

Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required. Tucson Mountains, 3858 W. Irvington Road 85714

Saturday, January 5 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 5 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sonoran Desert Weedwackers

Join the Sonoran Desert Weedwackers to eradicate buffelgrass and fountain grass in Tucson Mountain Park. Work requires hiking and digging buffelgrass on steep slopes. Meeting locations change frequently. Email eeducation@pima.gov for meeting location. Ages 18 and up. **Free.**

Saturdays, January 19 and February 16 • 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Birding Tucson Mountain Park

Join us for a guided walk through ironwood-saguaro habitat looking for Sonoran Desert resident birds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome. **Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735.

Fridays, January 11 and February 1 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Stargazing Tucson Mountain Park

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.** Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735.

Saturdays, January 19 and February 2 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Hike Rock Wren Trail

Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on a moderate level, 3-4 mile interpretive hike through Sonoran Desert uplands. Ages 12 and up. **Free with Membership, Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead at S. Ave Del Correcaminos, Tucson 85745.

Saturday, January 19 • 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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.

Tuesdays, January 22 and February 19 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

A Walk into the Cretaceous

Join UA geologist George Davis to explore the geology of Tucson Mountain Park, during a 1½ - 2-mile hike. Ages 12 and up. **Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Yetman West Trailhead (pull out G3) west of Gates Pass overlook.

Friday, January 25 • 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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. All ages welcome. **Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney

Road at Hal Gras Road 85735.

Tuesday, January 29 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 23 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Hike Yetman Trail

Enjoy the scenic beauty of the Tucson Mountains on a moderate level, 2-3 mile interpretive hike to the Bowen Stone House ruins area. Ages 12 and up. **Free with Membership, Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Camino de Oeste Trailhead, 400 N. Camino de Oeste 85745

Saturday, February 2 • 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Save Our Saguaros

Join your friends and neighbors to remove invasive buffelgrass. There are multiple locations throughout Pima County including Tucson Mountain Park. **Free. Register online www.buffelgrass.org.**

Saturday, January 26 • 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

OUT AND ABOUT IN PIMA COUNTY

Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park

Explore the birdlife that inhabits the Arizona Uplands of Colossal Cave Mountain Park. We expect to see southbound migrants, such as warblers, and resident birds. All ages welcome. **Free with Membership, Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Colossal Cave Mountain Park, 16721 E. Old Spanish Trail 85641

Tuesdays, January 8 and February 5 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Hike Sweetwater Preserve

Explore this 880-acre natural preserve known for its numerous palo verde trees and huge saguaros that adorn its hillsides on a 2-3 mile naturalist guided hike. Ages 12 and up. **Free with Membership, Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Sweetwater Preserve, 4000 N. Tortolita Road, south of El Camino Del Cerro 85745.

Saturday, January 12 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Birding Cienega Creek

Join us on this guided walk to observe the rich birdlife in the desert and riparian habitats of Cienega Creek Natural Preserve. 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

Tuesdays, January 15 and February 19 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Family Birding at Kino Environmental Restoration Project

Join an all-ages walk for beginning birders to explore the diversity of birds found in our area. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome. **Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Sam Lena Park/KERP, 3400 S. Country Club Road 85713.

Saturdays, January 26 and February 23 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Birding Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary

Take a guided walk on flat trails through saguaro-ironwood desert

habitat to see a variety of upland birds as well as water birds on the adjacent ponds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome. **Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Arthur Pack Regional Park, 9101 N. Thornydale Road, 85742.

Tuesday, January 22 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 26 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Birding Sweetwater Preserve

Explore the scenic Arizona Uplands of Sweetwater Preserve, where we can expect to see three species of woodpecker, resident and wintering sparrows, and many other birds. All ages welcome. **Free with Membership, Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Sweetwater Preserve, 4000 N. Tortolita Road, south of El Camino Del Cerro 85745.

Tuesday, January 29 • 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Santa Cruz River Hike

Take a guided hike along the flowing Santa Cruz River and discover the effects of water on desert habitats. All ages welcome. **Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743.

Sunday, February 3 • 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Nature Walk at Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary

Enjoy a naturalist-guided walk through Sonoran Desert habitat on mostly-level trails and learn about the diverse plants and wildlife that inhabit the area. All ages welcome. **Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.** Arthur Pack Regional Park, 9101 N. Thornydale Road, 85742.

Saturday, February 9 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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.

For additional program information, phone: 520-724-5375
or email: eeducation@pima.gov



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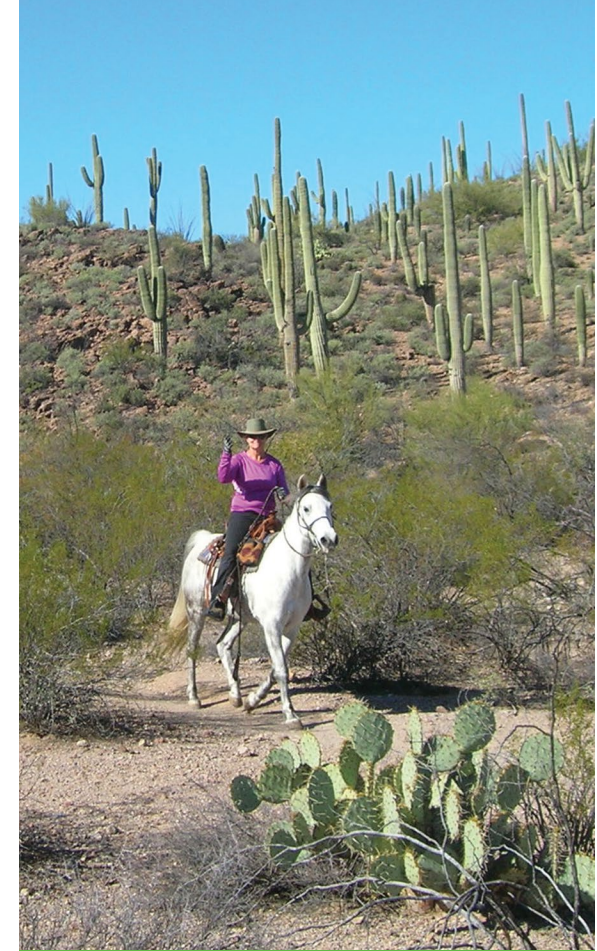
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PARK PROGRAMS

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TOURS • EVENTS

January • February 2019



AGUA CALIENTE PARK

12325 E. Roger Road, Tucson, AZ 85749

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, including waterfowl, raptors, sparrows, and many others. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Every Thursday in January and February • 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Stargazing Agua Caliente Park

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.*

Saturdays, January 5 and February 9 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cowpokes, Crooks, and Cactus: Arizona in the Movies

From the earliest days of film, Arizona has been a setting and subject for hundreds of films. Gregory McNamee looks at the Grand Canyon State on the silver screen. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, January 6 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Oh, the Shape We're In: How Arizona and the Western States Got their Borders

Author and historical geographer Barbara Jaquay discusses how the southern western states and Arizona's borders were decided. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, January 13 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Sparrow ID Workshop

Sparrows are common birds of fields and thickets throughout North America. However, they pose significant challenges when it comes to identifying them. Learn techniques to better identify these tricky birds. All ages welcome. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturday, January 19 • 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Pima County's Natural Resources Conservation Initiatives

Natural Resources Superintendent Brian Powell, presents the history of conservation in Pima County and what it means today. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, January 20 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Full Moon Wander

Join a Pima County naturalist to walk the gentle trails of Agua Caliente Park as the full moon rises. Nature reveals another side in the night

hours; there is always something to discover! Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight.

Ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, January 20 • 7:00-9:00 p.m. Lunar Eclipse

Tuesday, February 19 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tucson History: From Cavemen to Condos

Join historian Jim Turner for a whirlwind history tour that covers it all. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, January 27 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Cochineal Workshop

Learn about the use of cochineal insects found on prickly pear cacti to make a brilliant red dye. Together we dye yarn and weave into friendship bracelets. All ages welcome. *Children free. Adults \$10 with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$15 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturday, February 9 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The Earliest Apache in Arizona: Evidence and Arguments

Dr. Deni Seymour provides new insights into a western route into the southern Southwest and the presence of the earliest ancestral Apache three centuries earlier than previously thought. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, February 10 • 1:00-2:00 p.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.*

Friday, February 15 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Owl Identification Class

Owls are fascinating, nocturnal birds that are full of mystery. In this class, we explore North America's owls and how to identify them by sight and sound. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturday, February 16 • 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Agua Caliente Park and the Safe Harbor Agreement For Native Fish

Join Ross Timmons, native fish biologist with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, to learn about Arizona's native fish, efforts to restore native fish populations, and planned introductions of Gila topminnow at Agua Caliente Park ponds. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, February 17 • 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

Hours: November – April: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

December 8 – January 9: *Fiber Art Quilts* by Bill Meek and Denny Peterson.

January 12 - February 13: *Reflections of Nature* An exhibit of paintings and mosaics by artist Sue Betanzos.

February 16 - March 13: *In the Steps of the Masters* The power and allure of the West's landscapes, people and culture is captured in this new exhibit by the members of Club Camera Tucson.

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. *\$5 Donation per person. Online registration required.*

Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (January 12, 11:00 a.m. only)

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturdays, February 2, 9, 23 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Birding Canoa Ranch

Join birding expert Brian Nicholas to see a wide variety of sparrows, raptors, and the possibility of waterfowl on the pond at Historic Canoa Ranch. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23 • 8:30-10:30 a.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. *\$5 Donation per person. Online registration required.*

Wednesdays, January 23 and February 20 • 10:30-11:30 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. *\$5 Donation per person. Online*

registration required.

Wednesdays, January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Stargazing at Historic Canoa Ranch

The Sonora Astronomical Society volunteers set up telescopes for celestial viewing and provide an introduction to the night sky. Come before dark for a presentation by Whipple Observatory. Bring your flashlight and lawn chair. Weather permitting. All ages welcome. *\$5 suggested donation.*

Friday, January 11 • Presentation 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Stargazing 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 8 • Presentation 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Stargazing 6:30-8:30 p.m.

BRANDI FENTON MEMORIAL PARK

Visitor Center 3482 E. River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718

Online registration: www.pima.gov/nrpr

Program information: Phone 520-724-5375

Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Wondering About the Wild Things

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

Arizona's Wild Cats: Friday, January 25 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ground Squirrels and Pocket Gophers: Friday, February 15 • 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. 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.*

Wednesday, February 13 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK

Online registration: www.pima.gov/nrpr

Program information: Phone 520-724-5375

Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Cascabel Trail Nature Walk

During a 1½ 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. All ages 12 and up. *Free with Membership,*

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