



## Park Programs Listings – September 2018

Online registration - [www.pima.gov/nrpr](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr)

Program information - Phone: 520-724-5375 or Email: [eeducation@pima.gov](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov)

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### **Birding Agua Caliente Park**

**What:** Take a guided walk to see birds such as warblers, flycatchers, hummingbirds, orioles, and vireos. With fall migration, there may be some surprises! Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Every Thursday in September

**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 Brian Nicholas to see a wide variety of sparrows, raptors, and the possibility of waterfowl on the pond at Historic Canoa Ranch. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, September 1

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 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:** Explore the bountiful birdlife that inhabits the Arizona Uplands of Colossal Cave Mountain Park. We expect to see southbound migrants, such as warblers, and resident birds like sparrows. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 4

**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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### **All About Saguaros**

**What:** Learn about the ecology and traditional uses of our most iconic desert plant, the saguaro cactus. Discuss the importance of saguaros to native wildlife, as well as native peoples of the Sonoran Desert. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Friday, September 7

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Valencia Library, 202 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85706

**Cost:** Free.

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

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### **Prickly Pear Harvest Workshop**

**What:** Enjoy the bounty of the desert as we harvest the sweet and succulent fruit of the prickly pear cactus. Learn about the many uses for prickly pear cactus, check out cochineal bugs, make prickly pear juice, and enjoy some ice cream with prickly pear syrup. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, September 8

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Children free. Adults \$10 with Membership, Non-Member Adult \$15 fee. Online registration required.

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### **Bats in Flight**

**What:** Discover the fascinating lives of Mexican free-tailed bats and watch as hundreds of bats emerge from their daytime roost under the Campbell Avenue Bridge over the Rillito River. Pima County naturalists and volunteers provide information and family-friendly activities. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, September 8

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Pima County Rillito River Park, 4200 N. Campbell Avenue 85719

**Cost:** Free. Registration not 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, September 12

**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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### **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, September 12

**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.

### **Wildlife of the Sonoran Desert**

**What:** Wildlife that inhabit the Sonoran Desert have specialized adaptations that allow them to thrive. From roadrunners to regal horned lizards and round-tailed ground squirrels, explore how animals are adapted to life in the Sonoran Desert.

**Date:** Friday, September 14

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Mission Library, 3770 S Mission Rd, Tucson, AZ 85713

**Cost:** Free.

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**Date:** Friday, September 14

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Valencia Library, 202 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85706

**Cost:** Free.

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### **Birding Canoa Ranch**

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**Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 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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### **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](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov) for meeting location. Ages 18 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, September 15

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

**Cost:** Free.

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**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.

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### **Butterfly Biology Workshop**

**What:** Butterflies are the world's most popular and beloved insects. This workshop begins with a presentation on the biology and diversity of butterflies, including tips to identify them. After a short bring your own lunch break, we will employ our new skills to observe and identify butterflies in the park. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, September 15

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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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, September 15

**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.

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### **Birding Cienega Creek**

**What:** Join us on this guided walk to observe the rich birdlife in the desert and riparian habitats of Cienega Creek Natural Preserve as we search for migrant and resident birds. At this time of year, anything is possible! All ages welcome.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 18

**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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### **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, September 19

**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, September 21

**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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### **The Wonderful World of Bats**

**What:** Explore the exciting nightlife of bats, their intriguing adaptations, and the important roles they play in the environment. Discuss current threats to bat populations and what efforts are being made to protect them. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Friday, September 21

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Valencia Library, 202 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85706

**Cost:** Free.

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### **Wondering About the Wild Things**

**What:** Naturalist Jeff Babson debunks fears and misperceptions on the topic of “Amazing Arachnids” in an informative hour-long talk. The presentation is followed by a Q and A session on any nature topic that you may have questions about. If the weather is nice, we will be outside, so feel free to bring a lawn chair. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Friday, September 21

**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.

### **Family Birding at Kino Environmental Restoration Project (KERP)**

**What:** Join an all-ages walk for beginning birders to explore the diversity of birds found in our area. Identify birds by shape, plumage, and behavior, and learn how to use binoculars and field guides. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, September 22

**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.

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### **Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch- Canceled**

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**Date:** Saturday, September 22

**Time:** 8:30 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:** 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:** Monday, September 24

**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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### **Birding Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary**

**What:** Take a guided walk on flat trails through saguaro-ironwood desert habitat to see a variety of upland birds as well as waterbirds on the adjacent ponds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 26

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Arthur Pack Regional Park, 9101 N. Thornydale Road, 85742

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

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### **Volunteer Training: Living with Urban Wildlife Program**

**What:** Interested in helping communities learn how to successfully co-exist with wildlife? Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers to deliver urban wildlife public education programs. Trained volunteers deliver Living with Urban Wildlife presentations to local community groups and staff the mobile exhibit trailer at public events.

**Dates:** Thursday-Saturday, September 27-29

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday

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

**Cost:** Free. Space is limited, advance registration required, email [eeducation@pima.gov](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov)

**For more information and registration:** [www.pima.gov/nrpr](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr), [eeducation@pima.gov](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov) or 520-724-5375

### **Venomous and Poisonous Animals of Arizona**

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

**Date:** Friday, September 28

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Valencia Library, 202 W Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85706

**Cost:** Free.

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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 to gain insights into the rich farming and ranching history of the site. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, September 29

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

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### **Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery**

**What:** Connected: Nature stories told by Shannon Sullivan through photographs printed on paper, glass, canvas and wood.

**Date:** August 25-September 26

**Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: May – October:** Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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:** This Abiding Place – Steven Phillips exhibits a collection of linocut prints that capture the power, beauty and wild diversity of the Sonoran Desert.

**Date:** September 29-October 31

**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:** August 25 – September 27

**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:** Dusenberry – River Branch Library, 5605 E. River Rd., # 105 85750

**Cost:** Free.

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