



Park Programs Listings – March 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 waterfowl, raptors, woodpeckers, and songbirds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

Date: Every Thursday in March

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Full Moon Wander

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: Thursday, March 1

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary at Arthur Pack Regional Park, 9101 N. Thornydale Road 85742

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

Birding Tucson Mountain Park

What: Join a local birding guide for a walk in Tucson Mountain Park to see rufous-winged sparrows, gilded flickers, phainopeplas, and many other desert birds. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, March 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.

Paint Out in the Park

What: Join the Sonoran Plein Air Painters Society to learn some techniques for painting landscape scenes in the open air. "Meet the Artists" reception and Paint Out in the Parks exhibition opening to follow the painting demonstration. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, March 3

Time: Paint Out 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Reception 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

Heritage Fair at Historic Canoa Ranch

What: Exhibits, antiques and collectibles, fine art and crafts, local food and drink. Come see the George Redondo Proctor Western Heritage Collection and help celebrate what would have been George's 100th birthday and see the newly restored Canoa Lake. All ages welcome. Free.

Date: Saturday, March 3

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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

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, March 3

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.

Hike Golden Gate/Ironwood Loop Trail

What: Enjoy the Sonoran Desert in springtime during a 3½ mile, easy to moderate level hike in scenic Tucson Mountain Park. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Tuesday, March 6

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Gates Pass Road, meet at pullout G6.

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

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: Tuesday, March 6

Time: 8:00 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.

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.

Dates: Every Tuesday in March

Every Saturday in March **except** March 3

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 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

Gardening for Birds and Butterflies

What: 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. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, March 6

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Dusenberry-River Library, 5605 E River Rd #105 85750

Cost: Free. No registration required.

Wondering About the Wild Things

What: Naturalist Jeff Babson shares "Owls: Masters of the Night Skies" 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, March 9

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.

Birding Canoa Ranch

What: Join birding expert Brian Nicholas 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: Saturday, March 10

Time: 8:00 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.

Archaeological Tour of Honey Bee Village

What: Explore an ancient Hohokam village, which includes a plaza and ball court, at Honey Bee Village with Pima County archaeologist Ian Miliken. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, March 10

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Southeast corner of N. Ranch Vistoso Blvd and E. Moore Road, Oro Valley, 85755

Cost: \$5 with Membership, Non-Member \$10 fee. Online registration required.

Historical Tour of Agua Caliente Park

What: Enjoy a guided walk around the lush grounds and historic buildings of Agua Caliente Park and gain insights into the rich farming and ranching history of the site. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, March 10

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

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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, March 10

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Sweetwater Wetlands, 2511 W. Sweetwater Drive 85745

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

Cacti of the Desert Southwest

What: Discover the enormous variety of cacti that are found in our region and enjoy images of their colorful flowers. Learn about pollination strategies, general ecology, and traditional uses of local cacti.

Date: Monday, March 12

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue 85716

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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.

Date: Wednesday, March 14

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.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

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, March 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.

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, March 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.

Stargazing at Historic Canoa Ranch

What: Come before dark to take a self-guided tour of the Canoa Ranch Headquarters. The Sonora Astronomical Society volunteers set up telescopes for celestial viewing and provide an introduction to the night sky. Bring your flashlight and lawn chair. Weather permitting. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, March 16

Time: Self-guided tour 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Stargazing 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$5 suggested donation.

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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, March 17

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

The Loop Celebration

What: We're celebrating the completion of The Loop, a 131-mile multi-use trail that spans the metropolitan area, allowing cyclists, pedestrians, joggers and equestrians an opportunity to enjoy our beautiful Sonoran Desert on paved, vehicle-free pathways. "Connecting Communities" is the theme of our Loop Completion Celebration at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. Learn about the history of this unique nestled along the banks of the Rillito River.

Date: Saturday, March 17

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

For more information: www.pima.gov/theloop

Stargazing Tucson Mountain 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, March 17

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park

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

Date: Tuesday, March 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.

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, March 20

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.

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, March 23

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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 raptors, flycatchers, sparrows, and more. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, March 24

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.

Practical Uses of Desert Plants

What: Join us at the Desert Discovery Center in Tucson Mountain Park to explore the practical uses and flavors of desert plants. The workshop includes a short hike and a make-and-take session to process a desert plant for use at home. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, March 24

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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, March 24

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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, March 27

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.

Venomous and Poisonous Animals of Arizona

What: Learn about the biology and adaptations of some of Arizona's amazing creatures including rattlesnakes, scorpions, Gila monsters, and toads.

Date: Tuesday, March 27

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.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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Date: Wednesday, March 28

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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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, March 28

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Natural History of Owls

What: Owls are iconic birds, steeped in myth and legend. This class explores the fascinating biology of owls, focusing on their diversity, identification, and biology. Join us for an in-depth look at these enchanting birds. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, March 30

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$10 with membership. \$15 Non-member fee. Online registration required.

Full Moon Wander

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: Saturday, March 31

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

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

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: Paint Out in the Parks, an exhibition of plein air works of selected Pima County park locations by the Sonoran Plein Air Painters.

Date: March 3 - April 4

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.