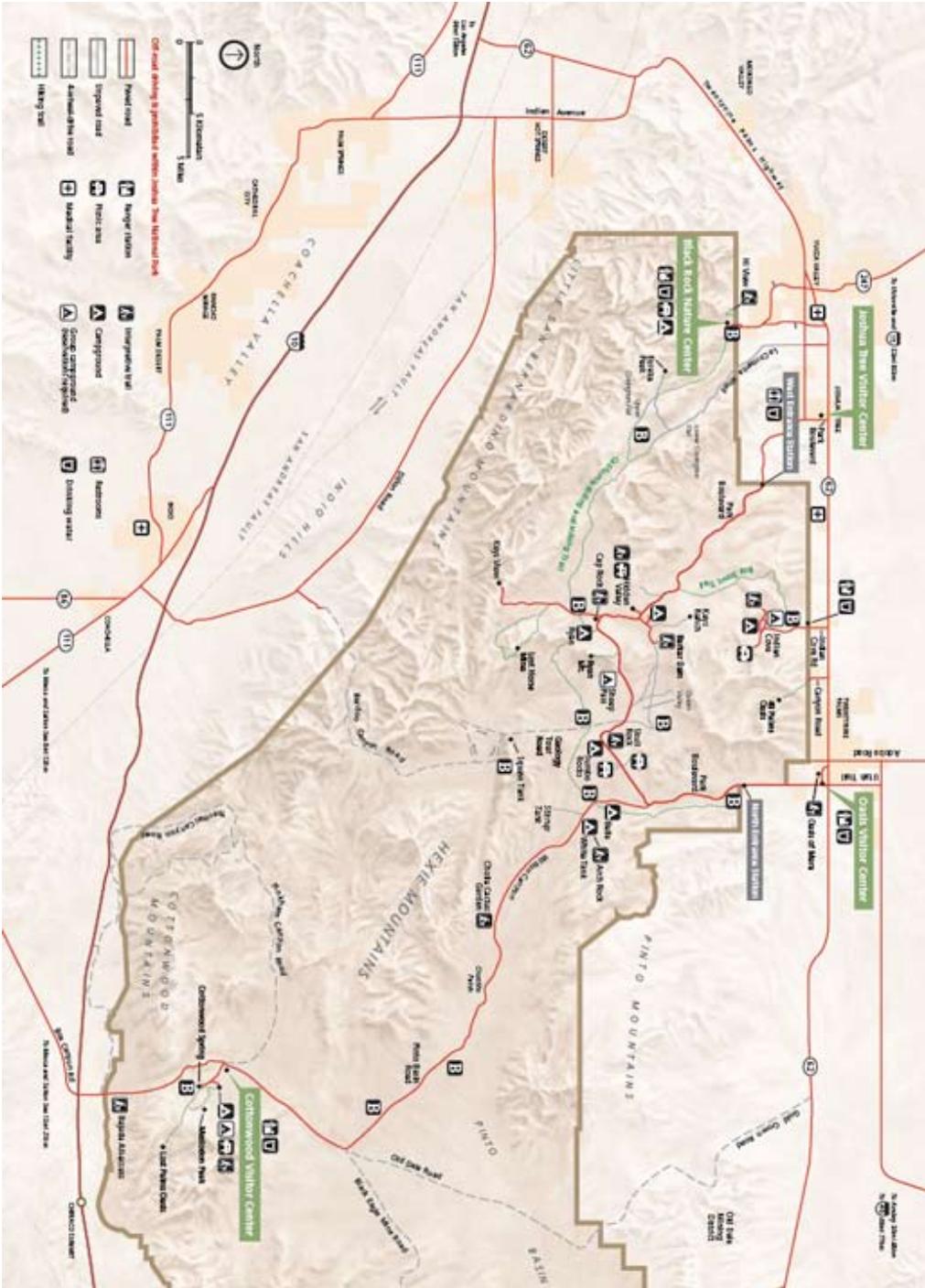


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JOSHUA TREE TRAIL MAP



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## PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS

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THE PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS ARE ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ATTRACTIONS TO ANY PALM SPRINGS VISITOR, ESPECIALLY IF YOU LOVE TO HIKE. UNLIKE OTHER AREA TRAILS, MOST OF THE TRAILS IN THE INDIAN CANYONS FOLLOW RUNNING STREAMS, AND ARE ABUNDANT IN CALIFORNIA FAN PALMS, AND MANY OTHER TYPES OF VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE.

TO GET TO THE PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS, TAKE SOUTH PALM CANYON FROM HIGHWAY 111 AND DRIVE ABOUT TWO MILES TO THE INDIAN CANYONS TOLLGATE. THERE ARE SIGNS POSTED TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY.

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## VICTOR TRAIL-PALM CANYON (INDIAN CANYONS)

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DIFFICULTY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS  
ELEVATION GAIN: ABOUT 300'  
LENGTH: 3 MILES ROUNDTrip

(ACTUAL LENGTH OF THE VICTOR TRAIL IS ABOUT 1.5 MILES,  
BUT YOU HAVE TO HIKE ON THE PALM CANYON TRAIL TO REACH IT... )

THIS TRAIL LOOP COMBINATION (VICTOR TRAIL/PALM CANYON TRAIL) OFFERS SOME FANTASTIC VIEWS OF THE INDIAN CANYONS. YOU WILL SEE LOT OF ROUGH STEEP CANYONS, CACTUS, LUSH-GREEN PALM-TREED OASES, AND THE EVER BEAUTIFUL SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY ALONG THE TRAIL. THE TRAIL IS RUGGED VERY RUGGED ALONG THE WAY, (ESPECIALLY THE VICTOR TRAIL), AND IT HAS THE USUAL LOOSE ROCKY FEEL OF THE TRAILS IN THE AREA. BE SURE YOU ARE WEARING STURDY BOOTS, A HAT, SUNSCREEN, AND BRING LOTS AND LOTS OF WATER, BECAUSE TEMPERATURES CAN BE IN THE 80-90 DEGREE RANGE EVEN IN THE FALL, WINTER AND SPRING MONTHS. ALSO, IN YEARS WHEN THE COACHELLA VALLEY AND THE SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS HAVE HAD A LOT OF RAINFALL, WATER LEVELS IN THE CANYON CAN GET HIGH, AND THERE ARE TWO STREAM CROSSINGS TO NEGOTIATE, SO YOU MIGHT GET A LITTLE WET. HOWEVER, LIKE ANY OF THE INDIAN CANYON TRAILS, OR ANY OF THE OTHER COACHELLA VALLEY TRAILS IT PROVIDES THE HIKER WITH FANTASTIC VIEWS OF PLANT AND WILD LIFE, AND OF THE MOUNTAINS AND COACHELLA VALLEY.

TO GET TO THE TRAILHEAD, USE THE DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN CANYONS HERE, THEN CONTINUE ALONG THE MAIN ROAD UNTIL REACHING ITS END AT TWO LARGE PARKING LOTS NEAR THE PALM CANYON INDIAN TRADING POST. TO REACH THE TRAILHEAD, WALK EAST FROM THE TRADING POST TO END OF THE "OVERFLOW" PARKING LOT, CONTINUE NORTH WHERE THE TRAIL IS EVIDENT, CROSS THE STREAM, AND CONTINUE TO THE CONFLUENCE OF WASHES-THE VICTOR TRAIL SIGN IS LOCATED SOUTH AND UP THE SLOPE.



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## FERN CANYON TRAIL

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DIFFICULTY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS  
BEGINNING ELEVATION: 760'  
ELEVATION GAIN: 460'  
LENGTH: 10 MILES

( ACTUAL LENGTH OF FERN CANYON IS 4 MILES, BUT YOU HAVE TO HIKE ON EITHER  
THE PALM CANYON TRAIL OR THE WILDHORSE TRAIL TO REACH IT... )

TO REACH THIS TRAIL, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE GARSTIN TRAIL (OR YOU CAN REACH IT FROM THE PALM CANYON TRAIL...). ONCE ON THE GARSTIN, PROCEED UP THE GARSTIN TRAIL FOR ABOUT 2 MILES AND FOLLOW THE SIGN FOR THE WILDHORSE/BERNS/SHANNON TRAILS. SHORTLY YOU WILL COME TO A Y IN THE TRAIL, KEEP RIGHT UNTIL YOU REACH THE TRAILHEAD SIGN FOR THE FERN CANYON/VANDEVENTER/HAHN-BUENA VISTA/PALM CANYON TRAILS. JUST KEEP FOLLOWING THE TRAILHEAD SIGNS UNTIL YOU REACH THE FERN CANYON TRAIL. THE TRAIL WILL LEAD YOU TO A BEAUTIFUL PLATEAU, WHICH IS NOTED FOR BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWERS IN THE SPRING TIME. FOLLOW THE TRAIL TOWARDS PALM CANYON, AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED WITH A LUSH PALM OASIS AT THE FOOT OF A GIANT BOULDER, COVERED WITH DRIPPING WATER AND GORGEOUS FERNS. FROM HERE YOU CAN EITHER BACKTRACK THE WAY YOU CAME, OR CONTINUE INTO PALM CANYON AND THE INDIAN TRADING POST.



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## THE MAYNARD MINE TRAIL

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THE MAYNARD MINE TRAIL IS A RUGGED UPHILL CLIMB THAT LEADS TO THE REMAINS OF AN OLD TUNGSTEN MINE THAT WAS WORKED DURING W.W.II BY JIM MAYNARD. TO GET TO THIS TRAIL GO TO THE AGUA CALIENTE INDIAN CANYONS, AND AFTER PAYING YOUR FEE (WELL WORTH IT), TAKE THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO ANDREAS CANYON. AFTER PARKING, CROSS THE BRIDGE TO THE LEFT AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE MAYNARD MINE TRAIL.

FROM THE BEGINNING, THIS TRAIL CLIMBS UP THE MOUNTAIN WITHOUT STOPPING. AT TIMES THE TRAIL IS A LITTLE HARD TO FOLLOW, BUT YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP ON IT IF YOU ARE CAREFUL. AFTER ABOUT FOUR MILES OF UPHILL CLIMBING YOU WILL REACH A RIDGE THAT OVERLOOKS THE CANYON TO THE RIGHT. AT THAT POINT YOU WILL HAVE GAINED ABOUT 2,200 FEET IN ELEVATION. TO CONTINUE ON, DESCEND ABOUT  $\frac{3}{4}$  OF A MILE INTO THE CANYON, WHERE YOU WILL FIND WHAT REMAINS OF THE MINE. THERE IS AN OLD GASOLINE POWERED ENGINE AND ABOUT AN 8- 10 FOOT HOLE.

WHEN READY, RETURN BY THE SAME TRAIL. BY THE TIME YOU REACH YOUR CAR YOU WILL BE TIRED, BUT YOU WILL HAVE BEEN TREATED TO MANY WONDERFUL VIEWS OF THE CANYONS, THE COACHELLA VALLEY, AND THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS BEYOND.



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## PALM CANYON TRAIL

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LENGTH: 1/2 TO 15 MILES (DEPENDS ON HOW FAR YOU WANT TO HIKE...)

DIRECTIONS: AFTER ENTERING THE INDIAN CANYONS CONTINUE ON THE MAIN ROAD ABOUT 2 1/2 MILES TO THE TRADING POST. PARK IN THE SPACES PROVIDED AND FOLLOW THE SIGNS DOWN THE CANYON TO THE TRAILHEAD.

AFTER WALKING DOWN THE PAVED TRAIL THAT LEADS FROM THE TRADING POST, CONTINUE TO THE RIGHT UP INTO THE CANYON. YOU WILL BE TREATED TO ABUNDANT GROVES OF PALM TREES AND OTHER DESERT VEGETATION, AS WELL AS MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF DESERT WILDLIFE. CONTINUE HIKING UPSTREAM FOR ABOUT 1/2 MILE WHERE YOU WILL CROSS OVER THE STREAMBED AND HEAD UP THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CANYON. AFTER ABOUT ANOTHER 1/4 OF A MILE YOU WILL COME TO AN INTERSECTION. TO CONTINUE FURTHER UP THE PALM CANYON TRAIL TURN RIGHT AND CROSS OVER THE CREEK. HERE YOU WILL BEGIN TO CLIMB ABOVE THE OASIS. IF YOU ARE PREPARED AND WILLING, YOU CAN CONTINUE UP THIS TRAIL FOR 15 MILES WHERE IT INTERSECTS HIGHWAY 74 SOUTH OF PINON PINES. HOWEVER, DON'T TRY THIS UNLESS YOU ARE IN EXTREMELY GOOD SHAPE AND HAVE PROPER PROVISIONS.

IF YOU ARE NOT INTO HIKING THE FULL 15 MILES TO PINON PINES, PALM CANYON OFFERS MANY OTHER TRAILS THAT WILL GIVE THE HIKER BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE OASIS, WATERFALLS, AND THE BEAUTIFUL RUGGED SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS, AND THE SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE. SOME OF THE FAVORITE DESTINATIONS IN PALM CANYON INCLUDE "LOST PARADISE," AND "BULLSEYE ROCK." FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO REACH THESE DESTINATIONS IN PALM CANYON I HIGHLY RECOMMEND PURCHASING PHILIP FERRANTI'S BOOK: "100 GREAT HIKES IN AND NEAR PALM SPRINGS"

DURING WARM WEATHER BE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE RATTLESNAKES IN THE AREA (ESPECIALLY IN PALM CANYON BECAUSE OF THE ABUNDANT WATER AND FOOD SUPPLY . . . ), SO WATCH YOUR STEP AND STAY ON THE TRAIL. BE SURE TO BRING PLENTY OF WATER, AND HIKE SAFELY.



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## MURRAY CANYON TRAIL

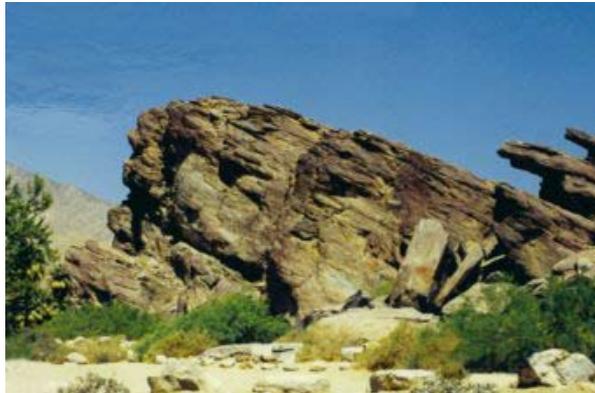
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LENGTH: 2 TO 6 MILES (DEPENDING ON HOW FAR YOU WANT TO GO... )

DIRECTIONS: AFTER ENTERING THE INDIAN CANYONS TAKE THE ROAD TO THE RIGHT UP TO THE PARKING AREA. AFTER PARKING, FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE TRAILHEAD.

THE MURRAY CANYON TRAIL IS A MODERATELY DIFFICULT HIKE THAT GIVES THE HIKER MORE OF A CHALLENGE THAN ANDREAS CANYON. IT WILL TAKE YOU FURTHER AND HIGHER INTO THE SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS THAN THE ANDREAS CANYON TRAIL, AND IT IS ABUNDANT IN CALIFORNIA FAN PALMS AND OTHER DESERT VEGETATION WHICH MAKES IT A NICE CHANGE FROM SO MANY OF THE OTHER PALM SPRINGS AREA HIKES. THE TRAIL WANDERS THROUGH THE CANYON AND ALONG THE STREAM FOR A LOT OF THE JOURNEY, SO BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN EVER THERE IS STRONG OR HIGH RUNOFF AS THE ROCKS CAN BE VERY SLIPPERY.

IF YOU TAKE YOUR TIME ON THE HIKE AND LOOK AROUND, YOU WILL SEE MANY DIFFERENT ASSORTED CACTI, DESERT WILLOWS, AND COTTONWOOD TREES. THERE IS ALSO ABUNDANT WILDLIFE, INCLUDING COUNTLESS SPECIES OF INSECTS, BIRDS, LIZARDS, AND ALSO SOME SNAKES. DURING WARM WEATHER BE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE RATTLESNAKES IN THE AREA, SO WATCH YOUR STEP AND STAY ON THE TRAIL. BE SURE TO BRING PLENTY OF WATER, AND HIKE SAFELY.



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## ANDREAS CANYON

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LENGTH: ABOUT 2 MILES

DIRECTIONS: AFTER ENTERING THE INDIAN CANYONS TAKE THE ROAD TO THE RIGHT UP TO THE PARKING AREA. AFTER PARKING, FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE TRAILHEAD.

THE ANDREAS CANYON TRAIL IS AN EASY TRAIL THAT TAKES THE HIKER UP THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CANYON, FOLLOWING A STREAM THAT WANDERS THROUGH GROVES OF CALIFORNIA FAN PALMS. THE CANYON IS A STARK CONTRAST TO THE USUAL DESERT HIKING TRAIL DUE TO THE ABUNDANT VEGETATION THAT GROWS ALONG THE STREAM. ONE ALMOST FEELS LIKE THEY ARE IN A "JUNGLE" ENVIRONMENT, INSTEAD OF DESERT. IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU WILL ALSO SEE MANY DIFFERENT BIRDS AND OTHER ANIMALS, ALONG WITH COUNTLESS INSECTS. AFTER HIKING ABOUT ONE MILE, THE HIKER COMES TO A WIRE FENCE THAT SIGNALS THE END OF THE TRAIL. AT THIS POINT YOU CAN CROSS THE STREAM AND RETURN VIA THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CANYON, OR YOU CAN RETURN THE WAY YOU CAME. THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CANYON GIVES THE HIKER A VIEW OF THE CANYON FROM ABOVE IT A LITTLE, AND IS VERY MUCH WORTH THE EFFORT.

DURING TIMES OF MOUNTAIN RUNOFF, THE STREAM CAN BECOME A LITTLE TREACHEROUS TO CROSS. BE CAREFUL OF SLIPPERY ROCKS, AND ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE WHEN HIKING. DURING THE WARMER MONTHS OF THE YEAR THERE IS ALWAYS THE CHANCE OF COMING ACROSS RATTLESNAKES, SO BE ALERT AND WATCH YOUR STEP.



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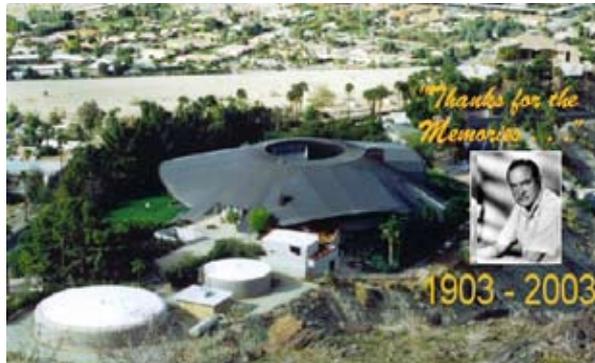
## THE ARABY TRAIL

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THE ARABY TRAIL CAN BE REACHED BY TURNING OFF HIGHWAY 111 ONTO SOUTHRIDGE RIMCREST WHICH IS JUST A SHORT DISTANCE TO THE RIGHT FROM THE PARKER. THE TRAIL CAN BE FOUND ON THE LEFT (SOUTH) SIDE OF THE ROAD JUST BEFORE THE GUARD GATE.

WHEN YOU TURN ONTO SOUTHRIDGE RIMCREST ROAD, TURN IMMEDIATELY TO THE RIGHT FOR PARKING. WALK UP THE PAVED ROAD AND THE TRAIL WILL BE TO THE LEFT.

THE TRAIL BOASTS SENSATIONAL COACHELLA VALLEY VIEWS AND TAKES YOU PAST THE BOB HOPE HOUSE. IF YOU CONTINUE UP THE TRAIL, YOU WILL ACCESS THE BERNS, GARSTIN AND HENDERSON TRAILS. THERE ARE NO PICNIC TABLES BUT AN ABUNDANCE OF ROCKS CAN BE FOUND TO SIT ON AND ENJOY THE VIEWS OF THE VALLEY. THE 1.6 MILE TRAIL IS CONSIDERED MODERATELY DIFFICULT.



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