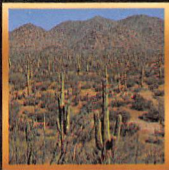


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In spite of its extremely hot, arid climate the Sonoran Desert flourishes in vivid contrast to most deserts of the Southwest, and those of the entire North American continent. The brilliant stroke of color comes from the saguaro cactus, the eminent symbol of Saguaro National Park. Delicate white blossoms flower from the thick, spiny tops of these cacti, some of which transform to odd and curious shapes.

Wilderness backcountry hiking and camping is an excellent means of experiencing this lush desert and its variety of plant and animal life.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

A discount pass is available to frequent visitors. Permits are required in all backcountry camp areas. Visitors centers are located in Rincon Mountain and Tucson Mountain districts. • Superintendent, Saguaro National Park, 3693 South Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85730-5699 (520) 733-5100.