

ANZA-BORREGO AND SALTON SEA DESERT FIELD TRIP

Preparation

In fall the desert can be quite warm during the day, but cooler in the mornings. The average high temperature in Anza-Borrego on October 30th is 85°F and the average low is 57 °F. Be sure to check the [weather forecast](#) prior to departure for more accurate information. Dress in layers. We will be walking around on dirt so wear closed-toed, sturdy shoes. Also, we will be driving on some unpaved roads, none of which require four-wheel drive.

Items to bring with you:

Plenty of water	Field notebook and pens/pencils	Cell phone with iNaturalist
Sack lunch	Binoculars (if you have them)	Full tank of gas!
Snacks	Hat and sunscreen	

Itinerary

Below are the stops we will visit. Click on the name of the stop to show the location in Google Maps. WARNING: You will likely not have cell service in many of these places. Please review the itinerary and directions prior to departure.

8:30AM Stop 1: [Montezuma Valley Rd. Lookout](#)

This is a large turnout on Highway S-22, otherwise known as the Montezuma-Borrego Hwy. There are no bathrooms here. If you need to, first stop at Culp Valley Primitive Campground, which has fairly clean pit toilets. It's about a 4-minute drive east from Culp Valley to the lookout.



Stop 2: [Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor's Center](#)

200 Palm Canyon Dr, Borrego Springs CA
Bathrooms, water, ample parking.



Stop 3: [Borrego Palm Canyon Campground amphitheater](#)

Bathrooms, ample parking. Drive all the way through the campground to the parking area for the trailhead. The amphitheater is about a 1-minute walk up the Palm Canyon hiking trail.



Stop 4: [Christmas Circle Community Park](#)

Bathrooms, parking in the roundabout. This is our lunch stop. We will be leaving in 30 minutes. If you forgot to bring a lunch or need to resupply your water or cold drinks there is a store across the street.



Stop 5: [Citrus Groves](#)

No bathrooms. Corner of Di Giorgio Rd. and Henderson Canyon Rd., Borrego Springs

Stop 6: [Clark Dry Lake](#)

No bathrooms. Left turn onto Rockhouse Trail (dirt road) from Borrego Salton Seaway (S22).



Stop 7: [Badlands Viewpoint](#)

No bathrooms. Pull-out on left side of highway.

Stop 8: [Yacht Club, Salton City](#)

No bathrooms, but we will head to an area of Salton City with bathrooms and gasoline right after this stop.

Stop 9: [Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, Unit 1](#)
Bathroom. North end of Vendel Rd.



Stop 10: [Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center](#)
906 W. Sinclair Road, Calipatria, CA
Probably closed, but bathrooms open.



Stop 11: [Red Island and Red Hill Bay](#)



