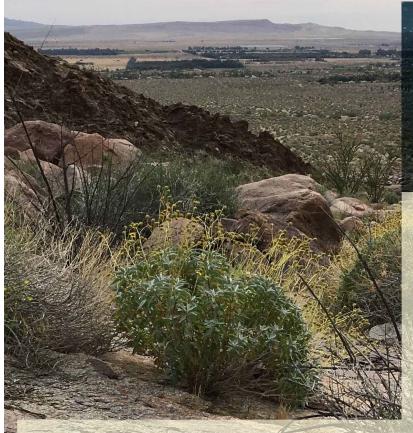
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and avoid the crowds in our 1,000 square miles of open spaces.

Marvel at spectacular mountain views.

Challenge yourself to one or more of our 200 half day hikes.



Stay up late for infinite night time stargazing.

As Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, the community of Borrego Springs, and our businesses gradually welcome visitors back to Borrego, it's important to know how to enjoy our town and outdoor spaces safely.

TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, face coverings are now required indoors (including visitor centers and State Park restrooms), and outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. Yet, that's not the only consideration before visiting are creation site right now. Be prepared for new protocols to ensure a happy—and safe—visit.

Masks Required Maintain Distance

Keep Borrego COVID-Free



IMPORTANT STEPS for safely getting outside in the Park and visiting the community of Borrego Springs in 2020—



Stick to groups of fewer than 10 people and only members of your household. Limiting travel and contact with non-household members helps contain the spread of COVID-19. Stay home if you feel sick or have any flu-like symptoms.



Prevent crowding in parking lots and on trails. Pay attention to your surroundings. Stay on designated trails except when you need to briefly give others more room when passing to maintain physical distance. Leave No Trace and ensure the park stays clean to lessen the impact on staff, and reduce the risk of exposure to the virus. Take your trash with you, including disposable gloves and face coverings; make wildfire prevention a priority.



Bring essential supplies needed for your stay: Drinking water, hand sanitizer, face coverings, money for food and gas. Plan on bringing a minimum of one gallon of drinking water per person per day—you do not want to run out of water in the desert, especially when hiking or cycling. Bring a first aid kit. Hospitals are nowhere near: they are in San Diego 90 miles west, and in Palm Springs 70 miles east. Have a plan to self-evacuate in an emergency as there are limited local ambulance and rescue services,



Practice good personal hygiene and physical distancing. Just because you're outdoors doesn't mean you won't run into other people. Keep practicing good personal hygiene—wash or sanitize your hands often. Know which facilities are open (restrooms may be closed) and avoid high-touch point areas like playgrounds and picnic shelters as they are not disinfected frequently. Cover your cough with a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.



Monitor BorregoExperience.com for up-to-date information about visiting the Park and community; what's open, what's not. Know where the crowded spots are and recommendations for alternate places to hike, bike or visit. We also have an extensive and detailed list of recommendations updated daily.