



March / April 2016 Schedule

JACUMBA HIKERS/WALKERS



Sat. Mar. 5



Desert Wild Flowers - Starting at the trailhead to Mountain Palm Spring off S2 we will be traveling to a palm oasis and along the way may encounter wild flowers: Ocotillo, Blooming Creosote Bush, Salton Milk-Vetch, Poppies, Mariposa Lilly, Pink Phlox, Primrose, Desert Paint Brush, Verbena, Daisies and Yellow Cups just to name a few. Hike is rated **EASY** and approx. 4mi. No Dogs Please! Meet 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259. **Please read attached Safety Tips!* Hike Leaders: Bill (619) 766-4927 & Greg (619) 459-3037

Sat. Mar. 12



Valley of the Moon - Which may include: Smuggler's Cave, an old hideout of bandits and smugglers off I-8 East just past the San Diego/Imperial County line in a high desert area near the Mexican border. Possible side trips to Elliot Mine and Blue Angels Peak Monument. This hike is rated **HARD** with the out and back distance at 7 to 8.6 miles (approx. 4 hrs. round trip). No dogs please. Hikers will meet at Jacumba Spa, 44461 Old Hwy 801 Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934 at 8AM. Bring swim suit & towel for soaking in the mineral hot springs, courtesy of the Spa. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30AM and lunch will also be available after the hike. **Please read the attached Safety Tips!* Hike Leaders: Don & Anita.

Sat. Mar. 19



Andrade Slot Canyon - This hike is 4 to 6 miles and takes you to Coyote Mountains via highway S-2 in the Anza Borrego State Park. From the trailhead we will proceed into the Coyote Mtns. to Andrade Canyon where we will climb down a brief but exciting drop that begins one of the most interesting hikes in these mountains. We will walk through a slot canyon with high walls - 3' wide in some places. The canyon opens up onto the Carrizo Bad Lands with magnificent views. This hike is rated **HARD**. No Dogs Please! Meet 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259. Please read the attached Safety Tips! Hike Leaders: Mike & Nancy Rood (760) 435-1876 and Angel Somera

Sat. Mar. 26



Mountain Springs/Devils Canyon Loop - This hike is rated **MODERATE** and is mostly hiking in the sand wash starting at the original Stage Coach Road, up Devils Canyon to Palm Groves and back. No dogs please. Hikers will meet at Jacumba Spa, 44461 Old Hwy 801 Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934 at 8AM. Bring swim suit & towel for soaking in the mineral hot springs, courtesy of the Spa. Breakfast is available starting at 7:30AM and lunch will also be available after the hike. **Please read the attached Safety Tips!* Hike Leaders: Bill (619) 766-4927 and Nancy & Mike Rood

Sat. Apr. 2



Hike Up to the Bottom of the Ocean - A short, steep hike 1,000 ft. straight up where you will encounter ancient ocean bed with fossil evidence of coral, sea shells and other marine life. This hike is rated **EXTREME**! No Dogs Please! Meet 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259. **Please read the attached Safety Tips!* Hike Leaders: Richard, Tammy & Bill (760) 435-1876.

Sat. Apr. 9



Old Stage Coach Route & Potluck Social - Experience part of the "Old West" history & hike part of the Old Butterfield Stage Coach Route or "Jackass Mail." Founded in 1857 the trail runs from San Antonio, Texas to San Diego, CA. This hike is rated **HARD** only because the distance is 8mi. round trip. Hikers will meet 8AM at Jacumba Spa & Resort 44450, Old Hwy. 80 and carpool to Dennis's House. No Dogs Please! **Please read attached Safety Tips!*

Hike Leaders: Dennis Ruth 619 733-9600, Tammy (dumptruck.01@wildblue.net)

Note: Please bring a potluck dish to share for the Social Gathering at Greg's after the hike.

Sat. Apr. 16



Myer Creek to "Happys" Upper Camp - This 4 to 5 mile **EXTREME** hike begins at Mountain Springs Grade and takes us into the Jacumba Wilderness via Myer Creek. We will walk amid giant boulders, dry creek beds with occasional springs. We will encounter morteros and high desert flora including several palm oases on our way to the legendary recluse "Happys" deserted lower home site. We then climb out of the creek bed to the spectacular views of Upper Myer Valley and then on to "Happy's" remote upper camp. This hike is strenuous and includes bouldering. Meet 8AM at Jacumba Spa & Resort 44450, Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. No Dogs Please! Bring swim suit & towel for courtesy Spa use after the hike. **Please read attached Safety Tips!* Hike Leaders: Mike Rood (760) 455-1876, Angel Somera & Bill Pape 619 766-4927

Sat. Apr. 23



Ancient Waterfall & Davies Valley - This 6 mi. round trip will take you up a beautiful canyon wash that shows erosion evidence of a once glorious stream bed with a series of waterfalls that will include some bouldering/rock climbing. Then you will travel to the spectacular view of Davies Valley. This hike is rated **MODERATE**. No Dogs Please! Meet 8AM at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, 11 W. Frontage Rd., Ocotillo, CA 92259. **Please read attached Safety Tips!*

Hike Leaders: Bill Pape (619) 766-4927 & Richard.

Sat. Apr. 23



Jacumba Walk-About - This hike is 4 mi. rated **EASY** and suitable for the whole family. Dog Friendly using a 6' leash. Hikers will meet 8AM at the Jacumba Spa, 44500 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba Hot Springs, CA 91934. Breakfast is available starting at 7AM. This hike will take you to the Chinese Castle, the Natural Hot Springs, Jacumba Lake, Sand Wash, Train Station, Community Park and other good stuff! Courtesy day use for the mineral hot springs after the hike so bring swim suit & towel. **Please read attached Safety Tips!* Hike Leaders: Bill Pape (619) 766-4927 & Greg (gregcurran@sbcglobal.net)

Walk/Hike Legend



Easy - Mostly flat hiking/walking using a trail or path. Suitable for every member of the family.



Moderate - Suitable for all physically fit people/dogs.



Hard - Long length, substantial elevation gain and/or difficult terrain. Suitable for experienced hikers.



EXTREME - Long length, boulder climbing, difficult terrain, high elevation day long and/or over 6 mi. round trip. Expert hiking skills.

Disclaimer: Jacumba Hikers is a Private/Informal Hiking Group and assumes no responsibility or liability for harm or injury during hikes or other activities. You are solely responsible for your safety and wellbeing on any event posted. Know your LIMITS! **We leave No Hiker Behind!** Hike may be TERMINATED if a hiker cannot continue! So, again PLEASE know your Limits! You accept all risks when you RSVP or show up to participate for this event or any other event hosted by Jacumba Hikers. If you are interested in leading a hike and want to be included on the schedule contact Greg Curran (619) 459-3037 gregcurran@sbcglobal.net.