



IVDM Lowlanders

2025 Fall Schedule

Saturday
10/25/25

Dolomite Mine

Explore the remnants of the historic Dolomite Mine, located in the Coyote Mountains of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Formed over millions of years, this naturally occurring mineral site offers breathtaking views of the surrounding badlands and unique geological features. Please note: no dogs are allowed on this hike, high-clearance vehicles are required, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 AM (35 min drive from museum)

Saturday
11/1/25

Blair Valley: Marshall South, Morteros, & Pictographs Trails

Embark on a journey through time and culture. Hike to the abandoned Marshall South homestead, see ancient morteros once used for grinding, and admire the enduring Indigenous art etched into desert stone. Please note: this hike requires high-clearance vehicles only, no dogs are allowed, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 AM (1hr drive from the museum)

Saturday
11/15/25

Tumco Mining Ghost Town

Step back in time with a hike through one of California's last surviving ghost towns! Wander the old town center, visit the historic cemetery, and marvel at the massive cyanide vats that once powered its mining operations. Please note: no dogs are allowed on this hike, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Meets at Starbucks - 2365 4th St. El Centro at 7:00AM
(45 minute drive from Starbuck from Starbucks)

Saturday
12/6/25

Cool Canyon

Discover a canyon adventure in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, where unique rock formations and desert plants line the trail. This 3-mile intermediate hike includes an elevation gain of about 800 feet, with sections that require climbing and maneuvering through rocky terrain. Please note: no dogs are allowed on this hike, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00AM. (50 min drive from the museum)

Saturday
12/20/25

Arroyo Tapiado Mud Caves

To wrap up the year with a fun adventure, join us for a trek to the Arroyo Tapiado Mud Caves, one of the most unique attractions in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Located deep in the park's southern section, these caves offer a truly memorable experience. Please note: access requires a four-wheel-drive vehicle, no dogs allowed, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00AM (1.5 hr drive from museum)

Questions? Contact Us: (760) 358-7016, info@ivdesertmuseum.org

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2026 Spring Schedule

Saturday
1/10/26

Sacatone Overlook

Discover the McCain Valley Recreation Area and the rich history of the region on this intermediate hike. Enjoy steep uphill climbs to the top, where you'll be rewarded with views of Carrizo Gorge and the remnants of the abandoned San Diego-to-Arizona Railroad. Please note: no dogs are allowed, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 AM (35 min drive from the museum)

Saturday
1/24/26

Andrade Canyon Trail

Explore the Coyote Mountain Wilderness, where the landscape tells a six-million-year history of a former shallow seabed. This intermediate hike along the canyon trail features steep climbs and will go as far as the group feels comfortable. Please note: no dogs are allowed, high-clearance vehicles are required, and carpooling is encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 AM (15 min drive from museum)

Saturday
2/7/26

Mt. Palm Loop

Start the new year with an adventure into the southern region of the Anza-Borrego Desert State Wilderness. This trail leads to Mountain Palm Springs, a hidden desert oasis featuring ancient palms, remnants from a time before the desert existed, when the climate could support more tropical plants.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 AM (25 min drive from museum)

Saturday
2/21/26

Desert Overlook & Moonlight Canyon Trails

Agua Caliente County Park features several beautiful trails for all skill levels. The Desert Overlook Trail provides an unforgettable view, while the Moonlight Canyon Trail is an easy 2-mile loop that winds through a shaded wash, ascends rocky hillsides, and offers stunning views of the desert and the Vallecito Mountains. Please note: no dogs are allowed and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00AM. (40 min drive from the museum)

Saturday
3/7/26

Elephant Tree Discovery Trail & Wind Caves Trailhead

Discover the rare elephant tree, found only in California's Anza-Borrego Desert, along this short nature trail highlighting the desert's remarkable plant adaptations. From here, a quick hike leads to the Wind Caves, where dramatic sandstone formations reveal pockets and holes carved by centuries of wind erosion. Please note: access requires a high-clearance vehicle, no dogs allowed, and carpooling is highly encouraged.

Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00AM (1hr 45 min drive from museum)

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