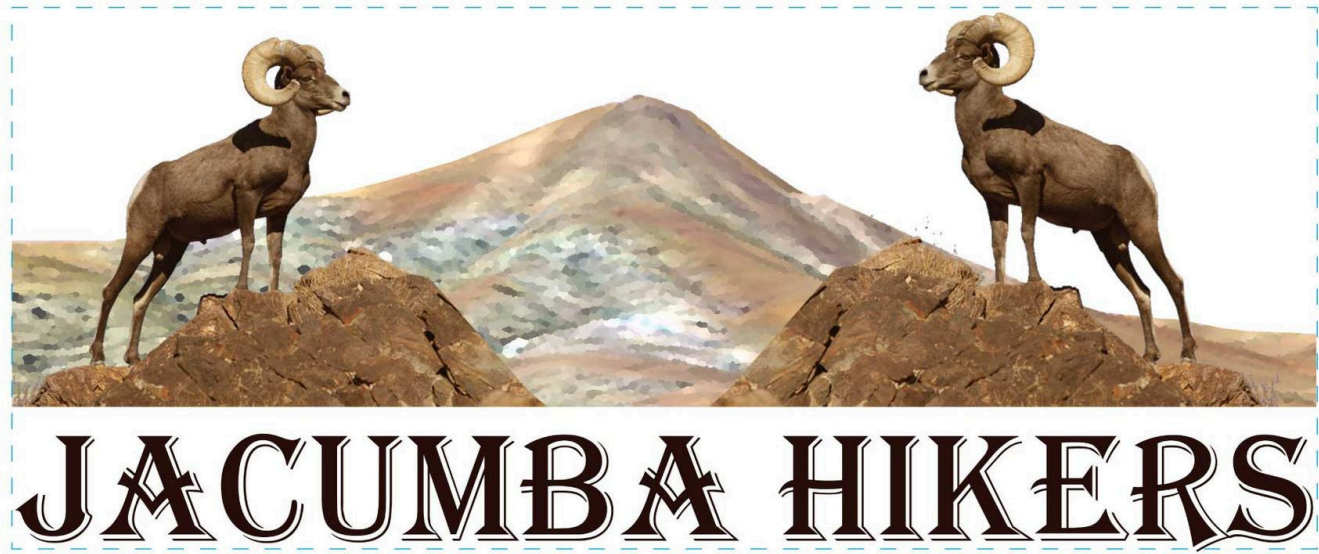


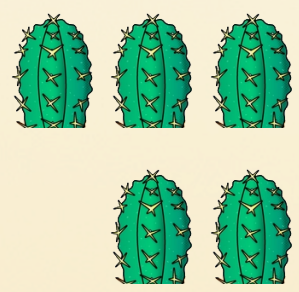
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### Jan. 4 **Indian Gorge Rd. to Secret Cave**



This hike is a challenging adventure that begins and ends on a steep, narrow trail, but most of this strenuous, extremely rugged hike requires climbing up and down boulders off-trail. We will also pick our way through areas over-grown with brush, but the reward is a rarely found cave hidden in the rocks! (4-5miles)

- Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 am. We will carpool or caravan to the trailhead in high-clearance /4-wheel drive vehicles.

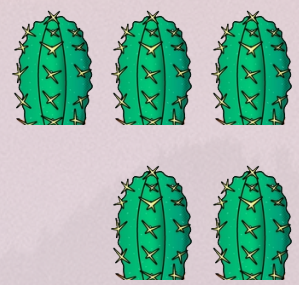
### Jan. 18 **NO HIKE TODAY....HOWEVER/INSTEAD...**



We hope you will consider joining the San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneer Hiking Group on a hike to Red Hill Lava Flow Wash in Anza Borrego State Park. It is scheduled from 9:00 am-1:00 pm and described as “a difficult 6-mile hike with an elevation change of 1050 feet including some strenuous challenges”. For more details, go on-line to see the SD Natural History Museum Canyoneer Hike Schedule or see directions below to just meet up with the Canyoneers at 9:00 AM the day of the hike.

- Exit I-8 in Ocotillo. Go north on S-2 (Imperial Hwy.) 8.7 miles. Turn left on Mortero Wash (signed) to meet the Canyoneer host. Consolidate into 4WD or high-clearance vehicles and caravan to the trailhead. No facilities. (GPS N32.792889, W116.107661)

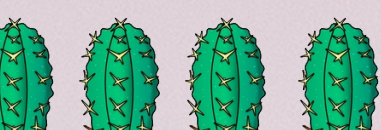
### Feb. 8 **Myer Creek to Happy's Upper and Lower Camps**



This is a challenging 5-mile trek into the Jacumba Wilderness. It includes strenuous bouldering and hiking up sandy creek beds and steep trails to get from Myer Creek to the old homesites of Happy who once lived in this remote high desert area.

- Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 am (or if coming from San Diego, meet at Mountain Springs Exit off I-8 in the dirt parking area at 8:20 am) to carpool in high-clearance vehicles to the trailhead.

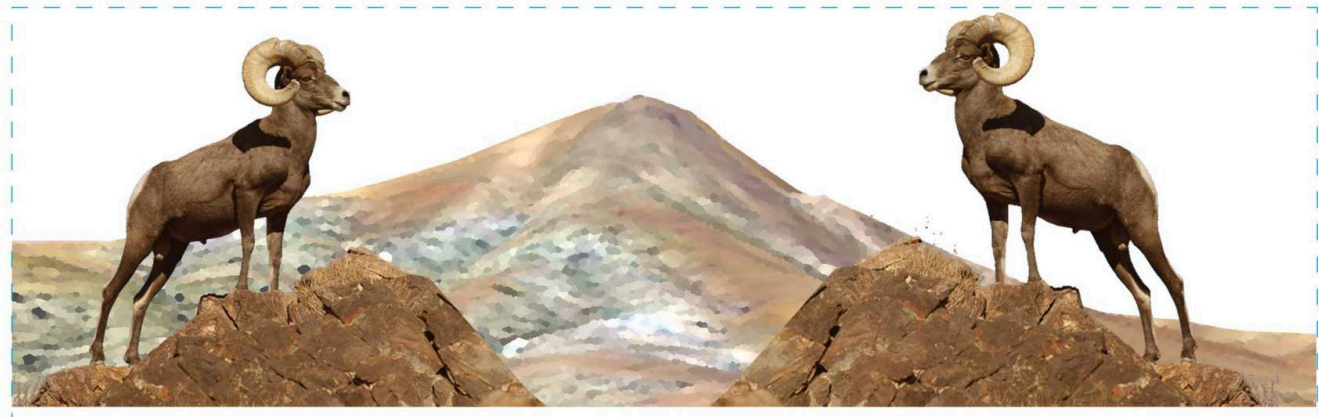
### Feb. 15 **Devil's Canyon to Hidden Mountain Cave**



On this fast-paced 6-mile hike, we pass through beautiful high-desert terrain, sandy washes, and under Interstate-8 Devil's Canyon Bridge. Bouldering up to a hidden mountain cave is a

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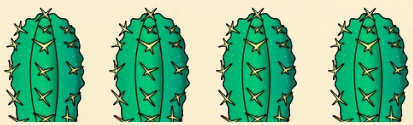
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**March. 1**

### **Mortero Palms**

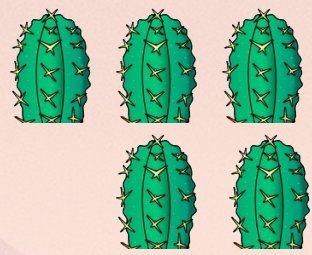


This hike will explore a palm grove, known as Mortero Palms, as well as some of the rugged area beyond. This is a fascinating area to explore, but it will require some strenuous off-trail hiking and bouldering. (4-5miles)

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**March. 15**

### **Sombrero Peak via McCain Valley**

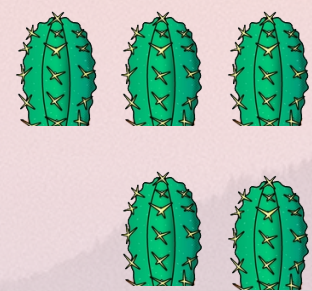


The hike to Sombrero Peak is a long one...approximately 10 miles in and out (1548' elevation gain/loss). To reach the summit, where beautiful views await, requires some boulder climbing. This is a physically challenging hike because of the distance and bouldering.

- Meet at Cottonwood Campground on McCain Valley Rd. at 9:00 am. (There may be a Parking Fee.)

**April. 5**

### **Border Rider's Trail to Blue Angel's Peak & Nopal Peak**

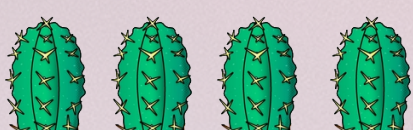


This rugged hike begins on a narrow, steep trail and will take us into the Jacumba Wilderness near the Mexican Border before going off-trail and up to Blue Angel's Peak (elevation 4548') and Nopal Peak. It is a 5-6 mile strenuous hike with an elevation gain/loss of 1400' and bouldering.

- Meet at Valley of the Moon Trail Kiosk/Parking on Old Hwy 80 at 8:00 am. Take I-8 to In-Ko-Pah/Exit 77. Go to Old Hwy 80 on the east side of I-8. Turn right onto Old Hwy 80 and go about 0.2 mi. (GPS N32.63988, W116.10713)

**April. 19**

### **Davies Valley to Ancient Waterfall & Beyond**



This 4-6 mile hike begins in a beautiful canyon wash that shows evidence of a once glorious stream bed. At the end of the wash, is the "ancient waterfall". Climbing the dry waterfall will require some bouldering. From the top, expect a rugged and adventurous hike with spectacular views of Davies Valley.

- Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 am. We will carpool or caravan to the trailhead in high-clearance vehicles.