November 2013 Schedule

JACUMBA HIKERS/WALKERS

Sat. Nov. 2  Pinion Rd./Jacumba Mountain Loop - This hike is rated moderate and is approx. 6mi. round trip on a dirt road with a series of three hills along the border fence to Jacumba Mountain and back. A fantastic view of Jacumba Valley. Dog friendly on a 6’ leash. Hikers will meet at 8am at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. The Spa’s restaurant opens for breakfast at 7AM.
Hike Leader: Sonia Kara soniakara1@hotmail.com

Sat. Nov. 9  Smuggler’s Cave/Elliot Mine/Blue Angel Peak Monument/Valley of the Moon - We’re headed out to Smuggler’s Cave, an old hideout of bandits & smugglers off E. I-8 just past the Imperial/SD County Line in the high desert area near the Mexican border. We’ll also hike in through the Valley of the Moon, Elliot Mine and Blue Angels Peak Monument. This hike is rated EXTREME approximately 8 mi. round trip (4 hrs.) No Dogs Please. Hikers will meet at 8am at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. The Spa’s restaurant opens for breakfast at 7AM.
Hike Leader: Bill Pape (619) 766-4927.

Sat. Nov. 16  Sage Winds Farm – We will be visiting Ken & Ellen Woodward-Taylor www.sagewindsandgourdfarm.com at their certified organic White Sage Farm. This hike is rated moderate. We will be walking on trails and over boulders where you will see caves and morteros and continuing to the top where you can see a circle of mountains with beautifully diverse views in each direction. Smudge sticks, essential oil, dye dye clothing will be available for sale after the hike. No Dogs Please! Walkers will meet at 8am at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hwy. 80 Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. The Spa’s restaurant is open for breakfast at 7AM.
Hike Leader: Sonia Kara soniakara1@hotmail.com

Sat. Nov. 23  Table Mountain – This hike is rated hard. 4 mi. round trip hiking up to Table Mountain & Squaw Tit red rock plateaus. No Dogs Please! Hikers will meet at 8am at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934 to carpool. Bring a Swim Suit & Towel for after the hike the owners of the Spa will provide hikers that day with courtesy day use.
Hike Leader: Bill Pape (619) 766-4927.

Sat. Nov. 30  Jacumba Walkabout - This walk is rated easy, 3-4 miles round trip. Dog friendly on 6’ leash. Walkers will meet at 8am at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hyw. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. Hikers will get a tour of the Spa, a possible tour of the Chinese Castle, visit the natural hot springs, Jacumba Lake, Sand Wash, Railroad Station, through the Jacumba neighborhood, the Library & Community Park with the newly installed Snake Sculpture to the Border Fence and back to the Spa. The Spa will be open for breakfast starting at 7AM.
Walk Leader: Sonia Kara (soniakara1@hotmail.com

Safety Tips: Bring lots of water, lunch and snacks. Dress in layers. Bring sun block, a hat and sturdy hiking boots. Use the buddy system and respect nature and your surroundings.

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- Easy - Mostly flat hiking/walking using a trail or path. Suitable for every member of the family.
- Moderate - Suitable for all physically fit people/dogs.
- Hard - Long length, substantial elevation gain and/or difficult terrain. Suitable for experienced hikers.
- EXTREME - Long length, boulder climbing, difficult terrain, high elevation day long and/or over 6 mi. round trip. Expert hiking skills.

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**Sat. Dec. 7**  
Indian Hill / Gun Powder Shack / Carrizo Gorge – Westward from Ocotillo up Hwy. S-2 we will be hiking across a broad alluvial plain dotted with cacti and small shrubs through rocky hills of desert-varnished granite boulders to a small promontory called Indian Hill. Indian Hill is considered one of the most significant aboriginal sites in the Colorado Desert with rock caves, morteros and Indian pictographs. Next we come upon an old railroad camp ruins where you will find walls of an old shed constructed of mortar and blasting-powder cans then on to view the Carrizo Gorge. This hike is rated hard & is approx. 10 mi. round trip. Hikers will meet at 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259. No Dogs Please!  
Hike Leader: Bill Pape: (619) 766-4927.

**Sat. Dec. 14**  
**Dubber’s Spur Hike** – Meet at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934, at 8AM to carpool for the short drive to DeAnza Springs Resort. Hike starts on a sandy trail out of the Northwest corner of the Resort. This hike is rated moderate, is a 2 hr. loop trail on jeep roads and washes that are mostly level. Awesome rock formations, natural caves, great views and ruminants of old railroad campsites. Bring swim suit & towel for courtesy day use at the Spa for hikers that day. The Spa’s restaurant is open for breakfast starting at 7AM. No Dogs Please!  
Hike Leader: Patti Wagar: patti.j@hotmail.com

**Sat. Dec. 21**  
**Mortero Palms / Goat Canyon** – Taking S-2 from Ocotillo we will be hiking up the canyon to a palm grove known as Mortero Palms and passing half-dozen morteros along the way. From there we will be tackling the rugged and difficult stretch of canyon to Goat Canyon where we will be able to view the 200 ft. high railroad trestle over Goat Canyon. This hike is rated EXTREME and for experienced hikers only. Hikers will meet at 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259. No Dogs Please!  
Hike Leader: Bill Pape: (619) 766-4927

**Sat. Dec. 28**  
**Wind Caves / Dome Lands** - Hikers will meet at 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259 and carpool to Coyote Mountains via S-2 which leads to a 3 mi. hiking trail through ancient/petrified sand dunes, wind caves and a variety of fossilized sea life. This hike is 6 mi. round trip and is rated hard. No Dogs Please!  
Hike Leader: Bill Pape (619) 766-4927

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