

Included is a list of Pima County Natural Resources programs for the month of *May*.

Most programs require registration and may fill up quickly, so please register soon.

Online registration - www.pima.gov/nrpr

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

You can now purchase an *Annual Tours and Outdoor Activities Membership* which grants free or reduced enrollment fees for select activities.

You can also check our program listings on our online calendar at: www.pima.gov/NRPR. Click on the calendar icon on the right side of the page.

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 May

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Cactus Hike

What: Enjoy the showy flowers of our local cacti and learn about their ecology and uses during a 2½-3 mile, easy to moderate level hike, along desert trails at Sweetwater Preserve. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, May 5

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Pima County Sweetwater Preserve, 4000 N. Tortolita Road 85745

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: Saturdays, May 5, May 19

Tuesdays, May 8, May 22

Time: 8:30 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

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, May 8

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.

Honey Bee Village Twilight Nature Walk

What: Enjoy the desert at dusk during a naturalist guided nature walk at Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve and learn about the cultural and natural history of the site. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, May 11

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve, southeast corner of N. Ranch Vistoso Blvd and E. Moore Road, Oro Valley 85755

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

Wondering About the Wild Things

What: Naturalist Jeff Babson shares "Arizona's Native Fish" 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, May 11

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 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 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, tanagers, warblers, and more. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, May 15

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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, May 16

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.

Monsoon Mysteries

What: Explore the interesting events that occur during the monsoon, including weather phenomena and how plants and animals respond to them. We also discuss the outlook for this year's monsoon. All ages welcome.

Date: Thursday, May 17

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

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

Cost: Free. Registration not 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, May 18

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.

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, May 19

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

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, May 19

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.

Dragons and Damsels of Agua Caliente Park

What: Discover the world of dragonflies and damselflies on this guided walk, as we explore the diversity, beauty, and behavior of these ancient and remarkable insects. All ages welcome.

Date: Monday, May 21

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.

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, May 23

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.

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

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, May 23

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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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, May 25

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

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

Saguaros!

What: Discover the world of saguaros on this short guided walk and indoor presentation. We explore the blossoms beauty, traditional uses by the Tohono O'odham, and saguaro's importance as provider of home, food, and shelter for wildlife. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, May 26

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.

Full Moon Wander

What: 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.

Date: Tuesday, May 29

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.

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.

April 7 - May 13: Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive 85743

May 15- June 14: Martha Cooper Library, 1377 N. Catalina Avenue 85712

Times: 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.

Cost: Free.

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

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

Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: *November - April: Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; May-October: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

April 7-May 9: 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.

May 12-June 13: Birds of a Feather: A visual portrait alphabet of regional birds, painted in acrylic and gesso by artist Wil Taylor. All ages welcome.