

Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

September 2012 Calendar of Events

For more information go to www.DesertMountains.org or call (760) 862-9984

All events are FREE and take place at the National Monument Visitor Center, unless fees or locations are otherwise noted, 51-500 Hwy 74, 4 miles south of Hwy 111, in Palm Desert, CA

Early Bird Happy Tails Dog Adventures Hikes

Dog Hikes Sunday September 2 & 16; 6:15 - 7:30 am

Bring lots of water, come out to enjoy an early hike and beat the heat! Dogs are more than welcome, but not required.

Hike Rating: ~3 miles, moderate, 800 ft. elevation gain

Location: Cahuilla Hills Park, Palm Desert

Mt. San Jacinto Peak Hike

Wednesday, September 5; 8 am – 5 pm

Join us for a guided hike to the peak of Mt. San Jacinto. View what John Muir referred to as, “the most sublime spectacle to be seen upon this earth.” bring a lunch, snacks, plenty of water and attire for changing weather conditions.

Hike Rating: ~11 miles, strenuous, ~2,700 ft. elevation gain

Location: Valley Tram Station, Palm Springs

Tram admission required (prices: www.pstramway.com)

RSVP: required, 10 person maximum

Sunrise Hikes on the Randall Henderson

Friday, September 7 & 21; 6:15 - 8 am

Enjoy a hike on the Randall Henderson trail before temperatures rise and the desert heat sends us indoors! Bring plenty of water and sun protection.

Hike Rating: ~2.5 miles, easy/moderate

Star Party

Saturday, September 8; After Dusk

Enjoy a beautiful night learning about the planets and stars.

Host: Astronomical Society of the Desert. For more details or information visit their website at www.astro.org

Location: Sawmill Trailhead off Hwy 74

Ernie Maxwell Hike

Wednesday, September 12 & 26; 10 am - 1:30 pm

Join us for a FREE guided hike in the higher elevations of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountain ranges.

Hike Rating: ~5 miles, easy/moderate, 500 ft. elevation change

Location: Humber Park Trailhead, Idyllwild. \$5 daily Adventure Pass Required

What's Up There? Animals of the Forest

Friday, September 14; 10 – 11 am

Join us for an informative talk on the animals of the forest. The higher elevations of the National Monument provide a habitat similar to boreal Canada. Learn about the amazing creatures that only live one hour away from our hot desert habitat.

Night Owl Movie Series: The Lorax

Friday, September 21; 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Bring the family to enjoy a wonderful animated movie about how we are responsible for being good stewards of the land. The film will be held outdoors, feel free to bring snacks, drinks and chairs and come enjoy a movie at the National Monument!

Early Morning “Fresh Breeze” Hike

Saturday, September 22; 6:30 – 8 am

Join us on our trails for an early morning hike. Get out and on the trail before the desert sun forces us to stay indoors! Bring plenty of water and sun protection.

Hike Rating: ~2.5 miles, easy/moderate

What's Up There? Plants of the Forest

Friday, September 28; 10 -11 am

The plants of the forest provide a superstore of goods and services. Learn about how these plants provided resources for the Cahuilla people and how they continue to provide food for the deer, squirrels and other forest creatures that call the forest home.



For more information about our programs please see our extended programs calendar on the back of this page or on our website at www.DesertMountains.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALL MONTH LONG: Become a “ <i>Junior Ranger</i> ” with a fun 30 min program that explores our desert habitat!						
2 Dog Hike (6:15 a—7:30 a)	3	4	5 Mt. San Jacinto Peak Hike (8 a—5 p)	6	7 Sunrise Hike (6:15 a—8 a)	8 Star Party (After Dusk)
9	10	11	12 Ernie Maxwell Hike (10 a—1:30 p)	13	14 What’s Up There?: Forest Animals (10 a—11 a)	15
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