



Off-Highway Adventure Tour Series

Ocotillo Wells SVRA

2011-2012 Season

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World class riding, beautiful scenery, history, geology, desert wildlife and unique plants...

...Ocotillo Wells SVRA has it all!

Now you have the opportunity to join our knowledgeable park staff as they lead you on a journey to discover the rich natural and cultural history of the area. Discover little known local history, the complexities of the desert, explore the diversity found in one of the many washes or witness the beauty of the desert by moonlight. All of this and more is being offered **FREE** to the public as part of our special Off-Highway Adventure Tour Series!

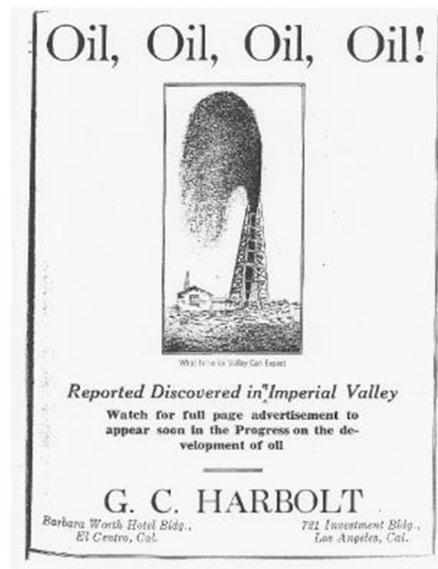


OFF-HIGHWAY ADVENTURE TOUR SERIES

Oil Exploration History

Oil! Oil! Oil! Oil!

proclaims an early 20th-century advertisement from Imperial County. Come and discover the mostly hidden story of roughnecks, adventurers, geologists, would-be oilmen, and a few schemers who explored our desert in hopes of striking it rich in black gold. Join Ocotillo Wells' last remaining "wildcatter" oilman, Mr. Doyle, for a colorful and in-depth tour through this history of high hopes and financial shenanigans.



Tour Dates:
November 18th, 2011
January 20th, 2012
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

*This tour meets at the
Discovery Center off
Ranger Station Road

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Rock-otillo! The Geology of Ocotillo Wells

Whoever said that time travel isn't possible never took a look at a rock! Take a trip back in time with one of our staff geologists, and look at the past through the rocks beneath your feet. Ocotillo Wells has some spectacular geological formations and they tell the story of our past, present and sometimes our future. Be prepared to "rock out" at Ocotillo Wells!



Tour Dates:

December 2nd, 2011
February 17th, 2012
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Truckhaven Treasures

We all know that Ocotillo Wells is a haven for trucks, ATVs, Jeeps and Rhinos; but what are the real treasures of OW's newest riding area? Come find out all that Truckhaven has to offer! Highlights include delving into our volatile geologic past, short walks through hidden side canyons as well as a closer look at some of the residents who share this recreational wonderland with us. Join us for an exhilarating tour through Ocotillo Wells' northern region.



Tour Dates:

December 9th, 2011
 February 10th, 2012
 February 24th, 2012
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

***This tour meets at
 Holly Road
 off Highway S-22
 (the Borrego-Salton Seaway)**

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Colorful Desert Characters

Who says the desert has no personality?

Join our Park Interpreters to discover the colorful characters Ocotillo Wells has hosted throughout the years. Visit the same sites that the first settlers of California, oil entrepreneurs, gold prospectors, movie stars and hippies once trod.



Tour Dates:

January 6th, 2012

March 30th, 2012

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Desert Habitats of Ocotillo Wells

Too often people look at our desert landscape and exclaim, "it all looks the same out here!" Join us for proof that looks can be deceiving as we visit the seven distinct desert habitats of Ocotillo Wells. Our Naturalists will introduce you to these environments and their resident flora and fauna.



Tour Dates:

January 13th, 2012

March 23rd, 2012

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Water in the Desert: A Wet 'n' Wild Ride

Water is the ultimate commodity in the desert. ...More precious than gold, (or even oil) the “nectar of life” determines what animals and plants survive, as well as how the landscape is carved and molded through drought and deluge. Ride along where water runs as we visit the site of flash floods, springs, salt seeps, mud holes, and the wells of both coyote and man.



Tour Dates:

February 3rd, 2012

April 20th, 2012

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Geocaching 101, A Treasure Hunt

Have you ever wanted to find hidden treasure? Who hasn't? Well, maybe you should try geocaching! This high-tech, world-wide scavenger hunt is fun for all ages. Ocotillo Wells is a paradise



for geocaching and we are now offering an introductory off-highway tutorial into this world of technological treasure chasing.

Bring a hand-held GPS and join the hunt!

Tour Dates:

Dec 16th, 2011

Jan 27th, 2012

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Discovery Center off of

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Alien Invaders!

Not all aliens are from outer space and not everything exotic is desirable. Like many places in America, our desert is affected by non-native plant and animal species. Join us as we search for the exotic invaders; anything from little ants to dominating plants. Learn about their impacts and help us find solutions!



Tour Dates:

March 16th, 2012
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Moon Over Ocotillo Wells

Have you ever gazed at the Moon and had a flood of curious questions about it? How did it get there? Why do animals behave so differently during a full moon? What stories have been told about the Moon in other cultures than our own? Join our naturalists at Ocotillo Wells for an off-highway adventure to admire the moon, as well as ask those pesky questions that drive you “loony!”



Tour Dates:

March 9th, 2012

April 6th, 2012

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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Creepy Crawlers of the Night

You may not realize it, but when you are at OW, you are constantly surrounded by the creepy crawlers! Sometimes you might find these fascinating creatures during your daytime travels, but to fully experience the diversity of bug life present in Ocotillo Wells, you need to explore their domain at night. Join us on a jaw-dropping tour through OW as we go in search of beetles, spiders, scorpions and more! We will make our way to some secret spots teeming with creepy crawlers of the night!



Tour Dates:

April 13th, 2012

April 27th, 2012

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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At A Glance...

Off-Highway Adventure Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program Name</u>
18-Nov	9am-1pm	Oil Exploration History
2-Dec	9am-1pm	Rock-otillo! The Geology of OW
9-Dec	9am-1pm	Truckhaven Treasures
16-Dec	9am-1pm	Geocaching 101, A Treasure Hunt
6-Jan	9am-1pm	Colorful Desert Characters
13-Jan	9am-2pm	Desert Habitats
20-Jan	9am-1pm	Oil Exploration History
27-Jan	9am-1pm	Geocaching 101, A Treasure Hunt
3-Feb	9am-1pm	Water in the Desert
10-Feb	9am-1pm	Truckhaven Treasures
17-Feb	9am-1pm	Rock-otillo! The Geology of OW
24-Feb	9am-1pm	Truckhaven Treasures
9-Mar	6pm-10pm	Moon Over Ocotillo Wells
16-Mar	9am-1pm	Alien Invaders!
23-Mar	9am-2pm	Desert Habitats
30-Mar	9am-1pm	Colorful Desert Characters
6-Apr	6pm-10pm	Moon Over Ocotillo Wells
13-Apr	7pm-10pm	Creepy Crawlers of the Night
20-Apr	9am-1pm	Water in the Desert
27-Apr	7pm-10pm	Creepy Crawlers of the Night

Requirements and Recommendations for All Tours:

- High-clearance, 4WD vehicles.
- Please be willing to carpool.
- Bring plenty of water, a lunch, and a sense of adventure.