



Guaranteed to be
a rain-free trip!
(weather permitting)

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Natural History of San Diego County

Instructors: Judd Curran and Chris Hill



FIELD TRIP #3

April 6th – 7th

This trip will take you Eastward
up and over the Peninsular Mountains
and into the Anza-Borrego Desert.

LOGISTICS:

- On Saturday April 6th, meet well-before 6:30am in the same place as the other trips (i.e., in the lower level of the parking structure on the east side of Grossmont College). The vans will depart at 6:30 a.m. sharp.
- **Review** and **understand** the information for the “M” in “SMUT”. Much of the geology portion of this trip will focus on this time period.
- **Trip 3 Homework** is due at 6:15am on Saturday morning. No late submissions.
- Bring all other course material (**including orientation handouts**) in your three-ring binder. Review what you have learned about the natural vegetation seen in the orientation (i.e., the Coastal Sage Scrub plant transect you did with Tim Cliffe and Oaks with Judd during the orientation), as well as the “veg” stuff from Trip 1 and Trip 2), and your weather maps from trip 1 and 2 relative to the weather observed. A clip-board is also useful. (*Have this material potentially well-protected in the event of rain or snow.*)
- Bring pens and pencils, including several different colored highlighters or colored pencils.
- Using Steinbeck’s “Grapes of Wrath” as a guide, bring the same basic “camp gear” as on the other trips. Soft sand in some areas of the campground may require longer tent stakes. **Flashlight/headlamps** are useful too!
- **Bring appropriate clothing:** a heavy coat, several layers of clothing, and possibly gloves or mittens. It may be **cold, wet, and windy in the mountains, and hot in the desert**, but we will nonetheless be outside, standing, writing, measuring, etc. For **sun protection**, bring a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses.
- **Other Important Items:** For car-sick/vomit protection, bring **Dramamine**. **Bring refillable water bottle/s** for drinking. **NO open-toe shoes/sandals**. We will be walking over and around vegetation, through fields of cacti, scrambling over rocks, and through prime rattlesnake habitat.
- Campsite Location: **ANZA-BORREGO STATE PARK** (at Palm Canyon Campground, near the town of Borrego Springs). Hot pay-showers may be available requiring you to use **tokens purchased with cash** at a vending machine in the campground.
- **Lunches:** Bring snacks/food for lunches if desired. We will stop on one or more of the days for lunch in a location that has a few restaurants nearby (Saturday at Carlee's in Borrego Springs, burgers, sandwiches, etc., and a taco shop, and at Dudley's Bakery on Sunday).
- **Saturday Dinner:** Gourmet Chefs Burcham, Hill, and Curran will debut some of their latest recipe creations using fresh, local ingredients, prepared over an authentic propane stove, creating a sumptuous, culinary delight.
- Alcohol, tobacco, drug-use, steroids, firearms, iPods or similar, public displays of affection, and littering, are all expressly prohibited during this official college event; official college and course policies apply. Note-taking and participation is required. Do not stray from the group at any time, especially during any lecture and GPS exercises. No cell phone use during daytime.
- Like the other trips, we will shoot for a 7 pm return, but it could be later based on weather/traffic/etc..
- **Last minute emergency questions or info on Friday April 5th (leave message if no answer):**
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