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SPRING FIELD TRIPS to Death Valley

Wildflowers in southern Death Valley National Park

Friday February 26 (alternate is Sunday February 28)
Friday March 25 (alternate is Saturday March 26)
Saturday April 02 (alternate is Sunday April 03)

WHERE - To Death Valley National Park with Naturalist Janet Westbrook
In search of flowers and pupfish! (same trip, different days=different flowers) I've shown alternate days – if the weather is too windy or yucky on the scheduled day, I'll contact you and we'll go on the Alternate date. Fridays will be slightly less crowded.... Be sure you provide your e-mail address and phone so I can contact you!! It's a banner year over there already!! We'll be concentrating on flowers, not so much the "tourist stuff". Figure on at least 350 miles driving! Car pools encouraged.

HOW: Meet at the Museum for check in by 7:45 am for departure by 8 am; participants will be required to sign liability waiver. The car caravan will be organized and carpools encouraged based on when you want to be home and dinner plans. (might want to have dinner on the way home at Stovepipe or Panamint Springs)

COST: \$25 members (\$40 for 2 members), \$30 nonmembers (\$50 for 2 people). Family members encouraged. NO pets allowed in the Park. **Does not include the \$20 per vehicle entrance fee** to DV Park - unless someone in your vehicle has an annual pass - **bring that with you!! LIMIT 25 PEOPLE.**

NEEDED: Full tank of gas, car and tires in good running order. 4x4 not at all necessary, but there will be a little dirt road driving at Salt Creek. Bring a picnic lunch and folding chair. Usual dress code for field trips applies: hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, layered clothing, water, camera, binoculars. Mostly hop out of the car and admire flowers! Not strenuous.

Trip Description: Death Valley has had 1.68" of rain at Furnace Creek and more in the south since the start of fall, and there are already GREAT displays of flowers out! They will last - so each date will be different. Pick one and join me!! Pupfish will be where we can get a great look at them at Salt Creek. I'll scout out the best flower places just before each trip.

Here's what I plan: 1) Wildrose road is still washed out, so we go Townes Pass. Last spring this had THE best flower displays In April! 2) to Salt Creek to study silly Pupfish mating antics! What's a pupfish?? Come find out! 3) to Furnace Creek; Bring a picnic lunch . We'll eat somewhere at Furnace Creek Ranch or Visitor Center. Bring a folding chair! 4) then go look for flowers south on Badwater Road to Ashford Mill area. 5) Visit Artist's Drive as we head home late afternoon.

You might consider stopping at Stovepipe or Panamint Springs for dinner? Perfect trip for kids! (but not for pets, sorry) **Bring water, ice and snacks and lunch for all day.** Bring camera and lots of batteries. Watch the weather!!

Cancellation policy: *If the Museum cancels your trip, you will be given a full refund or you may transfer the money to a different trip. No cash refunds will be given if you cancel. However, if the trip is full and we can sell your space, your money will be refunded. If you must cancel, please notify the Museum as soon as possible so that people on the waiting list can be notified. Thank you.*