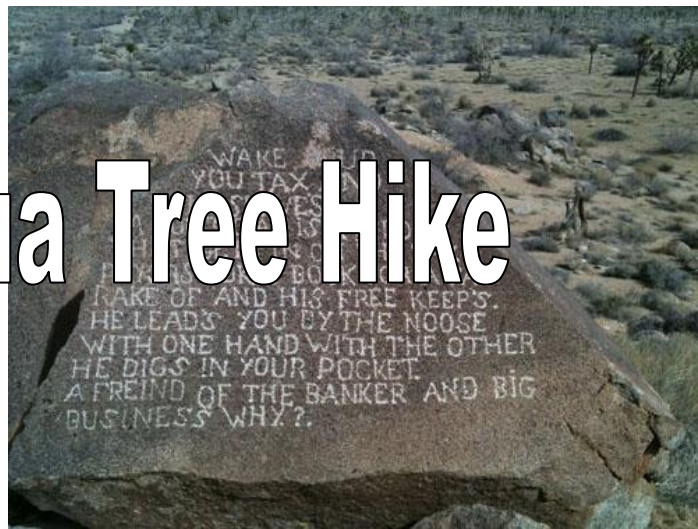




Troop 65 Joshua Tree Hike



What: An easy 10-mile hike over relatively flat terrain. We'll visit Samuelson's Rocks and the Boy Scout Trail. We'll spend some time working on map & compass and simple navigation, and if we have enough interest we'll try geocaching, too. An overnight campout with a taste of backpacking.

Where: Joshua Tree National Park, Quail Springs Area

When: Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2012

Directions: Enter the park at the West Entrance Station from the town of Joshua Tree (about 140 miles from Long Beach). Stay on Park Boulevard (a paved road) for about 6 miles. Watch for a sign indicating the Boy Scout Trail (at Keys West) on the left side of the road. There is a large parking area with restrooms. We'll meet there at 8:30 am and start a dayhike promptly at 9 am. We will return to the parking area late in the day, pick up our backpacks and overnight gear, and hike up the Boy Scout Trail to a backcountry camp site.

Bring: \$15 for park entrance. For the dayhike: at least 3 liters of water; lunch and trail food; sunscreen and a hat; the Outdoor Essentials. For the overnight campout: tent, sleeping gear, food for dinner and breakfast, any overnight essentials. Indian Cove topo map is useful.

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Rain cancels the hike.