs on this desert outing in the Santa Rosa Mountains. This walk provides great exercise while exploring the desert. Learn about dog friendly trails in the National Monument – and hike on! Pack plenty of water for you and your K-9 friends for this fun outing. Registration begins at 8:15 AM. Park in or near the parking lot on Avenida Ramirez and Calle Tecate. Participants will meet with hike leader adjacent to this lot.

**RSVP:** Required.

**Contact:** Go to [www.desertmountains.org/calendar](http://www.desertmountains.org/calendar) OR Call 760-862-9984 to reserve a spot for you and your dog!

## Desert Mountains Art Faire

Saturday, December 8, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert

**Guide:** Tracy Albrecht, Interpretive Specialist, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

**Description:** Join us at our monthly Desert Mountains Art Faire! Mediums may include photography, paintings, ceramics, hand-crafted jewelry, and more. Support local artists and find beautiful and unique gifts and desert mementos, all while enjoying the natural beauty of our desert mountains!

**RSVP:** N/A

**Contact:** For more information, call 760-862-9984.

## Monument Story Time

Sunday, December 9, 2018; 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert

**Description:** Join us in our Kid's Corner at the Visitor Center to hear a story about the creatures that live in our desert. After the reading, we will have an arts and crafts activity related to the story, or take a nature walk on the Ed Hasteley Garden Trail. A parent or guardian must accompany children. For children ages 5 to 7.

**RSVP:** Required.

**Contact:** Go to [www.desertmountains.org/calendar](http://www.desertmountains.org/calendar) OR Call 760-862-9984 to reserve a spot!

## Monument Young Explorers

Sunday, December 9, 2018; 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert

**Description:** Hey Big Kids! How does a compass work? How does a map tell you where you are? Maps and compasses are one of your 10 Essentials to have when hiking in the desert. Let's explore and have fun learning how to navigate outdoors!

**RSVP:** Required.

**Contact:** Go to [www.desertmountains.org/calendar](http://www.desertmountains.org/calendar) OR Call 760-862-9984 to reserve a spot!

## Star Party at the Monument

Saturday, December 15, 2018; 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert

**Description:** The Astronomical Society of the Desert will conduct "sky tours" and direct observations of the night sky through telescopes and giant binoculars. Hosted by the Astronomical Society of the Desert. For more details or information, visit their website at [www.astrorx.org](http://www.astrorx.org). This is a family event. Parent or guardian must accompany minors. Hosted by the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center. Sponsored by Friends of the Desert Mountains. Visit our website at [www.DesertMountains.org](http://www.DesertMountains.org)

**RSVP:** Required.

**Contact:** For more information, call 760-862-9984.

## Lecture: Meet the Real Snowbirds

Saturday, December 29, 2018; 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Cahuilla Theatre inside the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert

**Description:** Each autumn in the Coachella Valley we welcome flocks of residents who spend summers in cooler climates. We nickname these people "snowbirds" -- and there actually are dozens of birds who spend the cooler part of the year with us and leave for elsewhere in the spring! Come and learn about the natural snowbirds of the Coachella Valley and Salton Sea who had dual establishments long before humans did. Join us after the presentation for a short walk on the Ed Hasteley Trail to meet some of these snowbirds for yourselves. Bring binoculars if you have them and consider bringing a picnic lunch to enjoy on a shaded patio after the walk.

**RSVP:** Required.

**Contact:** Go to [www.desertmountains.org/calendar](http://www.desertmountains.org/calendar) or call Visitor Center 760-862-9984