

or flashlight. All ages welcome. *Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

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

Saturday, September 14 • 6:30-8:30 p.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, September 21 and October 19 • 7:00-11:00 a.m.

OUT AND ABOUT IN PIMA COUNTY

Online registration: www.pima.gov/nrpr

Program information: Phone 520-724-5375

Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Bats in Flight

Discover the fascinating lives of Mexican free-tailed bats and watch as hundreds of bats emerge from their daytime roosts under the Campbell Avenue Bridge over the Rillito River. Pima County naturalists and volunteers provide information and family-friendly activities. All ages welcome. *Free. Registration not required.* Rillito River Park, 4200 N. Campbell Avenue 85719

Friday, September 6 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Guided Birding Tour at the El Rio Preserve

El Rio Preserve is a birding hotspot that is an interesting mix of Sonoran Desert and riparian habitats. It is a magnet for waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, herons, egrets, and much more. Please remember to wear a hat and bring plenty of water and sunscreen. All ages welcome. *Free with Pima County Membership, Non-Members (Resident) \$5 fee for resident Non-Members (Non-Resident) \$6.50 fee.* El Rio Preserve, 10191 N. Coachline Boulevard 85743. For more information: www.maranaaz.gov/recreation, or 520-382-1950

Tuesdays, September 10 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Birding the Santa Catalina Mountains

Join us to bird the cool beauty of the Santa Catalina Mountains. We explore different parts of the range on each trip. We expect to see a wide variety of birds, such as several warblers, flycatchers, corvids, hummingbirds, and raptors. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership. Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.* Meeting location will be provided with registration.

Thursdays, September 12 and 26 • 7:30-10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 15 • 7:30-10:00 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. Ages 12 and up. *Free*

with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.

Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste 85745

Friday, September 13 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 13 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn Your Local Lizards

Discover the fascinating diversity of lizards that live in our area and learn about interesting lizard behaviors including push-ups, head-bobbing, and more. All ages welcome. *Free.* Wheeler Taft Abnett Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

Saturday, September 14 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Ethnobotany

The desert is a veritable marketplace. Learn what desert plants have been traditionally used as food and fiber. Explore the harvesting calendar and practices then sample some desert delicacies. *Free.* Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road 85706

Monday, September 16 • 4:00-5:00 p.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, tanagers, warblers, 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

Tuesday, September 17 • 7:30-9:30 a.m.

The Life of a Black Bear

Learn about the natural history and habits of black bears in Arizona. Engage in a discussion of how to avoid encounters with bears while hiking or camping in black bear country. *Free.* Dewhirst-Catalina Library, 15631 N. Oracle Road #199, 85739

Thursday, September 19 • 10:30-12:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz River Walk

Take a guided stroll along the flowing Santa Cruz River on the Loop to 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 Abnett Sr Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

Sundays, September 22 and October 20 • 8:00-9:30 a.m.

All About Saguaros

Learn about the ecology and traditional uses of our most iconic desert plant, the saguaro cactus. Discuss the importance of saguaros to native wildlife, as well as native peoples of the Sonoran Desert. All ages welcome. *Free.* Wheeler Taft Abnett Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

Saturday, October 12 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Living with Urban Wildlife

Learn about our local wildlife, their habitat needs, and why they may be attracted to your yard or neighborhood. Discuss ways to design and manage your property to benefit both you and wildlife, and get practical tips for living in harmony with our fellow desert inhabitants.

Free. Dewhirst-Catalina Library, 15631 N. Oracle Road #199, 85739

Thursday, October 17 • 10:30 a.m.-Noon

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. *Free.* Kirk-Bear Canyon Library, 8959 E. Tanque Verde Road 85749

Saturday, October 19 • 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.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, October 22 • 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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Thursday, October 24 • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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.

September 4 – September 29: Dusenberry-River Library, 5605 E. River Road #105, 85750

October 2 – October 30: Mission Library, 3770 S. Mission Road 85713

Registration for Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR) Activities is online. Please be aware that ActiveNet charges a convenience fee of \$2.50 per transaction, plus 3 percent of the cost of the transaction applies to reservations made online for facilities and activities. A cost saving option is available with the purchase the \$50 Annual Membership Pass for free or reduced-rate registration for Tours and Outdoor Activities. Visit www.pima.gov/nrpr and click on the Register Now button.

For more information email eeducation@pima.gov
or call 520-724-5375



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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 such as flycatchers, hummingbirds, raptors, and woodpeckers. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Every Thursday in October, 8:00-9:30 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.

Saturday, September 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

Hours: May – October: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

September 28 – October 30: Denizens of the Sonoran Desert Region:

Two avid photographers, Ana Gonzalez and Dan Weisz, have used their cameras to record some of the incredible flora and fauna that can be found in the Sonoran Desert Region.

HISTORIC CANOA RANCH

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

Online registration: www.pima.gov/canoaranch

Program information: Phone 520-724-5375

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 with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Every Saturday in September and October except September 21 and October 19 • 8:30-10:00 a.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.*

Every Saturday in September and October except September 14 and October 5 • 7:30-9:30 a.m.

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

Shorebird Workshop

Shorebirds are a diverse group and include such birds as plovers, sandpipers, curlews, gulls, terns, and more. They are also full of contradictions; some make epic migrations while others are fairly sedentary, in some species males are less colorful than females and take on all of the responsibilities for raising their young. This workshop explores these intriguing birds, including tips on how to identify members of this challenging group. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*

Tuesday, September 3 • 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Prickly Pear Workshop

Enjoy the bounty of the desert as we prepare the sweet and succulent fruit of the prickly pear cactus. Learn about the many uses for prickly pear cactus, check out cochineal bugs, make prickly pear juice, and enjoy some ice cream with prickly pear syrup. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturday, September 7 • 9:30 a.m.-Noon

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 with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Wednesdays, September 11 and October 9 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Wondering About the Wild Things

Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Moths: Amazing Unseen Diversity” in an informative hour-long talk followed by a Q and A session on any nature topic that you may have been wondering about. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Friday, September 13 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Gardens of Canoa

Enjoy a guided tour of the gardens of Historic Canoa Ranch with Raydine Taber from the Green Valley Gardeners. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Wednesdays, September 18 and October 16 • 8:30-10:00 a.m.

1st Canoa Cup Collector Car Show Fundraiser

Enjoy Classic Cars in a Classic Venue! Enjoy collector cars, live music DJ, food trucks, drinks, raffle, vendors and more! Buildings and exhibits will be open to the public. *\$25 registration fee/car; \$5 general admission.* All proceeds go towards the restoration of the Tradesman House for a new Visitor Center.

Saturday, September 21 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 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 with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Wednesdays, September 25 and October 23 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Wondering About the Wild Things

Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Spiders and Scorpions” in an informative hour-long talk followed by a Q and A session on any nature topic that you may have been wondering about. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturday, October 12 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Anza Day at Historic Canoa Ranch

FREE event open to the public with vendors, music, dance performers, presentations, food, drinks and more! All ages welcome. *Free.*

Saturday, October 19 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Canoa Country Market

Vendors, artists, crafts, local produce, food and music every Thursday to April 16, 2020. *Free.* For more information: canoacountrymarket@gmail.com or 520-909-3218

Thursdays, October 24 and October 31 • 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.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.*

Friday, October 25 • 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Butterfly Biology Workshop

Butterflies are the world’s most popular insects. This workshop explores the diversity of butterflies, as well as, their life cycle, the miracle of metamorphosis, foods of adults and caterpillars, migration, and identification. Attracting butterflies to your yard will also be discussed. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*

Saturday, October 26 • 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Green Valley Concert Band at Canoa

Enjoy the artistry and musical sound of the all – volunteer Green Valley Concert Band under the direction of Dr. John Snavelly! Please bring a folding chair. *\$10 per person.*

Sunday, October 27 • 5:00-6:30 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

Hummingbird Workshop

Hummingbirds are among the most popular birds in the U.S. They dazzle us with their spectacular colors, amazing acrobatics, and willingness to come to sugar water feeders. This workshop will discuss the biology, identification, and ways to attract these wonderful birds. Ages 12 and up. *\$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.*

Sunday, September 15 • 9:00 a.m.-Noon

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. Online registration required.*

Wednesdays, September 18 and October 16 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wondering About the Wild Things

Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Beetles: The Most Diverse Animals on Earth” in an informative hour-long talk followed by a Q and A session on any nature topic that you may have been wondering about. All ages welcome. *Free with Membership, Non-Member \$5 fee. Online registration required.*

Friday, September 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Shorebird Workshop

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Sunday, October 13 • 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Wondering About the Wild Things

Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Wonders of Bird Migration” in an informative hour-long talk followed by a Q and 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.*

Friday, October 18 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK

Online registration: www.pima.gov/nrpr

Program information: Phone 520-724-5375

Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Desert Night Shift

When most people retreat indoors, our desert comes alive! Join Pima County naturalists on an easy hike to discover “who” is out and about in the desert at night. Learn why many animals, and even some plants, are nocturnal and how they manage life in the dark. Bring a headlamp