

ANZA-BORREGO ARCHEOLOGICAL TOUR
including
The Colorado Desert Archaeology
Society's
8th annual archaeology weekend
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center
Borrego Springs, California
April 13- 16, 2012

Sacramento Archeological Society is organizing an archaeological tour in the Anza-Borrego Desert on April 13 through 16, 2012. It coincides with Colorado Desert Archeology Society's 8th annual archaeology weekend. Our Society has been invited to participate. This is a great opportunity to see the desert in springtime and interact with member of the Colorado Desert Archaeological Society. Travel dates are assumed to be April 12th and 16th. The tour will include guided visits to Clark Lake Petroglyphs and Mine Canyon village on Friday, April 13th and participation in the Colorado Desert Archaeology Society's 8th annual archaeology weekend on Saturday, April 14th and 15th and possibly on April 16th a morning tour of Exeter Rocky Hill rock art site, an Archaeological Conservancy property. The details of the archaeology weekend are not finalized but will include the grand opening ceremony for the Morteros Cultural Trail, lectures, demonstrations and tours (possibly Pictograph Trail and Indian Hill).

Tentative events include:

Friday, April 13 Morning - Clark Lake Petroglyphs.

A three mile round-trip guided hike to a rock art site at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains to view petroglyphs, interpreted as an early Cahuilla style, which were pecked into the reddish-brown desert varnish covered boulders in the area. 4-wheel drive vehicles are preferred.

Friday, April 13 Afternoon – Mine Canyon village

About two miles up Mine [Canyon](#) Wash Road is a Kumeyaay winter village site, replete with bedrock mortars which were used to grind foodstuffs by this nomadic band of Native Americans.

Friday, April 13 Early evening - A Society sponsored get-together will be hosted at the Hacienda del Sol.

Saturday, April 14 - Morteros Cultural Trail grand opening – It is the first interpreted prehistoric cultural feature of the Anza-Borrego Desert State park. The morteros mark the site of a prehistoric village, where the indigenous [Kumeyaay](#) spent thousands of years grinding mortar stones into the massive boulders.



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Moreros (grinding mortar)

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Since the Anza-Borrego tour is during the height of desert tourist season, commitment to the tour and lodging reservations is essential. Two accommodations in Borrego Springs are recommended: Hacienda del Sol and Palm Canyon Resort. Additional lodging information is available at *the Chamber's Lodging web page*:

<http://www.borregospringschamber.com/lodging.html>

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