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Tuesday, March 27 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Restoration Tour

From deteriorating ruins to functional buildings: take a behind-the-scenes tour with Architectural Preservationist Simon Herbert to examine the processes and materials used in the restoration of the structures at Historic Canoa Ranch. All ages welcome. *Free. Online registration required.*

Wednesdays, March 28 and April 25 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Anza Trail Hike

Explore a 2 to 3-mile section of the Anza Trail during an easy level interpretive hike and discover the cultural and natural history of the Santa Cruz River Valley. Following the hike, there will be an optional tour of the historic Canoa Ranch headquarters. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Wednesday, April 11 • 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Twilight Nature Walk

Take a relaxing, naturalist-guided stroll at Canoa Ranch to experience the quiet of the desert at dusk as we explore how seasonal changes affect local plants and animals. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Tuesday, April 17 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

BRANDI FENTON MEMORIAL PARK



Visitor Center 3482 E. River Road,
Tucson, AZ 85718
Park Hours: Dawn – 10:00p.m.
Park Information: 520-724-5000

Online registration:
www.pima.gov/nrpr
Program information
Phone: 520-724-5375
Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Wondering About the Wild Things

Naturalist Jeff Babson shares in an informative hour-long talk followed by a Q & A session on any nature topic that you may have been wondering about. If the weather is nice we will be outside, feel free to bring a lawn chair. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Owls: Masters of the Night Skies: Friday, March 9 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Rattlesnakes of Arizona: Fact and Fiction: Friday, April 20 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Nuts about Nature Preschool Hour at Brandi Fenton Park

Join us for child-friendly fun as we learn about nature through stories, crafts, and games. Children ages 3-5 with an adult companion. *Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee.*

Wednesdays, March 14 and April 18 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Loop Celebration

We're celebrating the completion of The Loop, a 131-mile multi-use trail that spans the metropolitan area, allowing cyclists, pedestrians, joggers and equestrians an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful Sonoran Desert on paved, vehicle-free pathways. "Connecting Communities" is the theme of our Loop Completion Celebration. For more information: www.pima.gov/theloop

Saturday, March 17 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Natural History of Owls

Owls are iconic birds, steeped in myth and legend. This class explores the fascinating biology of owls, focusing on their diversity, identification, and biology. All ages welcome. *\$10 with membership. \$15 Non-member fee. Online registration required.*

Friday, March 30 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

OUT AND ABOUT IN PIMA COUNTY

Full Moon Wander

Stroll gentle trails with a naturalist under the light of the bright moon. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water, and a flashlight. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Thursday, March 1 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Maeven Behan Desert Sanctuary at Arthur Pack Regional Park, 9101 N. Thornydale Road 85742

Monday, April 30 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 North Camino de Oeste 85745

Gardening for Birds and Butterflies

Want to attract birds and butterflies to your yard? Learn which native and arid-adapted plants, and other elements to include in your landscape to provide attractive wildlife friendly habitat. All ages welcome. *Free.* Dusenberry-River Library, 5605 E. River Road #105 85750.

Tuesday, March 6 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Archaeological Tour of Honey Bee Village

Explore an ancient Hohokam village, which includes a plaza and ball court, at Honey Bee Village with Pima County archaeologist Ian Miliken. Ages 12 and up. *\$5 with Membership, Non-Member \$10 fee. Online registration required.* Southeast corner of N. Ranch Vistoso Blvd and E. Moore Road, Oro Valley, 85755.

Saturday, March 10 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Birding Sweetwater Wetlands

Roam this urban birding hotspot with a naturalist to look for wetland and desert birds as well as other wildlife. All ages welcome. *Free. Online registration required.* Sweetwater Wetlands, 2511 W. Sweetwater Drive 85745.

Saturdays, March 10 and April 14 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Cacti of the Desert Southwest

Discover the enormous variety of cacti that are found in our region and enjoy images of their colorful flowers. Learn about pollination strategies, general ecology, and traditional uses of local cacti. All ages welcome. *Free.* Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue 85716.

Monday, March 12 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park

Join a local birding expert to explore the abundant birdlife of the Arizona Uplands of Colossal Cave Mountain Park. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership. Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Colossal Cave Mountain Park, 16721 E. Old Spanish Trail 85641.

Tuesdays, March 20 and April 17 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Birding Cienega Creek

Join Jeff Babson on this guided walk to observe the rich birdlife in the diverse habitats of Cienega Creek Natural Preserve as we search for raptors, flycatchers, sparrows, and more. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Gabe Zimmerman Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Road 85641.

Saturday, March 24 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, April 3 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Living River Celebration

View the award-winning Living River of Words: Youth Poetry and Art exhibition. Take a close-up look at life in the river water under the microscope, enjoy family fun activities, and see the Living River exhibits. This year we are celebrating the return of the endangered Gila topminnow to the Santa Cruz River. All ages welcome. *Free.* Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743.

Saturday, April 7 • 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Living River of Words Youth Poetry and Art

Local children share their view of the natural world in this exhibition of award winning poetry and mixed media art. All ages welcome. *Free.*

April 7 – April 30: Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

Registration for Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Activities is online. You may purchase an Annual Tours and Outdoor Activities Membership Pass for significant savings on activity registration fees. Visit www.pima.gov/nrpr and click on the Register Now button.

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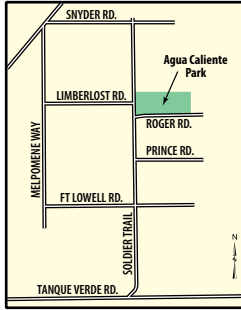
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March • April 2018



AGUA CALIENTE PARK



12325 E. Roger Rd., Tucson 85749
Park hours: 7:00 a.m.–Sunset
Agua Caliente Park general information,
call 520-724-5000

Online registration:
www.pima.gov/nrpr
Program information
Phone: 520-724-5375
Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Birding Agua Caliente Park

Take a guided walk to see a variety of birds such as waterfowl, raptors, woodpeckers, and songbirds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*
Every Thursday in March and April • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Paint Out in the Park

Join the Sonoran Plein Air Painters Society to learn some techniques for painting landscape scenes in the open air. “Meet the Artists” reception and Paint Out in the Parks exhibition opening to follow the painting demonstration. All ages welcome. *Free.*
Saturday, March 3 • Paint Out 9:00-11:00 a.m., Reception 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Historical Tour of Agua Caliente Park

Enjoy a guided walk around the lush grounds and historic buildings of Agua Caliente Park and gain insights into the rich farming and ranching history of the site. All ages welcome. *Free.*
Saturdays, March 10 and April 14 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Nuts about Nature Preschool Hour at Agua Caliente Park

Join us for child-friendly fun as we learn about nature through stories, crafts, and games. Explore a new nature topic each month. Children ages 3-5 with an adult companion. *Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee. Online registration required.*
Fridays, March 16 and April 20 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Nature Stories at Agua Caliente Park

Join us outdoors for a nature-themed story hour and art activity. This program is a partnership between Pima County and Tucson Audubon Society. Children ages 2-5 with an adult companion. *Free.*
Fridays, March 23 and April 27 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon

Stargazing Agua Caliente Park

Explore the wonder and unfold the mysteries of the night sky. Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association volunteers provide an introduction to the night sky and set up telescopes for celestial viewing. Feel free to bring your lawn chair. All ages welcome. Weather permitting. *Free. Registration not required.*
Saturday, March 24 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 21 • 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Full Moon Wander

Stroll gentle trails with a naturalist under the light of a Blue Moon. Nature reveals another side in the night hours; there’s always something to discover. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water, and a flashlight. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*
Saturday, March 31 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Flycatcher ID Class

Flycatchers are a group of birds that can pose serious identification challenges. This class will focus on the important field marks that are helpful in identifying them. Join Jeff Babson for an in depth look at southern Arizona’s flycatchers. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*
Sunday, April 8 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon

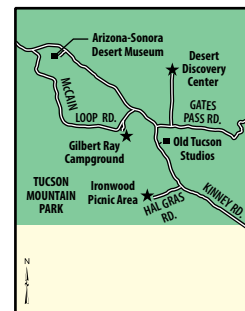
Fire in the Sonoran Desert Region

In an indoor presentation, Pima County naturalists Marsha Colbert and Sandy Reith provide an overview of fire in the Sonoran Desert, including wildfire’s impacts on wildlands, wildlife, and human environments. Learn how invasive plants have changed the fire landscape, as well as how local homeowners are increasing their communities’ resilience to wildfire. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*
Sunday, April 15 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

Hours: November – April: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
March 3 – April 4: *Paint Out in the Parks*, an exhibition of plein air works of selected Pima County park locations by the Sonoran Plein Air Painters.
April 7 – May 10: *Wings of the Desert*, Ric Nielsen displays his artwork reflecting the beauty, colors, and patterns of winged desert insects that are sure to bring enjoyment and amazement to all. All ages welcome.

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK



Open 7 days a week, Dawn–Dusk
Tucson Mountain Park general information, call 520-724-5000

Online registration:
www.pima.gov/nrpr
Program information
Phone: 520-724-5375
Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Birding Tucson Mountain Park

Join a local birding guide for a walk in Tucson Mountain Park to see rufous-winged sparrows, gilded flickers, phainopeplas, and many other desert birds. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735.
Saturday, March 3 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Cascabel Trail Nature Walk

During a 1 ½ mile, naturalist guided hike on level trails we may not see cascabels (Spanish for rattlesnakes) but will see stands of majestic saguaros, impressive fishhook barrel cacti, and a diversity of other Sonoran Desert vegetation. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Tucson Mountain Park, 3858 W. Irvington Road 85714.
Saturday, March 3 • 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Hike Golden Gate/Ironwood Loop Trail

Enjoy the Sonoran Desert in springtime during a 3 ½ mile, easy to moderate level hike in scenic Tucson Mountain Park. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Tucson Mountain Park, Gates Pass Road, meet at pullout G6.
Tuesday, March 6 • 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Sonoran Desert Weedwackers

Join the Sonoran Desert Weedwackers to eradicate buffelgrass and fountain grass in Tucson Mountain Park. Work requires hiking and pulling buffelgrass on steep slopes. Meeting locations change frequently. Email eeducation@pima.gov for meeting location. Ages 18 and up. *Free.*
Saturdays, March 17 and April 21 • 7:00-10:00 a.m.

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Saturday, March 17 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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Hike Brown Mountain Trail

Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on this 2-mile guided hike with a Pima County naturalist. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Brown Mountain Trailhead 8451 W. McCain Loop Road 85735.
Tuesday, March 20 • 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Practical Uses of Desert Plants

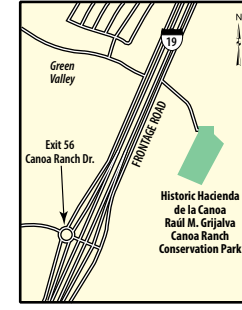
Join us at the Desert Discovery Center in Tucson Mountain Park to explore the practical uses and flavors of desert plants. The workshop includes a short hike and a make-and-take session to process a desert plant for use at home. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.* Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road 85745.
Saturday, March 24 • 9:30 a.m.-Noon

Ironwood Nature Walk

Enjoy a naturalist-guided walk on mostly-level trails in prime Sonoran Desert habitat and learn about the plants and wildlife that inhabit the area. Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735.
Tuesday, March 27 • 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Online Registration: visit www.pima.gov/nrpr to create a profile, register, and pay program fees

HISTORIC CANOA RANCH



Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park
5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road,
Green Valley, AZ 85614
Open by Reservation

Online registration:
www.pima.gov/canoaranch
Program information
Phone: 520-724-5220
Email: CanoaRanch@pima.gov

Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

Join a walking tour of the Canoa Ranch headquarters. Visit the historic buildings and corrals and enjoy the special exhibits of the people of Canoa. All ages welcome. *Free. Online registration required.*
Every Tuesday in March and April • 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Every Saturday in March and April (Except March 3) • 9:00-10:00 a.m. and 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Heritage Fair

Exhibits, antiques and collectibles, fine art and crafts, local food and drink. Come see the George Redondo Proctor Western Heritage Collection and help celebrate what would have been George’s 100th birthday and see the newly restored Canoa Lake. All ages welcome. *Free.*
Saturday, March 3 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Birding Canoa Ranch

Join a local birding expert to see a wide variety of sparrows, raptors, and the possibility of waterfowl on the newly restored pond at Historic Canoa Ranch. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*
Tuesdays, March 6 and April 3 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Saturdays, March 10, April 7, and April 28 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch

Learn about Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza and the group of Spanish colonial settlers who, in 1775, made their first stop at Canoa Ranch as they began an epic 1200-mile journey from Sonora, New Spain to colonize the port of what is now San Francisco. A 5-mile segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail extends through Historic Canoa Ranch. All ages welcome. *Free. Online registration required.*
Wednesdays, March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Stargazing at Historic Canoa Ranch

Come before dark to take a self-guided tour of the Canoa Ranch Headquarters. The Sonora Astronomical Society volunteers set up telescopes for celestial viewing and provide an introduction to the night sky. Bring your flashlight and lawn chair. Weather permitting. All ages welcome. *\$5 suggested donation.*
Fridays, March 16 and April 20 • Self-guided tour 6:00-7:00 p.m., Stargazing 7:00-9:00 p.m.