

Organ Pipe Cactus

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National Monument

Planning Your Visit



Plan Ahead

Many people base the time of their visit on the season, the temperature, and blooming wildflowers or cacti. Your time, interests and abilities will further determine how you experience the monument. Temperature and wildflower charts are included on the reverse. The following are offered as suggestions only.

If you have:

One Hour

Welcome to the Kris Eggle Visitor Center!
Combine at least two of these activities:

- Watch our 15 minute informative video presentation to see spectacular photos of the Monument.
- Walk leisurely on our 1/10 mile accessible nature trail.

- Stroll through our exhibit room to learn what makes this monument so special.

- Explore a little of the Sonoran Desert by driving the 10 mile round trip section of North Puerto Blanco Scenic Drive. This graded dirt road easily accommodates passenger vehicles, but is not recommended for motorhomes or trailers over 25 feet in length.

Two or Three Hours

Do some of the above, then:

- Walk the easy 1.2 mile Desert View Nature Trail to learn more about the desert plants and the people who lived in this area.

Or....

- Tour the 21 mile Ajo Mountain Scenic Loop. Drive through impressive stands of organ pipe, saguaro and other cacti. Cruise near tall cliffs and marvel at impressive views from volcanic mountainsides. This graded dirt road easily accommodates passenger vehicles, but is not recommended for motorhomes or trailers over 25 feet in length.

Half Day

Any of the above, plus:

- Take a hike toward the arches in Arch Canyon, or to the historic structures at Victoria Mine and Alamo Canyon.

Or....

- Hike the rugged Estes Canyon-Bull Pasture trail to discover a unique ecosystem high in the Ajo Mountains. Imagine how early day ranchers drove their bulls to this remote pasture-like basin.

Other hikes may also be available.

All Day

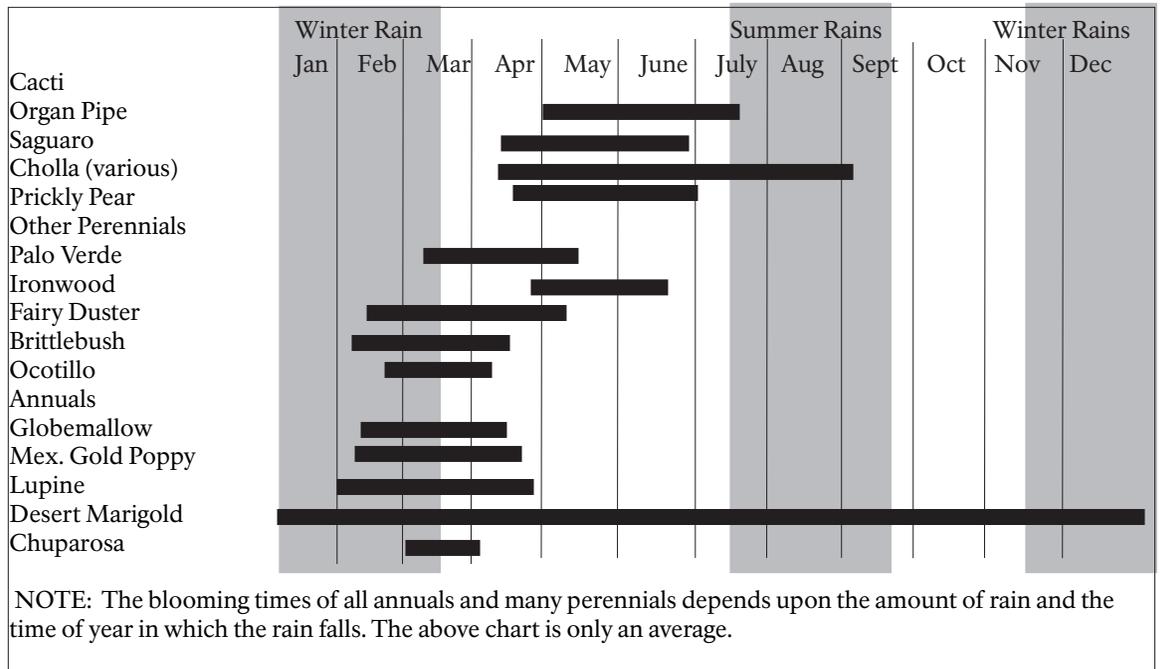
Combine any of the above. Bring your picnic lunch, camera, binoculars and guidebooks, *and*

- Ask the Rangers for further suggestions.

Temperature and Rainfall, 2000-2006

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average Max °F	72	72	77	85	95	102	103	102	99	87	75	68
Average Min °F	42	42	46	52	60	70	75	74	68	57	46	39
Average Days 100 °F and Over	0	0	0	0	8	20	25	22	16	1	0	0
Average Rainfall/ Inches	0.92	0.64	0.89	0.47	0.01	0.38	0.98	1.41	0.65	0.58	0.27	0.52

Blooming Seasons



Fees and Facilities

Entrance Fee. \$8.00 per private vehicle or motorcycle; \$4.00 each per pedestrian or bicyclist. No fee upon presentation of Senior/Golden Age/Access/Eagle passes, National Park Pass, America the Beautiful pass or Organ Pipe Cactus Annual Pass and identification. Fee is valid for seven (7) consecutive days.

Twin Peaks (Main) Campground. Open daily, with self-registration available when entrance station is unoccupied. Fee \$12.00 per night; \$6 per night upon presentation of Golden Age/Senior/Access passes and identification. Tents, campers, vans, motorhomes and trailers up to 40 feet maximum length. No hook-ups. Drinking water and RV dump station available. Generator use permitted 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. only. Sites are first-come, first-served; no reservations.

Alamo Primitive Campground. Fee \$8.00 per night. Obtain required permit at visitor center. Tent, pickup camper, and vans only. Water not available. No generators. No vehicle to exceed 15 ft. in length. Limited to four tent sites which may fill early especially in winter. No advance reservations.

Backcountry Camping. Fee \$5.00 each permit. Obtain required permit at visitor center. Campsite must be at least 1/2 mile away from roads, structures. No advance reservations.

Kris Eggle Visitor Center. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except on major holidays. Information, exhibit area, video or slide presentation, bookstore. Ranger programs given January through March. Contact us at (520) 387-6849 extension 7302, or at www.nps.gov/orpi.