What If...

If you find signs of cultivation:

1. Get out immediately!  
   Do not linger to take photos or coordinates.
2. Go back the way you came.  
   You’ve already established that the route is safe.
3. Make as little noise as possible.  
   If the garden is occupied, they may not be aware of you.
4. Get to a safe location.  
   Run, walk, crawl or hide... just make yourself safe.
5. Notify FICC Dispatch (numbers below).
6. Be prepared to provide your exact location.  
   Coordinates are great but a physical description will do.
7. Get to your vehicle if possible  
   If you can, drive away.

FICC Dispatch:
909-383-5651
760-786-2330
888-233-6518
Before Going Into the Backcountry:

1. Pre-Plan
   Know what to do and what to look for.
2. Check Area Status w/ NPS Rangers
   Is this a known problem area?
3. Ensure You Have Communications
   Do you have functional cell phones or satellite phones?
   Keep in mind cell phone service is very limited.
4. Share Your Itinerary
   Tell someone where you will be and when you are expected to return.
5. Check-In / Check-Out
   Let someone know your status
6. Travel in Pairs When Possible
   Groups are less likely to be confronted, more likely to see hazards, and can provide aide to each other.

Remember:
Marijuana can grow anywhere there is water and a little soil.

Marijuana and marijuana gardeners require the same things as all people, plants and wildlife. Any location that has supported or could support humans, plants and animals is a potential garden.

Look Out For:
- Black vinyl hose
- Fertilizer
- Root balls
- Signs of digging
- Limbed or felled trees
- Camp structures made of native wood
- Piles of dead stems
- Level, cleared areas
- Unusual trails
- Unusual litter on trails
- Anything or anybody that seems out of place at that location.

Tip: Fresh marijuana smells a little like skunk.