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MT. SAN JACINTO STATE PARK & WILDERNESS AND NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE SUMMER PROGRAMS

PALM SPRINGS, CA (May 15, 2019) **Mt. San Jacinto State Park & Wilderness** (MSJSP&W) and the **Natural History Association** (NHA) are happy to announce the continuation of **Class and Field Programs** for the 2019 summer season.

Through October 19, a total of twenty programs will be presented covering a range of natural history and hike classes (www.msjnha.org/events).

The next program on May 18 is entitled **"Sky Islands and Climate Refugia"** and is led by **Colin Barrows,** Conservation Coordinator at the Friends of the Desert Mountains, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

Also, on May 25 and 26, **"Junior Ranger Days"** returns to the Mt. San Jacinto State Park. These popular events led by MSJSP&W **Interpreter Allison Barnes** are held at the base of the Mountain Station's walkway from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and include such children's activities as "Leave No Trace" games, "Spin the Wheel" information board and "Meet & Greet" with animal pelts. Additional dates are June 15, July 6, August 3, August 31 and September 1. No advance registration is required.

Finally, free **Guided Nature Walks** by State Park volunteers resume May 25 and continue Saturdays and Sundays through September 1. These walks feature a choice of two easy trails–the Desert View Trail, a 1½-mile beginning at 11:00 a.m. and the Long Valley Nature Trail, a ¾-mile loop beginning at 1:30 p.m. No advance registration is required.

There is no charge for any of these programs, except for regular Tramway admission.

For more information about the NHA summer programs or to register, please visit www.msjnha.org/events.

About Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway is the world's largest rotating tram car. Opened in 1963, the Tram's 80-passenger cars travel along the breathtaking cliffs of Chino Canyon from the Valley Station (elevation 2,643 ft.) to the Mountain Station (elevation 8,516 ft.) in approximately 10 minutes. Tickets are $25.95 for adults, $23.95 for seniors (65+) and $16.95 for children (3-10). For more information, please call 888-515-TRAM or 760-325-1391, or visit www.pstramway.com. Also, download the free mobile tour now available in the App Store/Google Play.

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