

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. Designed for ages 12 and up. Trail is rocky and uneven in some places. **\$5 fee. Online registration required.** Sweetwater Preserve, 4000 N. Tortolita Rd., south of El Camino Del Cerro, 85745

Tuesday, December 27 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Family Nature Scavenger Hunt

Get the family out of the house and onto the trail! Enjoy a morning of learning about the desert and looking for clues in this nature adventure game. Trails are a mix of paved and packed soil, but mostly stroller friendly. All ages are encouraged. **Free. Online registration required.** Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste, 85745

Tuesday, December 27 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Out and About in Pima County

Birding El Rio Preserve

El Rio Preserve, an interesting mix of Sonoran Desert and riparian habitats. is a birding hotspot. November is the beginning of the winter birding season; we will be searching for waterfowl, sparrows, and other seasonal birds. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5.00 (Resident) | \$6.50 (Non-Resident) | Free with Pima County Outdoor Activity Membership (visit NRPR Registration site for Members' COUPON CODE).** El Rio Preserve, 10191 N. Coachline Blvd., Marana 85743 **Online registration required; visit www.maranaaz.gov/recreation**

Tuesdays, November 1 and December 6 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Seeds and Sprouts!

Explore the magical world of seeds and sprouts with your kids. Learn how plants grow, what parts of the plant we eat, explore different kinds of seeds and sprouts, and learn sprouting and seeds-saving activities you can do at home. **Free, no registration required.** Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 N. La Cañada Dr., Green Valley 85614

Tuesday, November 1 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz River Ramble

Take a guided stroll along the Chuck Huckelberry Loop to see a desert river brought back to life. Learn about the ecology and history of the Santa Cruz – its ups and downs – and how this once-dry portion flows again thanks to recycled water. Along the way, we'll keep our eyes out for water-loving plants and animals that have returned. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5 fee. Online registration required.** Meet at Santa Cruz River Park by Desert Survivors Native Plant Nursery, 1020 W. Starr Pass Blvd., 85713

Thursdays, November 3 and December 1 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Signs of the Season Phenology Walk

Phenology is nature's calendar – the timing of annual life-cycle events influenced by climate and weather, like blooming, migration, and nesting. Join us for a stroll along the Santa Cruz River as we gather data on seasonal changes in native plants to learn more about phenology, its importance, and how you can help contribute to our understanding of the natural world. Designed for ages 12 and up. **Free. Online registration required.** Meet in front of Pima County Wheeler

Taft Abbott Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Dr., Marana 85743

Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, & December 4, 11, 18 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Nature Story Time: Rocks Rock!

A collaboration with Quincie Douglas Library's toddler story time – enjoy geology themed books, activities, games and songs with the young ones in your life! **Free, no registration required.** Quincie Douglas Library, 1585 E. 36th St., 85713

Tuesday, November 8 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Nature Crafternoon: Desert Paints

Did you know natural paints and pigments can be made from many desert plants and rocks? In this family-friendly class, explore colors in our desert environment, learn how to make natural paints, and create your own project from natural materials. **Free, no registration required.** Joel D Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., 85701

Tuesday, November 8 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

El Rio Preserve Nature Trek

Join a Pima County naturalist for a guided nature trek through the desert and riparian habitats of El Rio Preserve. Wander along level, well-maintained trails as we explore the unique plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5.00 (Resident) | \$6.50 (Non-Resident) | Free with Pima County Outdoor Activity Membership (visit NRPR Registration site for Members' COUPON CODE).** El Rio Preserve, 10191 N. Coachline Blvd., Marana 85743 **Online registration required; visit www.maranaaz.gov/recreation**

Thursday, November 10 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Maeveen Behan Nature Trek

Join a Pima County naturalist for a guided nature trek at Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary to explore a patch of Sonoran Desert habitat within urban NW Tucson. Trails are smooth, largely level with some areas with gentle grades. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5 fee. Online registration required.** Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary, 9101 N. Thornydale Rd., 85742

Thursday, November 17 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Tracks, Scat, and Other Signs of Wildlife

Join Pima County Master Naturalist Hank Harlow to learn how to distinguish different animal tracks, scat, and other clues found during an easy-moderate 2.5-mile hike within a riparian area. Be prepared to walk along a sandy wash, uneven substrate and dirt road. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$10 fee. Online registration required.** Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Rd., Vail 85641

Saturday, November 19 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Birding Cienega Creek

As the calendar turns to November, fall migration continues to bring birds to Cienega Creek. Bird the desert and cottonwoods of this beautiful preserve to see what the season has to offer. Sections of the trail are steep and rocky. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5 fee. Online registration required.** Gabe Zimmerman Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Rd., Vail 85641

Monday, November 28 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park

Join us for an exploration of the birds of Colossal Cave Mountain Park,

where we will be on the lookout for wintering sparrows, bluebirds, wrens, and many other birds. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5 fee. Online registration required.** Colossal Cave Mountain Park, 16721 E. Old Spanish Tr., Vail 85641

Monday, December 5 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Seeds and Sprouts!

Explore the magical world of seeds and sprouts with your kids. Learn how plants grow, what parts of the plant we eat, explore different kinds of seeds and sprouts, and learn sprouting and seeds-saving activities you can do at home. **Free, no registration required.** Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Ave., 85701

Tuesday, December 6 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Big Wash Nature Trek

Join a naturalist-guided walk along Big Wash in Oro Valley, on any easy to moderate level trail. In addition to great views of the Santa Catalina Mountains, this area is designated an important wildlife corridor, so we'll keep an eye out for native birds and other desert wildlife. Trekking poles encouraged and sure-footedness is a must. Designed for ages 12 and up. **\$5 fee. Online registration required.** Big Wash Trailhead, N. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., west of N. Oracle Rd.

Thursday, December 8 • 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Nature for EveryBODY: Pima Prickly Park

Enjoy a leisurely outdoor experience designed for nature lovers with accessibility challenges; wheelchairs, walkers, and other assistive equipment welcome. The pace is slow, distance short, and terrain even. Each registered participant is welcome to bring a support person. Designed for ages 12 and up. **Free. Online registration required.** Pima Prickly Park, 3500 W. River Rd., 85741

Wednesday, December 14 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Stargazing Cienega Creek

Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association volunteers provide an introduction to the night sky and set up telescopes for celestial viewing. **Free, family-friendly fun. Registration required.** Weather permitting. Gabe Zimmerman Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Rd., Vail 85641 **Registration: <http://pima-county-nrpr.eventbrite.com>**

Friday, December 16 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Learn more about ALL of the programs we offer; you can even schedule a private program for your group!



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Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation has an online registration system that allows you to register for tours, bird walks, nature hikes and other outdoor activities.

Online registration: www.pima.gov/nrpr, click Register Now button

Program information: Phone 520-724-5375

Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Agua Caliente Park

12325 E. Roger Road, Tucson, AZ 85749

The following programs scheduled for Agua Caliente Park depend on the date of Park reopening, so are therefore subject to being relocated or rescheduled. Please check our website for updates.

Paint Out in the Park

Saturday, November 12 • Paint Out 8:00-10:00 a.m.,

Demonstration 10:00-11:00 a.m., Reception 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Historical Tour of Agua Caliente Park

\$5 activity fee. Online registration required.

Saturday, November 12 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 9 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Birding Agua Caliente Park

\$5 fee. Online registration required.

Wednesdays, November 16, December 7 & 21 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Stargazing Agua Caliente Park

Free, family-friendly fun. Registration required. Weather permitting.

Registration: <http://pima-county-nrpr.eventbrite.com>

Saturday, November 19 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fledgling Birders: Birding for all Ages and Abilities

\$5 fee. Children free with paid adult. Online registration required.

Saturday, December 17 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Desert Haven Natural Resource Park

1850 E. 36th Street, Tucson, AZ 85713

No-Stress Nature Journaling

Do you keep a nature journal, or would you like to start? Join us for one (or all) of these low-key, morning sessions to explore how we can connect with the natural world through words, images, and numbers. Journaling is a great way to build creativity, expand curiosity, and learn more about the plants and animals around us. No experience or special supplies needed. Each session will have a different focus but will stand on its own so attendance is highly flexible. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Tuesdays, November 1, 15, and 29 • 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Morning in the Park — Mañana en el Parque (MM)

Enjoy a family-friendly morning at Desert Haven Park, every 2nd Saturday of the month. Drop in any time between 9-11 am for kid's

nature activities, nature walks, other programming and special guests. Learn about nature in your neighborhood and this special ecosystem in the city. All ages and abilities encouraged. Se habla español. *Free. Disfrute de una mañana familiar en Desert Haven Park, cada segundo sábado del mes. Visitenos en cualquier momento entre las 9 y las 11 a.m. para actividades para niños, paseos por la naturaleza, otros programas e invitados especiales. Aprenda sobre la naturaleza en su barrio y este ecosistema especial en la ciudad. Todas las edades y habilidades son bienvenidas. Gratis.*

Saturdays, November 12 and December 10 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Nature for EveryBODY

Enjoy a leisurely outdoor experience designed for nature lovers with accessibility challenges; wheelchairs, walkers, and other assistive equipment are welcome. The pace is slow, distance short, and terrain even. Each registered participant is welcome to bring a support person. Designed for ages 12 and up. *Free. Online registration required.*

Wednesday, November 30 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Historic Canoa Ranch

5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Birding Canoa Ranch

Visit birding hotspot Historic Canoa Ranch to see what fall migration has produced. We hope to see waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and a lot more. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Thursdays, November 3 and 17 • 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 22 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 28 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Birding For EveryBODY: Canoa Ranch

Join Marcia OBara for a leisurely birding experience designed for nature lovers with accessibility challenges; wheelchairs, walkers, or other assistive devices are welcome. The pace is slow, distance short, and terrain even. This month's birding explores the emerging birding hotspot of Historic Canoa Ranch where we hope to see waterfowl, raptors, sparrows, and a lot more. Each registered participant is welcome to bring a support person. Designed for ages 12 and up. This program is offered in partnership with the Tucson Audubon Society. *Free. Online registration opens Saturday, October 15; visit <https://tucsonaudubon.org/go-birding/birding-field-trips/>*

Friday, November 4 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 4 • 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Gardens of Canoa Ranch

Enjoy a guided tour of the gardens of Historic Canoa Ranch with Raydine Taber from the Green Valley Gardeners. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Fridays, November 4 and December 2 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

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. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Every Saturday, November and December (except December 24) • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Stargazing Historic Canoa Ranch

Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association volunteers provide an introduction to the night sky and set up telescopes for celestial viewing. *Free, family-friendly fun. Registration required. Weather permitting. Registration: <http://pima-county-nrpr.eventbrite.com>*

Saturday, November 5 • 7:00-9:00 p.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. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Fridays, November 18 and December 16 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Tucson Mountain Park

Cascabel Trail Nature Trek

We may not see cascabels (Spanish for rattlesnakes) during this 1½ mile, naturalist-guided hike but will see stands of majestic saguaros, impressive fishhook barrel cacti, and a diversity of other Sonoran desert vegetation as we trek along mostly level trails. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.* Cascabel Trailhead, 3858 W. Irvington Rd., 85714

Tuesday, November 1 • 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Full Moon Wander

Join a Pima County naturalist to send off the sun and welcome the full moon. 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. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.* Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste, 85745

Tuesday, November 8 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Fledgling Birders: Birding for all Ages and Abilities

Are you new to birding? Need help getting started? Birding is a great way to get outside to explore nature, learn more about wildlife and wildlife behavior, hone your observation skills, reduce stress, and connect with others. Join naturalist Jeff Babson for a casual birding experience to familiarize yourself with birding basics. Loaner binoculars available. All ages encouraged. *\$5 fee. Children free with paid adult. Online registration required.* Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste, 85745

Saturdays, November 12 • 8:00-9:30 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. *Free, family-friendly fun. Registration required.* Weather permitting. Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Rd. at Hal Gras Rd., 85735 *Registration: <http://pima-county-nrpr.eventbrite.com>*

Saturday, November 12 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 10 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Birding Tucson Mountain Park

The ironwood-saguaro habitat of Tucson Mountain Park is not only scenic, it is a great birding spot. On this walk we be looking for Greater Roadrunner, Gilded Flicker, Rufous-winged Sparrow, and many other birds. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.* Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Rd. at Hal Gras Rd., 85735

Tuesday, November 15 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Birding For EveryBODY: Feliz Paseos

Join Marcia OBara for a leisurely birding experience designed for nature lovers with accessibility challenges; wheelchairs, walkers, or other assistive devices are welcome. The pace is slow, distance short, and terrain even. This month's birding explores the desert Oasis of Feliz Paseos Park to see hummingbirds, sparrows, woodpeckers, and more. Designed for ages 12 and up. This program is offered in partnership with the Tucson Audubon Society. *Free. Online registration opens Saturday, October 15; visit <https://tucsonaudubon.org/go-birding/birding-field-trips/>* Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste, 85745

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Wednesday, November 23 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Lower Brown Mountain Trail Nature Hike

Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on this 2-mile naturalist-guided hike. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.* Brown Mountain Trailhead, 8451 W. McCain Loop Rd., 85735

Tuesday, December 6 • 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Mindful Nature Walk

Spending time outdoors can have healing and restorative power, relaxing both the mind and body. Slowing down to consciously engage our senses while out walking not only calms and grounds us, but also deepens our connection to the natural world. Join a Pima County naturalist for a peaceful morning stroll with time to stop and reflect along the low-key trails of Feliz Paseos Park. This walk will include elements of guided mindfulness meditation and learning about the natural world around us. Designed for ages 12 and up. *\$5 fee. Online registration required.* Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste, 85745

Sunday, December 11 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.