

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK



Gates Pass Road

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TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK BIRDING WALK

Join birding expert John Higgins for a guided bird walk in Tucson Mountain Park to spot canyon towhees, rufous-winged sparrows, Gila woodpeckers, and other desert birds. Ages 12 and up. Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road
Saturday, April 4 • 8:00 – 10:00 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, April 8; Saturday, April 18; Wednesday, April 22 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

CHOLLA BUD WORKSHOP

Join ethnobotanist Martha Burgess to learn how to harvest, process, cook, and consume the flower buds of the cholla cactus, a nutritious local desert food. Ages 12 and up, fee \$15. Tucson Mountain Park, Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road. Reservations required.
Wednesday, April 8 • 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

OUTDOOR FAMILY DAYS: NIGHT BUGS OF THE SONORAN DESERT

As the sun sets, the desert comes alive with a vast array of fascinating wildlife, many of which are insects. Some insects are attracted to light; we exploit this tendency to invite insects to our viewing site. Pima County naturalists will be on hand to help you identify and learn about these amazing six-legged creatures. Tucson Mountain Park, Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road.
Saturday, April 11 • 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

CACTUS HIKE

Enjoy the showy flowers of our local cacti and learn about their ecology and uses. Pima County botanist Meg Quinn leads a 3-mile hike on the lower Brown Mountain trail in Tucson Mountain Park. Meet at trailhead on McCain Loop Road near Gilbert Ray Campground. Ages 12 and up.
Friday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 22 • 7:00 – 10:00 a.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, April 24 • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR FAMILY DAY: THE POLLINATION STORY

Look closely at flowers and explore the mysteries of how flowers attract birds, bees, and other creatures. Discover the importance of pollinators with our imaginary pollinator picnic. Families with children ages 5-12. Tucson Mountain Park, Pima County Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road.
Saturday, April 25 • 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

EVENING OWL WALK

Join this guided walk as we explore the nighttime world of owls and other nocturnal birds. Please bring a head lamp or flashlight.
Tucson Mountain Park Ironwood Picnic Area, 1548 S. Kinney Road.
Saturday, April 25 • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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



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