

# DECEMBER IS BIGHORN SHEEP MONTH

at the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto  
Mountains National Monument!



**Join these programs and  
explore with us!**

<b>BIGHORN OVERLOOK HIKE</b>	Wednesday, December 3 8 am–noon	<i>This five-mile round trip hike covers a wide variety of terrain in a 1,000 foot gain. Sponsored by Desert Trails hiking Club, call Rick to RSVP, 340-2256.</i>
<b>BIGHORN SHEEP OF THE AMERICAN WEST</b>	Thursday, December 4 9:30 – 11 am	<i>Take an armchair adventure to Bighorn Sheep country! National Monument Interpretive Ranger David Korzilius will help you learn about this fascinating desert dweller. Mizell Senior Center, 480 S. Sunrise Way in Palm Springs.</i>
<b>BEAR CREEK PALMS HIKE</b>	Friday, December 5 8 am-1 pm	<i>Watch for bighorn sheep along this route to a remote palm oasis. See a variety of cactus. Eight mile hike with 2000' elevation gain. Meet at the Bear Creek Palms trailhead in La Quinta. Call 862-9984, for details.</i>
<b>BIGHORN SHEEP LECTURE</b>	Monday, December 8 6:30 pm	<i>The Bighorn Institute staff will discuss the life history of the endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep and the conservation efforts undertaken to protect them. Palm Desert Public Library, 73-300 Fred Waring Rd. Free.</i>
<b>HIKE THE 'BUMP AND GRIND'</b>	Wednesday, December 10 7:30 am	<i>Keep pace with National Monument Manager Danella George on a brisk walk, a great way start your day! This trail provides incredible views. Meet in Legacy Furniture parking lot, 72-115 Hwy 111 in Rancho Mirage. Free.</i>
<b>"PATH OF THE BIGHORN"</b>	Thursday, December 11 10 am	<i>Join the excitement at this debut viewing of a life-size ram sculpture at the National Monument Visitor Center. Call 862-9984 for more information.</i>
<b>FIELD TRIP TO SEE BIGHORN SHEEP</b>	Friday, December 19 7:30-11 am	<i>Join wildlife biologists from the CA Dept of Fish and Game and the Bighorn Institute to explore Magnesia Falls– experienced hikers only! Some rock scrambling will be involved. Meet at the Visitor Center for a special program by the Bighorn Institute before departing as a car caravan. Free, but RSVP; 862-9984.</i>
<b>GEOLOGY HIKE ON THE MUSEUM TRAIL</b>	Tuesday, December 23 9 am–noon	<i>Join BLM Geologist Steve Kupferman and learn about the San Jacinto Mountains– inside and out! A two mile, (round trip) steep hike to the picnic tables will travel over a variety of rocks and minerals. Meet at Palm Springs Desert Museum's north parking lot at 101 Museum Drive, downtown Palm Springs.</i>
<b>"A day of high excitement and one always remembered is the day on which we see our first desert bighorn."</b>		
<b>–Edmund Jaeger, Desert Ecologist</b>		

Visitor Center  
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in Palm Desert, CA

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