FAQ’s

- What can we do at the Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge?

Access to the fragile dune ecosystem portion of the Refuge is not permitted because the Refuge was established for the protection of the Threatened Coachella Valley Fringe-toed Lizard and the Endangered Coachella Valley Milkvetch. The Refuge represents part of the remaining 5% of the dune habitat that once covered the Coachella Valley.

To explore desert habitat near the refuge, you can visit the Thousand Palms Oasis located in the neighboring Coachella Valley Preserve.

- Can I go hiking on the Coachella Valley National Wildlife Refuge?

There is no hiking allowed because of the threatened and endangered species inhabiting this fragile desert environment.

- Are any guided/educational tours available?

Yes, arrangements can be made for educational or civic groups to get a guided tour and learn about the importance of the Coachella Valley dune ecosystem.

- Where do we call if we have any questions?

Please call the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge if you have any questions. The number is: 1-760-348-5278.