

Borrego Springs: Town inside the Park

- 3,500 full time residents
- Surrounded by 640,000 acres of Anza-Borrego Desert state Park
- 3 rural two-lane roadways in, no highway
- 10 public restrooms
- Limited amenities (grocery, restaurant, hotel, gas stations)
- Limited connectivity (cell and internet)

SMALL CARRYING CAPACITY







Planning

- Met Early: Park, ABF, concessions, and community
- Developed Plans: messaging and communication, traffic control, maps, port-apotties, informed community
- Hosted a Media Day: Communications, ABDSP & Ocotillo Wells
- Resilient Ready: extra food, water, and fatigue avoidance scheduling

#BEAUTYINTHEBLOOM

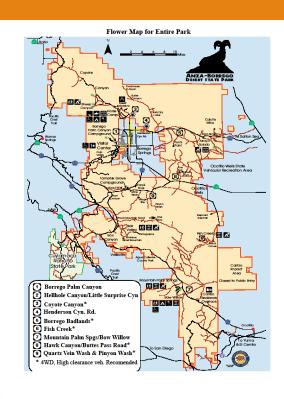
- ✓ Take photos, not flowers
- ✓ Keep the parks pristine
- ✓ Drone use prohibited

Learn more at www.parks.ca.gov/WildflowerBloom

Implementation: ABDSP & ABF

- Collaboration: Feedback loops for quick response times and change
- Signage: Directional to support traffic flow and info stations
- Social Media: 2 videos/week + regular updates as flowers bloomed
- Information Stations: 2 locations, volunteer led
- Plant Walks: Weekly led by Park Volunteers and ABF
- Maps: Co-designed maps including park and community resources





WILDFLOWERS











Outcomes

- Managed visitor expectations
- Utilized the resource of the partnership
- Less stressed, "high energy" staff and volunteers
- Increased safety for visitors
- O Prepared!

Social Media Videos

Wildflower Video "Thank You"

https://www.facebook.com/AnzaBorrego/videos/409224079905178/

Questions?

#DONTDOOMTHEBLOOM

- Don't trample flowers
- Tread lightly in the desert
- Stay on designated trails
- ✓ Keep dogs on leash

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