

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PARK & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND  
BOARD MEMBERS EDUCATION TOUR - APRIL 21-22, 2012**

**ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK**



Anza Borrego State Park, the largest park in California and the second largest in the U.S. (615,000 acres), represents a natural history beginning three million years ago in a vast area of desert surrounded by rugged mountain ranges. Two hours east of San Diego, California, its treasures include petrography, caves, desert washes, unique rock formations and badlands, vast landscapes, desert plant life and seasonal wildflowers, and a high country dotted with cone pines, Manzanita, and Oak woodlands. Wildlife includes fox, deer, coyotes, roadrunners, eagles, jackrabbits, quail, prairie rodents, as well as longhorn sheep. The name "Anza Borrego" is a combination formed from the name of 18th century Spanish explorer Juan Bautista de Anza and "borrego," the Spanish word for "bighorn sheep." The quaint village of Borrego Springs features 129 metal sculptures of animals from the past, including serpents, saber tooth tigers, turtles, hypos, camels, and monsters.

The tour will include an introduction to the park at the visitor's center, ranger identification of points of interest, a park superintendent dinner presentation, visits to coyote canyon, wildflower/mustard orchards, the University of California field station, and the park's archaeology and paleontology laboratories. Rangers and docents will serve as our hosts, as arranged by the Anza-Borrego Park Foundation.

Participants will arrive on Saturday, April 21, in their own vehicles at our lodging, Stanlunds Resort Inn & Suites, for a 9:30 a.m. initial gathering and proceed by car to the Visitors' Center. Most of Saturday's activities until 5 p.m. are in one central area or within a short driving distance. It would be useful if drivers had 4-wheel drive vehicles for some of the off-road opportunities. There will also be a cocktail hour and group dinner with a local speaker on Saturday evening. Sunday's tour will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. Box lunches will be served on both days and ample amounts of water and beverages will be supplied.

Tour fees are \$180 per individual and \$350 per couple, including meals, and lodging. Please send checks to Paul Romero, Executive Director, CAPRCBM, 328 Marsh Hawk Drive, Suite 100, Folsom, CA 95630. To arrange for Pay Pal, call (916) 985-0662.