



Park Programs Listings – February 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 February

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 Tucson Mountain Park

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

Date: Saturday, February 3

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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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, February 3

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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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, February 6

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

Hike Brown Mountain Trail

What: Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on this 2-mile naturalist guided hike. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Tuesday, February 6

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

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Animal Attraction and the Mating Game

What: Attracting mates is an important part of life in the animal world. During a digital-slide presentation, we explore how animals use scent, sound, color, and impressive displays to catch the attention of potential mates.

Date: Tuesday, February 6

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Dusenberry-River Library, 105 E River Rd #105 85750

Cost: Free

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The Camera Dilemma

What: How do you know which camera is right for you? Compare the virtues of various camera types from camera phones, point and shoot basic and advanced cameras with interchangeable lenses. Learn the questions every photographer should ask to improve photo taking and processing skills. This hands-on seminar led by landscape photographers James Capo and Steve Dell is perfect for all skill levels. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Wednesday, February 7

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

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

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Date: Saturday, February 10

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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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, February 10

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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Father Kino: Journey to Discovery

What: Father Kino was a cartographer, explorer, and a man on a mission who bridged the gap between the Anglo world and the Native American through his charismatic and caring heart. Historical geographer and author Dr. Barbara Jaquay shares how Father Kino brought a new religion to the native in a nonthreatening manner.

Date: Sunday, February 11

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

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

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Date: Tuesday, February 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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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, February 14

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

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

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Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch

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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, February 14

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, February 16

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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Wondering About the Wild Things

What: Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Foxes, Skunks, Ringtails, and More: Arizona’s Small Carnivores” 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, February 16

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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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, February 17

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

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Date: Saturday, February 17

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

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Desert Discovery Day

What: Explore the diversity of the beautiful Sonoran Desert with a variety of family-friendly, hands-on activities. Travel through time on a geology hike; discover blooms, butterflies, and birds on a guided nature walk; taste food from the desert; meet native wildlife. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, February 17

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Desert Discovery Center, 7798 W. Gates Pass Road 85745

Cost: Free.

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

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, February 17

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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Empire to Las Cienegas NCA: Ranching and Historic Landscape Change

What: The Empire Ranch, built by Walter Vail and family, was one of the most financially successful and long-lived cattle enterprises in Arizona. Historian Robin Pinto presents the story of how ranchers survived flood, drought, and economic challenges and how the Bureau of Land Management and its partners work to protect and preserve the historic ranch.

Date: Sunday, February 18

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

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

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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, February 20

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Colossal Cave Mountain Park, 16721 E. Old Spanish Trail, Vail 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, February 20

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

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High Dynamic Range Photography

What: There is a lot of information, some inaccurate, about High Dynamic Range photography. Learn when and why to shoot with HDR techniques, how to do it in the field, and what to do on the computer to make these captures elegant images. Landscape and travel photographer Steve Dell will lead this seminar designed for the photographer with a reasonable grasp of camera controls who wants to step up the creative process. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Wednesday, February 21

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

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

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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, February 23

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

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Date: Saturday, February 24

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, February 24

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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Cost: Free. Registration not 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, February 27

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, February 27

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

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Date: Wednesday, February 28

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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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: January 10 – February 28

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: Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd 85706

Cost: Free.

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