Where Are The Flowers?

1. The Butte

A wide variety of flowers can be seen at the base of the East Butte, including dense fields of brown-eyed primrose, sand verbena, desert lilies, and Arizona lupine. The access trail can be found behind the restroom and shower building at the intersection of Ranger Station and Quarry Road. Those without 4WD may walk to this easily accessed field.

2. Fault Wash

The northern end of Fault Wash has impressive fields of desert gold sunflowers, lupine, and several species of primrose, including the fragrant dune evening primrose. Fields begin around mile 2. 4X4 Required. 4X4 Required.

3. Palo Verde Wash

Palo Verde Wash, like Fault Wash, has dense fields of sunflowers and primrose. Clusters of desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert daffodils can be seen. 4X4 Required.

4. Back of Devil's Slide

One of the most spectacular fields of the season! Access by parking near Devil's Slide, off Shell Reef Expressway. Hike over the hill, headed north. Sand verbena, dune evening primrose, and desert gold sunflowers abound! A wide variety of other flowers can also be seen. 4X4 Required.

5. Pack Rat Wash

Desert sunflower and brown-eyed primrose fill the fields here. The entire wash is flanked by flowers, but dense fields can be found at mile marker 2.0 and 3.7. 4X4 Required.

6. East Bank Wash

The first two miles of East Bank Wash are deceptively sparse. A picturesque canyon full of popcorn flowers, primrose, and sand verbena, awaits at mile marker 2.7. A few desert lilies are just beginning to bloom here. Sunflower fields continue until the junction with Bank Wash.

7. Buttes Pass Rd

Those with street legal vehicles only may explore Buttes Pass Road, which is part of neighboring Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Buttes Pass Road, Cut Across Trail, and Blowsand Canyon have fields of primrose, verbena, brittlebush and popcorn flowers.



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