



*IN CELEBRATION*  
**OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE CALIFORNIA DESERT PROTECTION ACT**

## **FOSSIL TALK**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 at 7 pm.**

RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK, 37749 Abbott Drive, Cantil, CA 93519



### **Noted Paleontologist Dr. Xiaoming Wang to Speak at Red Rock Canyon State Park**

We are honored to announce that Dr. Xiaoming Wang, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, will speak on the Western Mojave Desert Geology and Vertebrate Paleontology of the El Paso Mountain area including Red Rock Canyon State Park.

The desert environs of Red Rock Canyon State Park represent one of the most important landscapes in California. This geological wonderland has yielded a treasure trove of scientific discoveries in the fields of botany, zoology, geology and more. One of the more fascinating scientific arenas happens to be paleontology, as Red Rock Canyon represents an important national and international fossil bed.

Providing a window into worlds of the past, the protected fossil heritage of Red Rock Canyon has been studied for over a century. In fact, the first detailed study of this fossil heritage was published 100 years ago in 1919.

For almost 50 years California State Parks has partnered with the paleontologists at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History to professionally collect and study Red Rock's fossils under a permit with the State. With their expert assistance, new exciting discoveries continue to unveil the hidden secrets.

Red Rock has a rich history of fossils including the tusks from large extinct elephant-like gomphotheres; camels; horses, rhinoceros, extinct oreodonts; ancient saber-toothed cats and a predecessor to the modern-day skunk, just to name a few. The desert landscape is an ideal locale to preserve these treasures.

**Red Rock Canyon State Park, tripled in size to its current acreage of 27,000 acres under the California Desert Protection Act, as Congress recognized the need for Red Rock to be protected.**

**Please join us on the evening of October 26<sup>th</sup> in  
celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the California Desert Protection Act.**

