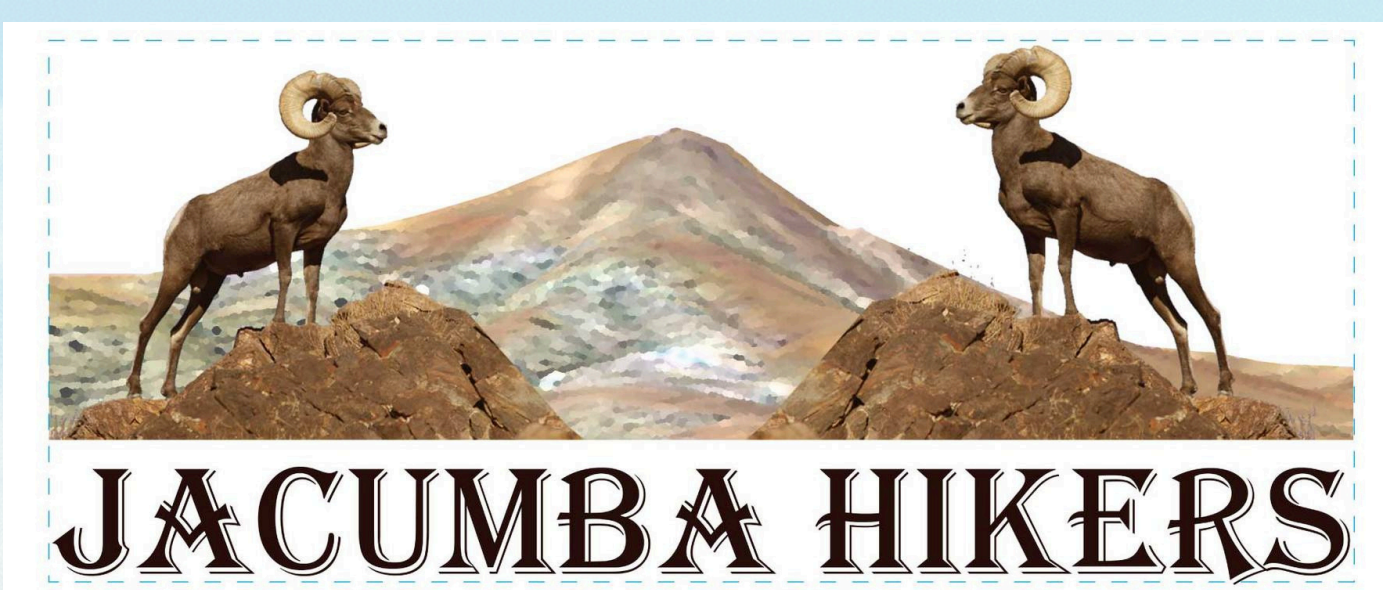

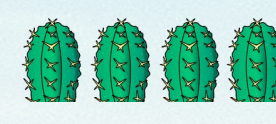
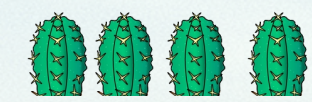


January & February 2026 Schedule



Hike Difficulty Key:

-  Moderately Challenging (no boulder climbing)
-  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! Hiking shoes with good traction, 2-3 liters of water, and a backpack to carry your own water, snacks, and gear are essential items on these challenging hikes. Hiking/Trekking poles are also helpful for some.

Jan. 31

Sand Dune in the Sky (5-6 miles) (5 hours)

We rescheduled this hike because it was cancelled in December due to rain. 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 in Ocotillo.

We will carpool/caravan in high-clearance vehicles to the trailhead.

Feb. 7

Sombrero Peak via McCain Valley Rd. (10 miles) (6-7 hours)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, (and directions to the trailhead caused some to miss the December hike because Google directions to Cottonwood Campground are wrong), so we have changed the meet-up location...see below. 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 some boulder climbing. This is a physically challenging hike because of the distance and bouldering.

- Take I-8 to Exit 65/CA-94/Boulevard. Travel south about 1/2 mile to Old Hwy 80. Turn left/east on Old Hwy 80. Go 500 ft. to meet at Wisteria Candy Cottage at 39961 Old Hwy 80 in Boulevard at 8:00 am. From there, we will caravan east on Old Hwy 80 to McCain Valley Rd. We will then travel slowly north (30 mph) for 10 miles on a graded, gravel road that leads to Cottonwood Campground. We will park at a campsite (there may be a Parking Fee) and will begin the hike from there.

Feb. 14

NE Davies Valley/Jacumba Wilderness Exploration (5-6 miles) (5 hours)

This is a beautiful and adventurous hike into the Jacumba Wilderness to the seldom-explored corner of NE Davies Valley. We will hike approximately 5-6 miles through sandy washes and canyons with towering walls. Some areas are steep with slippery rocks.

- Leaves from the Imperial Valley Desert Museum parking lot in Ocotillo at 8:00 am. We will carpool or caravan to the trailhead in highclearance vehicles.

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