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## Flower Safari in a California Desert

We found life on a Mars-scape.

In **Anza-Borrego** Desert State Park, six adventurers, including me, rattled around the rugged Southern California terrain...The tours are held in M35-A2 trucks that were used on military bases to haul cargo...I visited the park, a two-hour drive northeast of San Diego, in late February, the start of wildflower season..Wildflower Hot Line is ringing off the hook with sightings...I was amazed at how little of **Anza-Borrego** park we had covered, yet how far we had come.

-- *Andrea Sachs*

California Overland (866-639-7567, <http://www.californiaoverland.com>) offers year-round tours in **Anza-Borrego** Desert State Park, including drive/hike excursions, mountain wine tours and overnights. Rates start at \$45. For info on the park: 760-767-5311, [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=638](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=638).