



Villager Peak Overnight Hike

Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3, 2005. Leader: Dan Lee 818-393-4797, 13 miles round trip - 5000 ft elevation gain and loss; moderate to strenuous

Named for the two Cahuilla Indian villages that once existed on opposite sides of this mountain, this peak, located between Anza-Borrego State Park and the Salton Sea, is an ideal Spring hike after the

recent rains

Although the 13-mile round trip hike can be done in one day by tigers, we plan to spend the night somewhere short of the peak and summit the next day. There is no water on the trail, so each of us will need to bring enough food and water for two days plus sleeping bag and tent. (We recommend 3 liters of water per person per day) Wear a hat, sunglasses and plenty of sunscreen. Wear sturdy lug-soled boots. Bring hiking poles if you have them. Carry warm clothing, plus an outer layer that will either repel rainwater or dry quickly if it gets wet. Carry the Fonts Point (if you come from Anza-Borrego Desert State Park) and Rabbit Peak 7.5-minute topo maps.



We will meet at mile 31.8 of the S-22 Road, at the head of the Thimble Trail. This is 12.6 miles east of Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs. Meeting time will be 9:00 A.M sharp.

Some Friday night options are:

- Get up, oh so early, Saturday morning and drive to the trailhead.
- Spend Friday night at Ocotillo Wells State Vehicle Recreation Park. (Be advised the ranger warns it could be noisy.)
- Stay at a motel in Borrego Springs.

A good description of this hike is located at

<http://www.desertusa.com/mag98/april/stories/Vilpeak/Villager1.html>

and also at http://sepwww.stanford.edu/sep/morgan/snwburd/trip_reports/villager_1.html

For Map Information see:

http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.GetDetail?tab=Y&id=251054

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Fill in and return to Dan Lee at M/S 601-153

Yes, I want to go on the Villager Peak Overnight Hike!

Member Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Party Of _____

Can Drive _____ People

Need Ride _____

Pre-Trip Meeting Noon
Monday March 28
111-117

Anza-Borrego State Park Intro. pack.



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Borrego Palm Canyon -- 52 hookup sites, 65 non-hookup, 5 group sites for 9 to 24 people (see above). Water, flush toilets, showers, phone and fire rings available. 2.5 miles west of Borrego Springs near Visitor Center.

Vernon Whitaker Horse Camp -- 10 sites for campers with horses only, 8 miles north of Borrego Springs. Sites hold up to 8 people and 4 horses. 40 corrals, water, flush toilets, solar-heated showers and fire rings available. Fee \$16. Anza region.

Bow Willow -- 16 primitive sites with chemical toilets, fire rings and picnic tables. Fee \$7-\$9.
Bow Willow Region.

Tamarisk Grove -- 27 RV sites, at junction of California Route 78 and County Road S-3. Water, flush toilets, showers, phone and fire rings available. Fee \$10-\$15.
Tamarisk region.

Yaqui Well -- 10 numbered sites with pit toilets; across from Tamarisk Grove Campground. More sites available. No fee. Tamarisk region.

Sheep Canyon -- A few sites with pit toilets and picnic tables. No fee. Anza region.

Mt. Springs Canyon -- A few sites with chemical toilets. No fee. Bow Willow Region.

Culp Valley -- A few open sites just inside the west park entrance on Road S-22. No fee. Anza region.

Arroyo Salado -- A few open sites. No fee. Borrego Badlands region.

Yaqui Pass -- Open sites 7 miles east of Route 78 and County S-3 near Cactus Loop and Kenyon Overlook trails. Tamarisk region.

Fish Creek -- A few open sites. No fee. Fish Creek region.

Blair Valley -- Numerous open sites near Marshal South Home, Morteros and Pictographs Trails located off County Road S-3 south of California 78. Blair Valley region.

Park Backcountry Camping

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, but it is one of the few California parks that allows open camping throughout its 600,00 acres. There is no charge for this type of camping