

Beauty—the Salt of the Earth

The concept holds especially true in Anza Borrego, where you'll suddenly come upon desert vistas with endless skies and bighorn sheep camouflaged on a bluff and an assortment of wildflowers, succulents and cactus flowers.

Every drop of water conspires to create life. Even the Salton Sea traditionally provided a precious source of water for bathing, cooking and drinking. At about 15 miles by 30 miles, it holds a reputation as California's largest lake, sometimes filled with freshwater, sometimes odiferous saltwater and sometimes presenting as a dry lakebed, depending on the Colorado River's inflow, the season and the evaporative loss.

Flowers speak of the moment. Pictures talk about time. The northern part of Anza Borrego State Park features excellent examples of petroglyphs and pictographs. Cahuilla, Kumeyaay and other peoples documented the significance of this region to their people. You can view Kumeyaay rock art at in the Interpretive Center at Pauwai, at the end of Silverlake Road at Poway Road, approximately two miles east of I-15.