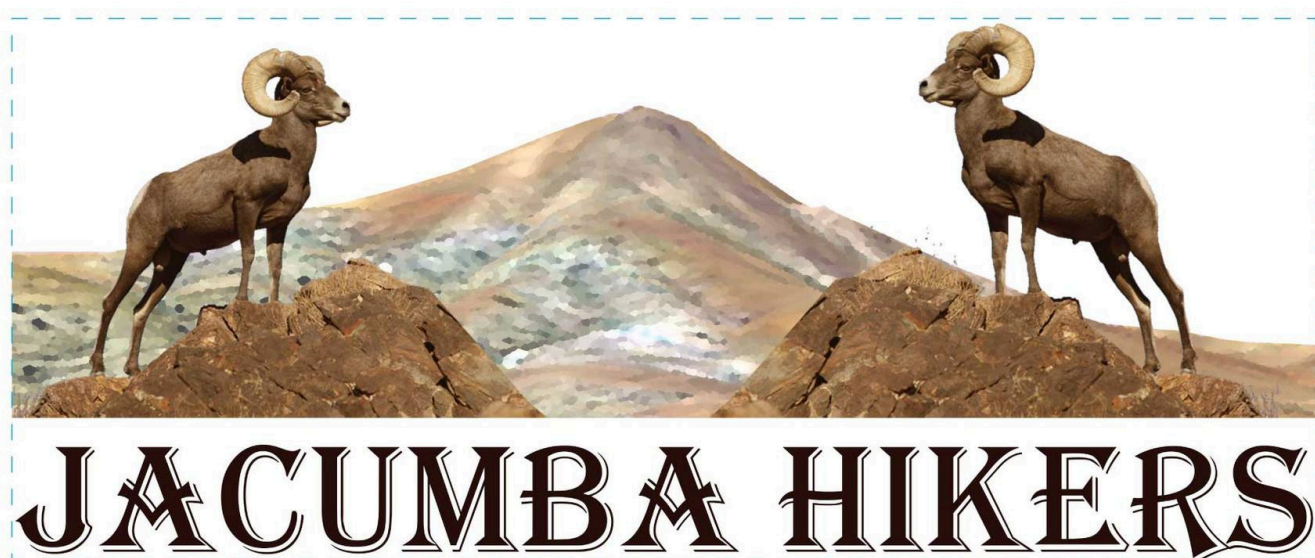
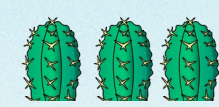


2025 Fall Schedule



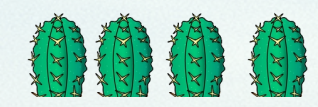
Hike Difficulty Key:



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Strenuous & Difficult
(long distance & steep hills)



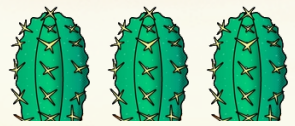
Very Strenuous & Difficult
(long distance and/or boulder climbing)

Please Note: While we do our best to accurately describe the hikes and their difficulty levels, please know your own limits and capabilities!

A hike that is easy or moderate for some may be difficult or extreme for others, depending on hiking experience, skill level, and physical capabilities.

Also, please be prepared! Comfortable hiking shoes with good traction, 2-3 liters of water, a hat, and a backpack (to carry your own water, snacks, emergency/First-Aid supplies, and other gear) are essential items on these challenging hikes. Hiking poles may be helpful. No dogs allowed!

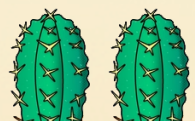
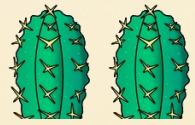
Oct. 4 **Sunset Trail/Big Laguna Loop (8 miles) (4-5 hours)**



The first hike of the season, to get us ready for more challenging future hikes, will be in the beautiful Laguna Mountains/Cleveland National Forest! This hike is approximately 7-8 miles (700-800 feet elevation gain/loss) on well-maintained trails that wind through oak and pine forests and scenic mountain meadows. It is usually considered a moderately challenging hike, but it may seem difficult for some because of the distance and individual abilities.

- Meet at 8:00 AM at the Meadows Information Station/Kiosk which is located 5.5 miles north of I-8 on Sunrise Hwy (S-1). NOTE: An Adventure Pass is required to be displayed in all parked vehicles.

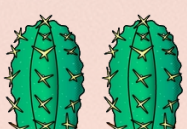
Oct. 18 **Corte Madera (7 miles) (5-6 hours)**



This 7-mile in and out hike, known as 'San Diego's Half Dome', is challenging with steep ascents and descents (1500' elevation gain/loss), and a rocky trail. Breathtaking views at the top make every step worth the effort!

- Meet at Buckman Springs Rest Area off I-8 at 8:00 am to carpool or caravan to the trailhead.

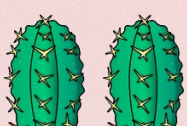
Nov. 1 **Bow Willow to Rock House (9 miles) (5-6 hours)**



This approximate 9-mile hike is strenuous and challenging because of the long distance, some boulder climbing, steep/rocky trails, and sandy washes. We will hike to the interesting, remote 'Rock House' which was built by Cattleman Darrel McCain in 1933, and we may also see evidence that Kumeyaay ancestor's once lived in the area.

- Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 am. We will carpool or caravan to the trailhead. CA State Park Day Pass OR \$10 parking fee per vehicle required (cash/exact change only).

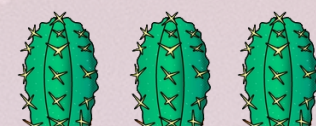
Nov. 22 **Sand Dune in the Sky (5-6 miles) (5 hours)**



This is a difficult and challenging hike in NW Davies Valley near Ocotillo. It's a 5-6 mile hike (approximately 1800 feet elevation gain/loss) that will take about 5 hours. The hike involves hiking off trail, some boulder climbing, hiking up steep sandy hills, plus other rugged desert terrain challenges. It's a strenuous hike, but you'll later be able to point to the "Sand Dune in the Sky" from I-8 to show your friends and family where you hiked!

- Leaves at 8:00 AM from the Imperial Valley Desert Museum parking lot. We will carpool/caravan in high-clearance vehicles to the trailhead.

Dec. 13 **Sombrero Peak via McCain Valley (10 miles) (7 hours)**



The hike to Sombrero Peak is a long one...approximately 10 miles in and out (1548' elevation gain/ loss). To reach the summit, where beautiful views await, requires strenuous boulder climbing. This is a physically challenging hike because of the distance and boulder climbing.

- Meet at 9:00 am at Cottonwood Campground on McCain Valley Rd. To get there, from I-8 take exit 65 and follow McCain Valley Rd to Cottonwood Campground. The road to Cottonwood Campground is a slow-going, 10 mile unpaved road, so allow plenty of travel time. (There may be a Parking Fee.)

Dec. 20 **Myer Creek to Happy's Upper & Lower Camps (5 miles) (5-6 hours)**



This is a challenging 5-mile trek into the Jacumba Wilderness. It includes strenuous bouldering and hiking up sandy creek beds, steep trails, and rugged terrain to get from Myer Creek to the old homesites of Happy who once lived in this remote high desert area.

- Leaves from IVDM parking lot at 8:00 am (or if coming from San Diego, meet at Mountain Springs Exit off I-8 in the dirt parking area at 8:20 am) to carpool in high-clearance vehicles to the trailhead.

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