



Park Programs Listings – January 2018

Online registration - www.pima.gov/nrpr

Program information - Phone: 520-724-5375 or Email: eeducation@pima.gov

Birding Agua Caliente Park

What: Take a guided walk to see a variety of birds such as warblers, flycatchers, hummingbirds, orioles, and vireos. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

Date: Every Thursday in January

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

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

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Birding KERP

What: Take a stroll with birding expert Jeff Babson to spot wetland and desert birds in the urban habitats of Kino Ecosystem Restoration Project (KERP) at Sam Lena Park. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, January 2

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Sam Lena Park/KERP, 3400 S. Country Club Road 85713

Cost: Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee. Online registration required.

For more information: www.pima.gov/nrpr, eeducation@pima.gov or 520-615-7855

Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

What: 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.

Date: Tuesday, January 2

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

For more information: www.pima.gov/canoaranch, CanoaRanch@pima.gov or 520-724-5220

Full Moon Nature Walk

What: Stroll gentle trails with a naturalist under the light of the bright moon. Nature reveals another side in the night hours, there's always something to discover. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water, and a flashlight. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Tuesday, January 2

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

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

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Birding Tucson Mountain Park

What: Join a local birder for a guided walk looking for Sonoran Desert resident birds as well as seasonal visitors such as rufous-winged sparrows and phainopeplas. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, January 6

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735

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

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Arizona Stories: Frontier Characters and Communities

What: From mammoth hunters and canal builders to Native Americans, Hispanics, Americans, Irish, Serbians, and just about every nationality under the sun, Arizona has always been a land of many cultures. Historian Jim Turner shares how Arizona evolved from a violent frontier to a just and civil society. All ages welcome.

Date: Sunday, January 7

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

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

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Birding Canoa Ranch

What: Join birding expert Jeff Babson to see a wide variety of sparrows, raptors, and the possibility of waterfowl on the newly restored pond at Historic Canoa Ranch. All ages welcome.

Date: Monday, January 8

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

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

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Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park

What: Join a local birding expert to explore the bountiful birdlife that inhabits the Arizona Uplands of Colossal Cave Mountain Park. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, January 9

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Colossal Cave Mountain Park, 16721 E. Old Spanish Trail 85641

Cost: Free with Membership. Non-member \$5 fee. Online registration required.

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Ironwood Nature Walk

What: 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. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Tuesday, January 9

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735

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

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Date: Tuesday, January 9

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Restoration Tour

What: 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.

Date: Wednesday, January 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch

What: 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.

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Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Wondering About the Wild Things

What: Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Sandhill Cranes: Majestic Winter Visitors” 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.

Date: Friday, January 12

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Visitor Center, 3482 E. River Road 85718

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

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Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

What: 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.

Date: Saturday, January 13

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Cascabel Trail Nature Walk

What: During a 1 ½ 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. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, January 13

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, 3858 W. Irvington Road 85714

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

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Birding Sweetwater Wetlands

What: Roam this urban birding hotspot with a naturalist to look for wetland and desert birds as well as other wildlife. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, January 13

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Sweetwater Wetlands, 2511 W. Sweetwater Drive 85745

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Arizona Place Names: Our Map and How It Got That Way

What: Place names are like fossil poetry. They afford a kind of folk history, a snapshot in time that enables us to read in them a record of important events. In this lively presentation, Arizona writer and historian Gregory McNamee examines the history of Arizona place names.

Date: Sunday, January 14

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

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

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Birding Cienega Creek

What: 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 hawks, tanagers, warblers, sparrows, and many others. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, January 16

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Gabe Zimmerman Davidson Canyon Trailhead at Cienega Creek Natural Preserve, 16000 E. Marsh Station Road 85641

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

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Date: Tuesday, January 16

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Nuts about Nature Preschool Hour at Brandi Fenton Park

What: 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.

Date: Wednesday, January 17

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Visitor Center, 3482 E. River Road 85718

Cost: Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee. Online registration required.

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Nuts about Nature Preschool Hour at Agua Caliente Park

What: 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.

Date: Friday, January 19

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

Cost: Children free. Adults free with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$5 fee. Online registration required.

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Sonoran Desert Weedwackers

What: 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.

Date: Saturday, January 20

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

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Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

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Date: Saturday, January 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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NSI: Nature Scene Investigation

What: The Sonoran Desert is teeming with wildlife! Even if we don't see the animal there are signs left behind. Become a nature detective with hands-on, family friendly activities, and learn to identify wildlife tracks, nests, and holes. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, January 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 N. Camino de Oeste 85745

Cost: Free.

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Stargazing Agua Caliente Park

What: 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. All ages welcome. Weather permitting.

Date: Saturday, January 20

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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Apaches and Their Horses

What: Horses changed the ancestral Apache lifeway, shaped warfare and intercultural relations, were intertwined with family and inter-band relations, and were integrated into Apachean lives. Dr. Deni Seymour, internationally recognized authority on Native American and Spanish colonial archaeology, discusses the historical role of horses in rock art, landscape use, and artifacts.

Date: Sunday, January 21

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

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Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

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Date: Tuesday, January 23

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Restoration Tour

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Date: Wednesday, January 24

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Date: Wednesday, January 24

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Nature Stories at Agua Caliente Park

What: Join us outdoors for a nature-themed story hour and art activity. This program is a partnership between Pima County and Tucson Audubon Society. Children ages 2-5 with an adult companion.

Date: Friday, January 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

Cost: Free.

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Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

What: 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.

Date: Saturday, January 27

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Stargazing Tucson Mountain Park

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Date: Saturday, January 27

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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Old Pueblo's Unknown Early Black Pioneers

What: Tucson's African-American community members overcame numerous scandals to become some of the city's most prosperous and well-known citizens. Author Bernard Wilson discusses key African-Americans who challenged territorial laws and contributed to the Old Pueblo's early history.

Date: Sunday, January 28

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

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

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Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

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Date: Tuesday, January 30

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley 85622

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Hike Brown Mountain Trail

What: 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.

Date: Tuesday, January 30

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Brown Mountain Trailhead 8451 W. McCain Loop Road 85735

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

For more information: www.pima.gov/nrpr, eeducation@pima.gov or 520-724-5375

How to Compose Photos with Impact

What: Almost every camera and cell phone today is capable of taking great photographs, but unless you know the rules of good composition, every camera will just take great... snapshots! Bring your camera and join landscape and nature photographer James Capo in a fun, hands-on photography workshop to learn how to *instantly* improve your photos by understanding simple principles of good composition. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Wednesday, January 31

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

Cost: \$10 with Membership, Non-Member \$15 fee. Online registration required.

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Full Moon Nature Walk

What: Stroll gentle trails with a naturalist under the light of a Blue Moon. Nature reveals another side in the night hours, there's always something to discover! Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water, and a flashlight. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Wednesday, January 31

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 North Camino de Oeste 85745

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

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Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: *Double Vision* – Two Artists, Two Views of the Southwest: A southwestern native and a transplant come together to share their impressions of our desert region.

Date: December 23 – January 24

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: November – April: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

Cost: Free.

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Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: The Great American Southwest has inspired artists with its amazing landscapes, rich and diverse cultures, and storied history. The Lensmasters of Camera Club Tucson have captured the southwest in an exhibit as interesting and diverse as its landscape.

Date: January 27- February 28

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: November - April: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E. Roger Road 85749

Cost: Free.

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Living River of Words Youth Poetry and Art

What: Local children share their view of the natural world in this exhibition of award winning poetry and mixed media art. All ages welcome.

Date: December 2 - January 8

Time: Monday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Mission Library, 3770 S. Mission Road 85713

Cost: Free.

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Date: January 10 – February 28

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Where: Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd 85706

Cost: Free.

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