

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK



Gates Pass Road

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CACTUS HIKE

Enjoy the showy flowers of our local cacti and learn about their ecology and uses. Botanist Meg Quinn leads a 3-mile hike on the Yetman Trail in Tucson Mountain Park. Ages 12 and up.

Tucson Mountain Park, Camino de Oeste Trailhead, 400 N. Camino de Oeste. Reservations required.

Friday, May 8 • 7:00 – 9:30 a.m.

SONORAN DESERT WEEDWACKERS

Join the Sonoran Desert Weedwackers to eradicate buffelgrass and fountain grass in Tucson Mountain Park. Work may require hiking and pulling buffelgrass on steep slopes. Meeting locations change frequently.

Ages 12 and up. Reservations required.

Wednesday, May 13 and May 27 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 16 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 10 and June 24 • 6:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 20 • 6:00 – 9:00 a.m.

DESERT FOODS WALK AND TASTINGS

Take an easy walk through the desert to learn about food plants and how they were used by native peoples. An indoor session will provide details on processing techniques and samples of locally prepared native food products.

Ages 12 and up. Tucson Mountain Park, Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road.

Reservations required.

Friday, May 15 • 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

NATURE NIGHT: BUGS AND BLACKLIGHTS

As the sun sets, the desert comes alive with a vast array of wildlife, many of which are insects. Blacklights will be used to attract insects for a closer look. Pima County naturalists will be on hand to identify and discuss these six-legged creatures. Bring a head lamp or flashlight. Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road.

Friday, May 22 • 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

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. Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road. Weather permitting.

Friday, June 12 • 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

For more information contact: eeducation@pima.gov or 520-615-7855



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