

Great Outdoors Palm Springs Chapter
Salton Sea State Recreation Area
 February 18-21, 2010 (4 days / 3 nights)



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THE “ACCIDENTAL SEA”

In 1905 the Colorado River broke through poorly constructed canals and gates; for about 18 months, the river’s entire volume poured unchecked into the nearest low spot—the Salton Sink. Because it is a closed system, with no outlet, water is lost only through evaporation. The salts from the surrounding environment have been concentrated in the sea for many years, and now it is more saline than the ocean.

GEOHERMAL ENERGY, MUD POTS AND VOLCANOES OF THE SALTON SEA

How many readers are aware of an active volcanic area almost in our Palm Springs backyard? Indeed, we have a world-famous (at least to earth scientists) hot spot region below the Salton Sea Trough. Hot magmas, exceeding 680 degree F, lie at 8,000 feet below surface and provide the energy for the geothermal hot waters. One has merely to travel to the village of Niland on the east side of the Salton Sea to walk among a field of mud volcanoes and mud pots, comprising steaming vents and bubbling pools. It is worth a trip to see these features, which are quite unique. We will have a [guided tour of the Salton Sea Geothermal Plant](#).

Amenities: Hot showers, flush toilets, shade, campfire, Visitor Center, wildlife viewing, birding, native plant garden, painted canyon, unparalleled views of the Santa Rosa, Oracopia, and Chocolate Mountains, geothermal features.



Our Camp Area

Itinerary

Thursday, 2/18

- 8 am Check-in
- 2 pm **Group tour** of geothermal plant. Limited space. First priority to registered overnight campers for this tour.

Friday, 2/19

- 10 am Hike Bat Cave Buttes or old RR line or Dos Palmas, see camp posting for details
- 6 pm Potluck: Bring side dish (see below) and your own meat to grill
- 7 pm Power Point presentation: San Andreas Fault at the Salton Sea

Saturday, 2/20

- 9:30 am Interpretative driving/walking tour of geothermal features: mud volcanoes, dry ice plant, volcanoes (bring lunch)
- 5 pm Sunset hike along the seashore

Sunday, 2/21

- 10 am Visit National Wildlife Refuge/Salvation Mountain.
- Noon Check-out

No stores or services nearby. Bring your food and enough gas for the trip.

Directions: I-10 east to 86S, exit east on Ave. 66 then south on Hwy. 111 to Park Headquarters.

Address: 100-225 State Park Road, North Shore, CA 92254

A – F	Desserts
G – P	Hot dishes – veggies, pasta, potatoes, rice, chili
Q – Z	Salads, Fruit,

Bring your ten essentials (camping/cooking gear, firewood, food, warm/cool weather clothing).

Register: Complete the registration form on page 2 and send with check (payable to Great Outdoors) to:

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Registration Form - One Form per Person Please

FEES	
Circle all that apply	
Applicant	Fee
TENT - per person	\$35
RV - 1 or 2 people	\$70
RV - over 2 people each	\$20
Non-member each add	\$15
Day tripper	\$ 5

Camping registration includes entry fee.
 Park day use entry fee is \$8.00.

Geothermal plant tour has limited space; do you want to go on the tour? Y___ N___

I am carpooling with: _____

Sharing a tent/RV with: _____

Do you need a ride? Y___ N___

Can you offer a ride? Y___ N___

Trip leader's use:
Date: _____
Check #: _____
Amt: _____

Name (please print) _____

G.O Member # _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____

Email (will be kept confidential): _____

Mail address: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____

Group/Policy # _____
 (Individual travel and accident insurance is available from your local travel agent)

Physician: _____

Physician's Phone: _____

Please circle your best estimate of arrival and departure day and time:

I will be arriving on: Thur Fri Sat In the: AM Afternoon PM

I will be departing on: Fri Sat Sun In the: AM Afternoon PM

Health Problems/allergies: It is the responsibility of participants to carry on their person a record of significant allergies, medications and medical history in the event of a medical emergency.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, MEDICAL RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT

I am aware that my participation in this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. trip may include potentially hazardous activities, and I am voluntarily participating in these activities with the knowledge and understanding that I will use my best judgment to avoid injury to others and myself. I agree to follow the directions of the trip leader and abide by the rules of the facility I am using. I hereby release GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. including its officers, trail or trip leaders, agents or other persons working with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. from any liability for injuries, physical or mental, which I may suffer by reason of participation in these activities. I recognize in waiving this liability that I assume sole responsibility for my actions and cannot blame any injuries or losses on any other persons connected with GREAT OUTDOORS Inc.

I hereby agree to assume full financial responsibility for any bills incurred by me for medical treatment as a result of my participation this GREAT OUTDOORS Inc. activity. In the event that I am unable to consent to medical care, I hereby authorize the trip leader to consent to emergency medical treatment for me, including hospitalizations and surgery, as may be determined under the circumstances.

Sign by the X _____ Date: _____

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