



Park Programs Listings – April 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 April

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.

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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: Tuesday, April 3

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.

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, April 3

Time: 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.

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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. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, April 3

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free

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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, April 7

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

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Time: 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

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Living River Celebration

What: View the award-winning *Living River of Words: Youth Poetry and Art* exhibition. Take a close-up look at life in the river water under the microscope, enjoy family fun activities, and see the Living River exhibits. This year we are celebrating the return of the endangered Gila topminnow to the Santa Cruz River. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, April 7

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

Cost: Free.

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Flycatcher ID Class

What: Flycatchers are a group of birds that can pose serious identification challenges. This class will focus on the important field marks that are helpful in identifying them. Join Jeff Babson for an in depth look at southern Arizona's flycatchers. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Sunday, April 8

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 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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Date: Tuesday, April 10

Time: 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.

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Anza Trail Hike

What: 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.

Date: Wednesday, April 11

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Date: Wednesday, April 11

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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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, April 14

Time: 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.

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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, April 14

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.

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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, April 14

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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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, April 14

Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 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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Fire in the Sonoran Desert Region

What: In an indoor presentation, Pima County naturalists Marsha Colbert and Sandy Reith provide an overview of fire in the Sonoran Desert, including wildfire's impacts on wildlands, wildlife, and human environments. Learn how invasive plants have changed the fire landscape, as well as how local homeowners are increasing their communities' resilience to wildfire. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Sunday, April 15

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 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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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, April 17

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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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, April 17

Time: 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.

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Twilight Nature Walk

What: Take a relaxing, naturalist-guided stroll at Canoa Ranch to experience the quiet of the desert at dusk as we explore how seasonal changes affect local plants and animals. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, April 17

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

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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, April 18

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, April 20

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 “Rattlesnakes of Arizona: Fact and Fiction” 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, April 20

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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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, April 20

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, April 21

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

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Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 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

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Time: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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

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

Date: Tuesday, April 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.

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Date: Wednesday, April 25

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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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, April 25

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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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, April 27

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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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, April 28

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

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Full Moon Wander

What: Stroll the gentle trails with a naturalist under the light of a 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: Monday, April 30

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 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: *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.

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Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: *Wings of the Desert*, Ric Nielsen displays his artwork reflecting the beauty, colors, and patterns of winged desert insects that are sure to bring enjoyment and amazement to all. All ages welcome.

Date: April 7 – May 10

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: April 7 – April 30

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: Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

Cost: Free.

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