



# DESERT SURVIVORS

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## TRIP SCHEDULE SPRING 2018

Something will be gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed... We need wilderness preserved—as much of it as it still left, and as many kinds—because it was the challenge against which our character as a people was formed.

— Wallace Stegner

1. April 22–28 (Sun–Sat)  
**“THE MAZE” BACKPACKING TRIPS (S)**  
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, UT

A six-day/five-night backpack trip into The Maze, a convoluted complex of canyons deep inside Canyonlands National Park and one of the most beautiful and remote areas of the country. The one-day approach/exit hike is 15 mi. Once there, we'll find water then spend four days exploring ancient ruins and petroglyphs, canyon grottoes, and fantastic rock formations. We may also hike out of the Maze to visit The Doll House, an ancestral Puebloan ruin high above Spanish Flat on the Colorado River. We will carcamp at other sites within Canyonlands before and after the backpacking trip. Full; waiting list only.

Contact Leader: Neal Cassidy (510) 527-5913  
nealybug@hotmail.com

2. April 29—May 5 (Sun–Sat)  
**“THE MAZE” BACKPACKING TRIPS (S)**  
CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, UT

See description above. Full; waiting list only.

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3. May 11–13 (Fri–Sun)  
**EL PASO MTN WILDERNESS SERVICE TRIP CARCAMP (E)**  
WESTERN MOJAVE IN KERN COUNTY

With BLM supervision, we will restore the desert terrain from illegal vehicle routes along the northern wilderness boundary. We will also monitor activity along Little Dixie Wash—a scenic place on the west side of the wilderness. As a reward for our efforts, we will hike the Black Hills in search of petroglyphs and petrified wood. Limit 10. Co-leader Charlene Daniels.

Contact Leader: Mike Wells (530) 367-4372  
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4. May 13–19 (Sun–Sat)  
**GRAND GULCH BACKPACKING TRIP (S)**  
CEDAR MESA AREA, UT

Grand Gulch, a serpentine sandstone canyon winding 50 mi. from Cedar Mesa to the San Juan River, contains what many say is the richest collection of ancient Indian ruins and art in the southwest. We will backpack its upper reaches on a 28 to 40 mi. loop depending on what water we find in this is extraordinarily dry year. (Be prepared to carry up to three gallons.) In Bullet Canyon we'll visit Jailhouse Ruin and Perfect Kiva Ruin, a partially reconstructed kiva that is one of the few that can be entered. Permit fees approx. \$10-15 will apply depending on the group size. Limit 12.

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5. May 19–20 (Sat–Sun)  
**SIERRA CLUB DESERT COMMITTEE MEETING (E)**  
MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE

The spring Desert Committee meeting will be held at the Black Canyon group camp in the Mojave National Preserve. The weekend will feature talks and presentations on a wide variety of issues toward preserving our deserts as a vital wilderness. All Desert Survivors are encouraged to attend; the general public is welcome.

Contact: Nick Blake nblake5@sbcglobal.net

6. May 26–28 (Sat–Mon, Memorial Day weekend)  
**JOAQUIN ROCKS BACKPACK AND CARCAMP (M)**  
NEAR COALINGA, CA (FRESNO COUNTY)

Backpack to the purported hideout of legendary bandit Joaquin Murietta. The three sandstone outcrops have been off-limits to visitors for years, but recently the BLM has allowed permitted access. The overnight backpack to the rocks on Saturday is a relatively easy trek, except one must carry water. On Sunday we will return to our vehicles, then search for the site of the “Deportee Plane Wreck of Los Gatos.” In 1948, 28 Mexican farmworkers being deported and the American plane crew died when their DC3 crashed near here—inspiring a Woody Guthrie song. We will carcamp on Sunday night. Limit 8.

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7. June 8–10 (Fri–Sun)  
**BUFFALO HILLS WSA BACKPACK (M/S)**  
NORTHERN WASHOE COUNTY, NV

Along the California border west of Gerlach is a 6000' rolling plateau rich with mule deer, antelope, wild horses, and hopefully flowers. After setting up a convenient car shuttle, we'll start our 2-night backpack by dropping into the intriguing microcaldera named Hole in the Ground. On our second day we'll hike to the edge of the plateau for grand views of Buffalo Creek Canyon, then on day three wander north across rolling hills dotted with junipers and dry lakebeds. The terrain is easy, but we will have to carry lots if not all our water. Limit 12.

Contact Co-leader: Kim Marcus (718) 570-6628  
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Trip Leader: Dave Oline (541) 552-1195

8. 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. Limit 20, six spaces currently remain.

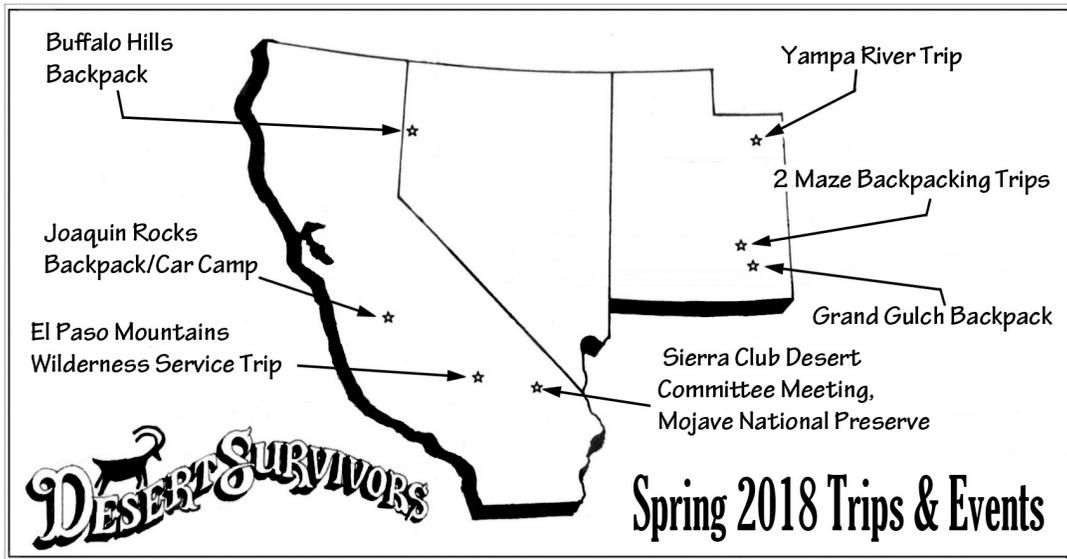
Contact organizer: Mike Wells (530) 367-4372  
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9. October 12–14 (Fri–Sun)  
**DESERT SURVIVORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA, JOLON, CA

At the request of many, our annual gathering will be at the Mission San Antonio de Padua, California's third mission established in 1771. Nestled in the picturesque San Antonio Valley, the surrounding terrain has changed little since Juan Bautista de Anza's expedition visited the mission on March 6, 1776. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act, this retreat's focus will be on a historical chapter in American history. More information to come.

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Desert Survivors is an 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created by and for 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.
- ◆ 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)  
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