



## Sunday Morning Field Tours

**Please note the time changes from Daylight Savings Time to Pacific Standard Time on Sunday morning.** Be prepared to be out in the field- bring plenty of water, snacks, sun protection, sturdy shoes, and anything else you need to be comfortable in the varying weather of a desert fall.

### **UCI Tour with Reserve Manager Jim Dice and Reserve Assistant Manager Bob Theriault**

**9 a.m.**

**Meet: Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center front door**

Learn how the Research Center came to be, the mission it serves, and the collaboration with California State Parks and the Anza-Borrego Foundation. The tour will take an inside look at this Mid-century Modern facility: the Great Room, Dining Room, kitchen, Common Area, as well as the classroom, laboratory, dormitories, efficiency apartments, and outdoor amenities. A natural history walk through the Reserve's 80 acres of adjacent wildlands is also included.

### **The Elusive Mountain Lion of the Anza-Borrego Region with Don Endicott**

**8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

**Meet: ABDSP Visitor Center- Back Parking Lot**

Join volunteer naturalist Don Endicott for an introduction to the natural history of Southern California's seldom seen apex predator. We will carpool to two sites at higher elevation where mountain lions are known to visit in search of prey. During this field trip, Don will describe the incredible attributes and signature behaviors of our big cats, show how relationships between Mountain Lions and people changed over time, and outline their contributions to a healthy wilderness environment. Don will share some of the latest findings regarding challenges faced by mountain lions in Southern California and describe and demonstrate how to respond if you should meet a mountain lion in the backcountry.

### **Stout Paleontology Lab Tour with CSP District Paleontologist Dr. Lyndon Murray**

**9 a.m.**

**Meet: Colorado Desert District Headquarters Building**

The paleontology tour will begin with a short explanation of why fossils are found in the Park and how they came to be buried and later exposed where they were discovered. The types of organisms recovered as fossils will be discussed with regards to the way they help determine the local environmental conditions at the time of deposition. Examples of the fossils recovered from ABDSP will be shown with descriptions of their physical condition, rarity, and usefulness as exhibit specimens or research specimens

### **Lizards of the Anza-Borrego Desert Region with Andrew Gottscho**

**9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Meet: ABDSP Visitor Center- Back Parking Lot**

On this tour, we will explore sand dune habitats in search of the Colorado Desert fringe-toed lizard and the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard, weather permitting. In the event that we do not see lizards, we will still explore and discuss the ecology of sand dune habitats in the Colorado Desert.

### **Cacti of Anza-Borrego with CDD Environmental Services Intern Larry Hendrickson**

**9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Meet: ABDSP Visitor Center- Back Parking Lot**

Join Larry Hendrickson on a tour extraordinaire of the many different kinds of cacti that are found in the Colorado Desert. Location TBD.