



Visit us when you are in town!

Desert Information, free flower maps, books, guides, gifts, clothing.

The Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association

652 Palm Canyon Drive

ABDNHA is a 501(c)3 Educational Non-profit Association

Where to go if you just have one day?

To see the best of Borrego's blooms in different desert settings, here are six suggested stops. You could do all of them in an action-packed day or choose just a few and explore in detail.

Stop 1. End of DiGiorgio Road & Coyote Canyon. This spot is always a favorite in bloom years and it's spectacular right now, carpeted in white, blue, yellow, and purple, with specks of other colors mixed in. If you want to walk through fields of flowers, this is the spot. Before you get to the end of DiGiorgio road you will see fields of bright yellow, covered with desert dandelions. Just five minutes from the center of town. **This is Bloom # 1 on our Borrego Springs Map.**

Stop 2. Drive ten minutes east of Borrego Springs on Highway S-22 and park at the large pullout on the north side of the road near mile marker 31. The hills to the north are carpeted in purple sand verbena, with yellow sunflowers beyond, stretching all the way to the base of the mountains. The flowers here are expanding; it's getting better. This is a great place to walk and explore on the open slopes, with stunning mountain vistas in the background. Great photo spot, about 15 minutes from the center of town. **This is Bloom # 1 our Badlands Map.**

Stop 3. Continue east on S-22 to mile 34.8, Arroyo Salado, on the south side of the road. Park in the campground. In this location you will see bands of flowers in picturesque settings, including desert lilies and desert sunflowers, with the eroded sandstone of the badlands as background. Wander, walk, and explore. Across the road, Coachwhip Canyon is just as spectacular, but in a different way, with dense patches of blue Arizona lupine and golden sunflowers in all the coves and corners of the beautiful rock formations, so dense in places that you can smell the sweet scent. About 20 minutes from the center of town. **This is Bloom # 2 on our Badlands Map.**

Stop 4. When you come back to Borrego Springs, for lunch or a break to relax or shop, be sure to visit ABDNHA's Desert Botanical Garden, 652 Palm Canyon Drive, center of town, just west of Christmas Circle, with desert plants from around the world and native wildflowers currently coming into bloom. ABDNHA's garden is a work always in progress and it steadily expands each year.

Stop 5. From Christmas Circle drive south on Borrego Springs Road approximately 10.5 miles (15 minutes) to the area known as "Texas Dip". Park off the side of the highway at the bottom of hill and walk west to explore the coves and folds of the hillside that border the wash, covered with yellow-gold poppies with patches of blue lupine mixed in. **This is Bloom # 3 on our Borrego Springs Map.**

Stop 6. If you want to hike: Head west on Palm Canyon Drive to the Hellhole Canyon Trail, with a large parking area about 2 miles up the Montezuma Grade. Make sure you have good shoes, as rocks and cactus don't mix well with open sandals, and make sure you bring water and snacks. You will discover totally different flowers here from the locations listed above. **This is Bloom # 2 on our Borrego Springs Map,** just ten minutes from the center of town. We have heard that the popular Borrego Palm Canyon Trail has re-opened but as of 3/8 the park's website still lists it as closed.