



Ranger Programs: Winter 2008-2009



A National Park Tradition

Join a national park ranger for an interpretive program: slide shows, evening programs, and ranger-led hikes and walks are seasonally available at locations throughout the preserve. Inquire at visitor centers for the latest information about this enriching national park tradition.

Kelso Dunes Walk

Saturdays: 2 p.m.

Kelso Dunes Trailhead

Free

Hike to the base of one of the largest and most extensive dune fields in the United States. Learn about the geologic forces that created Kelso Dunes and the mysterious booming sounds they make. Explore the unique adaptations of the plants and animals that live in this seemingly barren landscape.

This easy 1/2-mile hike (one-way) will take 30 to 45 minutes. Continue on your own to the top of the dunes, a moderately strenuous 3-mile round-trip. Please bring water and dress for the weather.



Petroglyphs: Rocks that Talk

Saturdays: 3 p.m.

Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center

Free



For thousands of years the Mojave Desert has been home to diverse cultures. The artifacts they left behind are both beautiful and mysterious. Discover how previous cultures survived in this harsh desert climate and the meanings of the rock art they left behind.

This easy 1/4-mile walk (one-way) will take about one hour.

Evening Program

Saturdays: 7 p.m.

Hole-in-the-Wall Amphitheater

Free

Mojave National Preserve is a special place. It is a land of stunning diversity, from the striking flats of Soda Dry Lake to the towering mountains of the New York, Providence, and Clark ranges. Share one ranger's impressions of this "Special Place" through words and pictures.

Gather around the campfire and munch on popcorn (provided). Meet inside the information center if weather conditions are poor.



Geology Talk

Sundays: 9 a.m.

Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center

Free



Hole-in-the-Wall's seemingly tranquil landscape has not always been this way. Great geologic forces have altered this area both subtly and abruptly. Learn why Hole-in-the-Wall got its name and how the holes came to be. Discover the forces that carved Banshee Canyon, and the “mover and shaker” behind it all—the eruption of the Woods Mountains caldera.

Come early for coffee or hot chocolate with the ranger. (Please bring your own cup.) Stay late to explore more on an optional, easy, short ranger-led hike.

Mitchell Caverns

Weekdays: 1:30 p.m.

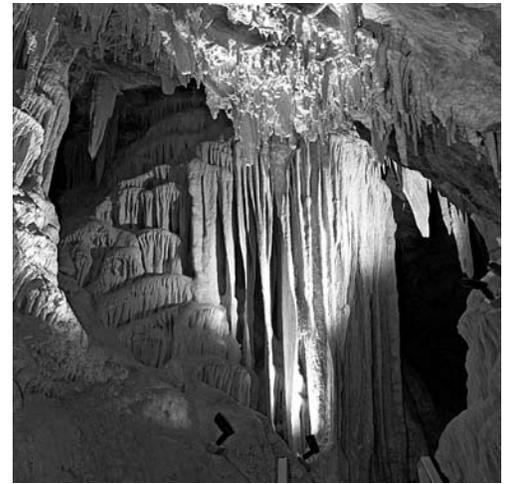
Weekends: 10 a.m.; 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Providence Mtn State Rec. Area

Adults \$5, Children (under 16) \$2

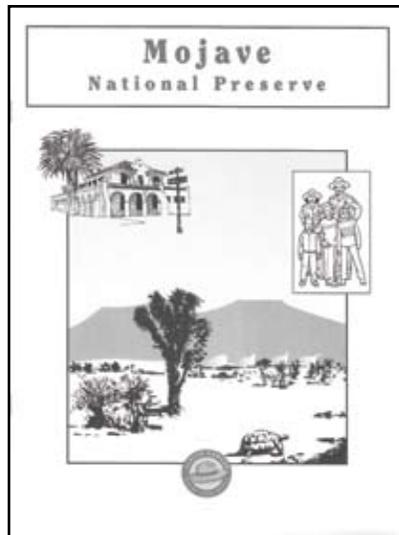
Stalactites, stalagmites, shields, and draperies are but a few of the formations decorating the interior of Mitchell Caverns—the only caves within the California State Park System. Explore this limestone wonderland with a California or National park ranger.

Visiting the caverns is by guided tour only. Tour size is limited to 25 people, first come, first served. Reservations are not accepted for individuals or small groups. Groups of ten or more require a mailed reservation at least three weeks in advance. To request a form, call (760) 928-2586.



Junior Ranger Program

Free



At 1.6 million acres, Mojave National Preserve is *huge*: park rangers cannot protect and preserve this special place without your help! Become a Junior Ranger and learn what you can do!

Complete the activity book and receive an official badge and a certificate. Visit the Kelso Depot Visitor Center, Hole-in-the-Wall Information Center, or Headquarters Information Center to get started!

Contact Information

Program subjects and times may change. For the latest information, please visit our website, www.nps.gov/moja, or inquire at a preserve information center.

Kelso Depot Visitor Center: 760 252-6108

Hole-in-the-Wall Info. Center: 760 928-2572

Headquarters Info. Center: 760 252-6100

Special programs can be arranged for educational groups. Please contact one of the above information centers for more details.

