For Borrego blooms in April, plan to take a walk or hike into the canyons or drive the dirt roads into these areas, mostly at higher elevations, as the wildflower bloom of annuals in the lower desert has mostly faded and is setting seed. April is a lovely month to visit, with still cool mornings and evenings, and not as busy as March.

April is a good time to see blooms of the colorful cacti of Anza-Borrego, the flame-tipped Ocotillo, the tall stalks of the Agave, desert trees in bloom such as the yellow Palo Verde, and native shrubs such as the blue Indigo Bush. These plants are often found at the rocky entrances to the canyons and washes, and are dispersed, not concentrated together like the fields of wildflowers earlier in Spring.

While we are discontinuing our daily updated wildflower maps at this time, you can now use our maps to locate some of these canyon areas. You can also pick up a free printed version of the map at the ABDNHA Borrego Desert Nature Center.

Recommended are the canyons and trails of Borrego Palm Canyon, Henderson Canyon, Hellhole Canyon, Little Surprise Canyon Yaqui Well Trail, Bill Kenyon Trail, Plum Canyon, Mine Wash, and the Culp Valley/Pena Spring area at higher elevations. Also check ABDNHA’s botanical garden adjacent to the Nature Center for blooms.
Map 2: East of Borrego Springs

A free printed copy of this map is available at ABDNHA: 652 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs

Bloom Areas
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Points of Interest
Public Toilets
Dirt Roads, 4WD advised

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There are many routes in the OWSRVA which require 4WD and more detailed maps. This map is intended for a general orientation to locations with flower blooms. For that reason the washes in this area are not shown. It is recommended to obtain a map of the area from the OWSRV HQ in Ocotillo Wells if you are not familiar with this area.

Please see the note above, on our Borrego Springs map.

There are still small pockets of flowers to be found in the sheltered areas of the washes and canyons of the badlands, but the flower fields and hillsides of purple sand verbena, golden desert sunflowers, lupines, and lilies that attracted visitors to the Borrego Badlands in February and early March are now gone.
Please see note above, on map #1