



# DESERT SURVIVORS

## TRIP SCHEDULE WINTER 2018

The trail calls me and I must follow.

1. January 26-28 (Fri-Sun)

**MITCHELL CAVERNS/MOJAVE PRESERVE CARCAMP (M)**  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CA

After seven years of closure due to budget cutbacks, attacks by vandals and extensive repairs, Mitchell Caverns in the Providence Mtns. has reopened. We have a group reservation for the guided cavern tour on Friday – spectacular and intricate limestone formations. Primitive camp in a Joshua tree forest. Saturday we dayhike in the Mojave National Preserve. Sunday we check out the Cinder Cone Lava Beds before heading home. Limit 16.

Contact Leader: Nick Blake nblake5@sbcglobal.net

2. February 3 (Sat)

**GROUND HOG DAY PARTY (E)**  
BAY AREA, TO BE DETERMINED

After a long, cold winter, Groundhog Day traditionally signals the beginning of the spring hiking season. It's time to shake out the cobwebs and move on to new adventures. While we're waiting for Punxsutawney Phil to find his shadow, join us for a potluck dinner and see what Desert Survivors plans in the coming season.

Contact: Michelle Bashin bizbashin@gmail.com

3. February 6-8 (Tue-Thu)

**GOLD BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT CARCAMP (M)**  
LAS VEGAS/CLARK COUNTY, NV

At the border of Nevada and Arizona not far from Lost Wages, this was one of President Obama's last monument designations, now near the top of the list of ones our current administration wants to repeal. Come see why this area is worthy of national monument status. Days will be short and nights chilly, but we'll spend our time hiking in this outstanding geological wonder. Why is this trip in the middle of the week? Because afterwards you can head to nearby Shoshone for the Desert Committee meeting the following weekend. Limit 8.

Contact Leader: Stacy Goss stacy.goss@comcast.net

4. February 10-11 (Sat-Sun)

**SIERRA CLUB DESERT COMMITTEE MEETING (E)**  
SHOSHONE, EASTERN INYO COUNTY, CA

The Sierra Club Wilderness Committee and Desert Committee hold their annual joint meeting in the tiny town of Shoshone, just south of Death Valley. Hear speakers and presentations on a wide variety of desert conservation issues. You will go away much better informed and more prepared for the fight to protect our precious wild lands. The meeting is open to everyone.

Contact: Nick Blake nblake5@sbcglobal.net

5. February 16-19 (Fri-Mon)

**OIL PAINTING IN DEATH VALLEY CARCAMP (E/M)**  
FURNACE CREEK, DEATH VALLEY, CA

Explore the Black Mountains in Death Valley National Park learning the secrets of *plein air* oil painting, co-led by Laura Cunningham, author-artist and naturalist who has lived and worked in the Death Valley area since 1999. Practice sketching, drawing, color studies, composition, and how to finish a small oil painting in morning and late afternoon sessions. Discuss natural history topics during hikes between sessions. Primitive camp at Hole-In-The-Wall; showers 9 mi. away. Beginners welcome! For more information, call Laura at (775) 553-2806. Material fee: \$25 to be collected in advance. Limit 10.

Contact Leader: Marisa Seaman (510) 872-5341  
seaman.marisa@gmail.com

6. February 19-22 (Mon-Thurs)

**EXPLORE DEATH VALLEY CARCAMP (M)**  
FURNACE CREEK, CA

An exploratory trip in Death Valley, some sightseeing, too. Dependent on road conditions, we will hike into Slit Canyon and Marble Canyon; the latter requires 4WD. High-clearance essential, 4WD a plus. Sign up by February 14. Primitive camping. Limit 8.

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7. February 23-25 (Fri-Sun)

**RED ROCK/LAST CHANCE CANYONS CARCAMP (M)**  
WESTERN MOJAVE

Red Rock Canyon State Park features scenic desert cliffs, buttes and spectacular rock formations. Friday, hike from camp to some of the surrounding canyons – each unique with dramatic shapes and vivid colors. Saturday, carpool to Last Chance Canyon and tour its abandoned mining camps, archeological sites, and wonderful desert terrain. Before heading home Sunday we will trek to Koehn (dry) Lake and check out the abandoned salt works and playa. Limit 16.

Contact Leader: Nick Blake nblake5@sbcglobal.net

8. March 16-18 (Fri-Sun)

**DESERT TORTOISE SERVICE WEEKEND (E)**  
CALIFORNIA CITY, CA

The best place to see desert tortoises chomping on spring desert blooms is the Desert Tortoise Preserve in the northern Mojave Desert. We join the Preserve for their annual work weekend on Saturday restoring tortoise habitat and repairing fencing/signage. Carcamp at nearby Red Rock Canyon State Park with Friday hiking at the wildflower meadows of Sheep Springs, El Paso Mountains. Limit 10.

Contact Leader: Barbara Bane (928) 607-6316  
barbbane@yahoo.com

9. March 25, 11 a.m. (Sun)

**RUTH BANCROFT GARDEN TOUR (E)**  
WALNUT CREEK, CA

The Ruth Bancroft Garden is an outstanding example of a water-conserving garden, appropriate for California's Mediterranean climate. It houses important collections of aloes, agaves, yuccas, and echeverias. The first succulent in the collection, *Aeonium 'Glenn Davidson'*, is still growing more than 70 years after it was planted. The Garden raises funds for its preservation in the spirit of its founder, Ruth Bancroft. We'll tour the garden and enjoy a potluck lunch together afterwards.

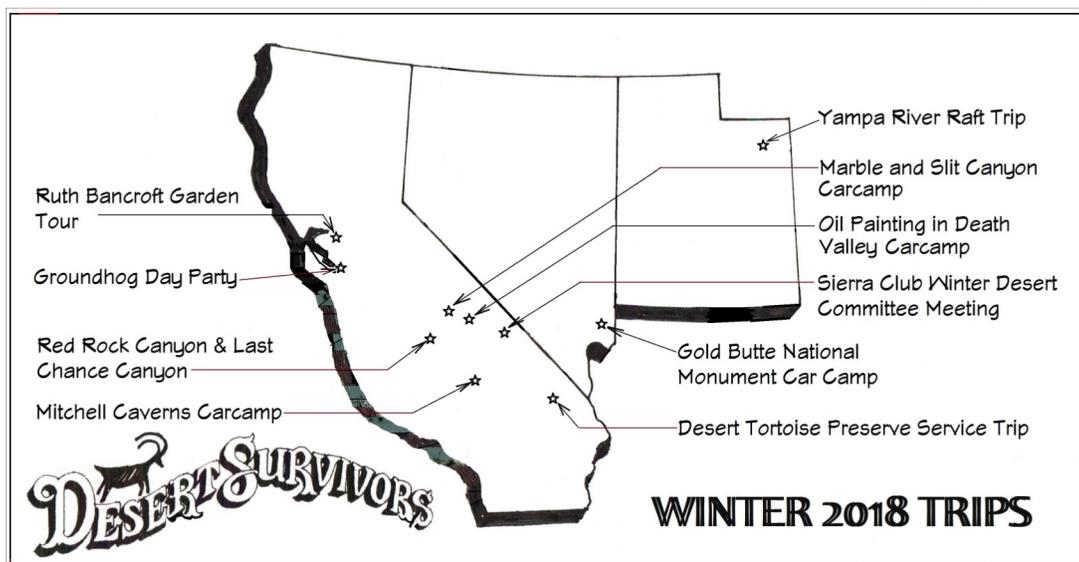
Contact Leader: Michelle Bashin bizbashin@gmail.com

10. June 16-21 (Sat-Thur)

**YAMPA RIVER RAFT TRIP (M)**  
VERNAL, UT

Back by popular demand, Desert Survivors is organizing another ARTA raft trip in Colorado and Utah. If you liked Desolation Canyon, the Yampa and Green Rivers offer even more spectacular scenery and more adventurous rapids. This 5-day trip starts and ends at Vernal, Utah. Desert Survivors has chartered this trip, and space is limited; therefore, Desert Survivors membership will be required. The group rate is \$999/person. Mike Wells has volunteered to organize this trip; do not contact ARTA directly.

Contact organizer: Mike Wells (530) 367-4372  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests or expertise \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to volunteer to \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to go to \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Desert Survivors?  
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Desert Survivors is an affiliation of desert lovers committed to experiencing, sharing, and protecting desert wilderness wherever we find it. We recognize the places we love to explore will not remain wild unless we give others the opportunity to experience them as we do, and unless we remain vigilant and active in our efforts to monitor and preserve them.

Membership dues are \$30/yr. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, *The Survivor*, plus seasonal trip schedules. Dues also support wilderness preservation efforts and are fully tax-deductible.

- ◆ Annual membership (\$30) required for trips. A donation may be requested by the leader at the trailhead (\$25 suggested).
- ◆ Each participant must sign a general liability waiver before departing on the trip.
- ◆ Some trips may be exploratory (not previewed by trip leader). Conditions may be difficult and the unexpected may occur. Consult with leader for details before deciding to go on trip.
- ◆ Trip sign-up procedure:
  1. You must call or write leader in advance to reserve space and receive a map and detailed trip description. Leader will confirm your sign-up.
  2. As noted in trip write-ups above, some leaders have set limits to the number of participants.
  3. Sign-ups are first come, first served. A waiting list will be maintained to fill spaces that arise. Please notify the leader ahead of time if you are dropping out.
  4. As noted in write-ups, some leaders have set beginning and end dates for signing up.
- ◆ Desert Survivors' trips begin at the designated trailhead. While trip participants are expected to cooperate with the trip leader, each participant is responsible for his or her own safety. In particular, trip participants are responsible for safely transporting themselves to and from trip locales.
- ◆ Desert Survivors encourages trip participants to carpool as a means to increase driver safety while reducing costs, energy consumption and environmental impacts. Trip participants are responsible for making their own carpool arrangements. Desert Survivors recommends that trip participants make equitable arrangements to share costs, and that all arrangements and financial compensation should be clearly negotiated in advance.

Additional questions? Call: Deirdre Cerkanowicz, President, [president@desert\\_survivors.org](mailto:president@desert_survivors.org)  
 Marisa Seaman, Activities Director, (510) 872-5341  
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