

SDTFS Field Trip to view flowers in the Borrego Springs area.

The San Diego Tropical Fish Society field trip to view flowers in the Borrego Springs area will take place on:

Date: Sunday March 17, 2013

Time to meet: 9:00 a. m.

Location: Park and Ride at Grossmont Center. It is on the road going around Grossmont Center, close to the Red Lobster.

If you don't meet us at the Grossmont Park and Ride we will be at the Visitor's Center in Borrego Springs about 11:00 a. m.



The pupfish pond at the Anza Borrego Springs Visitors Center

Desert Garden

A desert garden just outside the Visitor Center building provides a quick look at some of the vegetation typical of the 600,000-acre park, with the species identified. The desert garden includes a pupfish pond. Pupfish evolved from conditions during the Ice Age to today's precarious existence of fish in the desert. They are called Salton Sea pupfish, though none are left in the Sea. These pupfish can thrive in fresh water or water nearly as salty as the ocean, and they can survive temperatures from near freezing to as high as 108 degrees Fahrenheit. When the water gets too warm or too cold or nearly dries up, these fish burrow in the mud at the bottom of the pool. There's another pupfish pond near the Palm Canyon Trailhead in Borrego Palm Canyon Campground.

We will decide at the Visitor's center where else to go to view flowers, Such as Henderson Canyon, and will also decide on a restaurant for lunch.