

Wildflower Viewing Sites



Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

51500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert.

Adjacent to the patio is the Ed Hasteley Desert Garden Trail, which features drip irrigated desert perennials.

- Cheesebush
- Creosote
- Bladderpod
- Chuckwalla Delight
- Desert Dandelion
- California Evening Primrose
- Palo Verde
- Encelia
- Apricot Mallow
- Chuparosa
- Desert Lavender
- Desert Heron Bill

Highway 74 (Palms to Pines Highway) & the Cactus Spring Trail

To reach the trailhead, turn south from Hwy 111 in Palm Desert onto Hwy 74. Proceed up the mountain for almost 16 miles until you pass the CalFire station; take the first paved road to the left. Go 0.25 miles then turn left into the Sawmill Trailhead, which serves both the Cactus Spring and Sawmill Trails. From Hemet, the trailhead is 8 miles east of the junction of Hwy 371 and Hwy 74.

Along the road and trail, you may see:

- Nolina
- Desert Apricot
- Brown-Eyed Primrose
- Forget-Me-Nots
- Fremont Pincushion
- Deerweed

Creosote Bush
Whispering Bell s
Encelia
Eriophyllum
Chinchweed
Desert Dandelion
Desert Mallow
Rose Mallow
Ocotillo
Sand Verbena
Arizona Lupine
Desert Heron's Bill
Kraemeria
Chia
Santa Rosa Beard Tongue
Wild Heliotrope
Teddy Bear Cholla
Beavertail Cactus
Hedgehog Cactus

Indian Canyons

Located at the end of South Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

Three canyons offer well-established trails and a variety of terrain and vegetative communities, including native desert fan palm oases. A fee is required for entry; Hours of operation vary by season.

Forget-Me-Nots
Checker Fiddleneck
Creosote
Little Gold Poppy
Encelia
Desert Mallow
Desert Lavender
Desert Hyacinth
Yerba Santa
Notch Leafed Phacelia
Chuparosa
Desert Heron Bill
Arizona Lupine
Wild Hyacinth
Canterbury Bells
Beavertail Cactus

Barrel Cactus

Oswit Canyon

Located on South Palm Canyon Drive just south of Murray Canyon Drive. Ample parking on side of road.

Hike along flood channel trail to gain easier access to higher areas, or explore along meandering paths. A combination of habitats allow for diversity of flowers here.

Forget-Me-Nots
Wishbone Bush
Rock Daisy
Checker Fiddleneck
Creosote
Desert Rock Pea
Little Gold Poppy
Whispering Bells
Encelia
Desert Mallow
Desert Lavender
Desert Hyacinth
Yerba Santa
Notch Leafed Phacelia
Chuparosa
Desert Heron Bill
Arizona Lupine
Wild Hyacinth
Canterbury Bells
Barrel Cactus

Tahquitz Canyon

Located at the end of West Mesquite Avenue near downtown Palm Springs.

Rangers lead guided tours on a streamside trail. A fee is required for entry; Hours of operations vary by season.

Forget-Me-Nots
Checker Fiddleneck
Creosote
Encelia
Desert Lavender
Desert Hyacinth
Yerba Santa

Notch Leafed Phacelia
Chuparosa
Desert Heron Bill

Museum Trail

Ascends steep hillside west of north parking lot of the Palm Springs Art Museum, 101 Museum Drive in Palm Springs. Parking is available in downtown Palm Springs near Tahquitz Canyon Way and Palm Canyon Drive.

Steep trail rewards ambitious hikers.

Forget-Me-Not
Brown-Eyed Primrose
California Evening Primrose
Creosote

Tramway Road

Intersects with Highway 111 west of downtown Palm Springs.

Take Tramway Road to the lower Tram Station for a short nature trail.

Jimson Weed
Forget-Me-Not
Encelia
Creosote
Desert Lavender

Snow Creek Road

Intersects Highway 111 just ½ mile east of Interstate 10 exit 111, to Palm Springs.

Do not enter residential village.

The two-mile stretch of Snow Creek Rd travels through a variety of environments: wash, sand dune, and creosote scrub habitats. Park on the roadside then walk up washes where you can find scattered flowers. Wild mustard strongly dominates the landscape. Also, look for the following:

Brown-Eyed Primrose
Forget-Me-Nots
Fremont Pincushion
Bladderpod
California Evening Primrose
Creosote Bush
Checker Fiddleneck
Brittlebush

Desert Heron's Bill