



Park Programs Listings – October 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 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 October

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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Beginning Birding Workshop

What: Join us for a two-part introduction to birdwatching that will focus on the most common birds in the region, as well as techniques for identifying them. Participants will learn to recognize birds by size and shape, behavior, plumage, and habitat, and also how to use binoculars and field guides. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Thursday, October 4 **and** Saturday, October 6

Time: Thursday evening: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday morning: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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Birding Tucson Mountain Park

What: Join us for a guided walk through ironwood-saguaro habitat looking for Sonoran Desert resident birds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, October 5

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 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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Living with Urban Wildlife

What: Learn about our local wildlife, their habitat needs, and why they may be attracted to your yard or neighborhood. Discuss ways to design and manage your property to benefit both you and wildlife, and get practical tips for living in harmony with our fellow desert inhabitants. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, October 5

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free.

For more information: www.pima.gov/nrpr, eeducation@pima.gov or 520-724-5375

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, October 6

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

Canoa Ranch Nature Walk

What: Enjoy a naturalist-guided walk through the diverse habitats around Canoa Ranch on mostly-level trails and learn about the plants and wildlife that inhabit the area. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Wednesday, October 10

Time: 7:30 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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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, October 10

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, October 10

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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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, October 13

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 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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Hike Rock Wren Trail

What: Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on a moderate level, 2-3 mile interpretive hike. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, October 13

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead at S. Ave Del Correcaminos, Tucson 85745

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

Cost: Free. 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, October 13

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not 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 a variety of resident birds. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, October 16

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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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, October 17

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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Hike Yetman Trail

What: Enjoy the scenic beauty of the Tucson Mountains on a moderate level, 2-3 mile interpretive hike to the Bowen Stone House ruins area. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Thursday, October 18

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Tucson Mountain Park, Camino de Oeste Trailhead, 400 N. Camino de Oeste 85745

Cost: Free with Membership. Non-member \$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, October 19

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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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, October 20

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

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Anza Day at Historic Canoa Ranch

What: Join in the festivities at the Grand Opening and Dedication of Canoa Lake and the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System and enjoy food, vendors, music and dance performances, presentations, 4H exhibitors, and horseback rides. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, October 20

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free.

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Dragonfly Biology Workshop

What: Dragonflies are ancient insects, spectacular in their flying abilities, coloration, and behavior. This workshop begins with a classroom introduction to the biology, classification, and identification of these remarkable animals. Following a short bring your own lunch break, we will head to the ponds to see what species we observe and practice our newly acquired identification skills. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, October 20

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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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, October 20

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.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, October 23

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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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 water birds on the adjacent ponds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

Date: Wednesday, October 24

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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Full Moon Wander

What: Join a Pima County naturalist to walk the gentle trails of Agua Caliente Park as the sun sets and the full moon rises. 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: Wednesday, October 24

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.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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Wondering About the Wild Things

What: Just in time for fall, Naturalist Jeff Babson shares “Arizona’s Native Gourds” in an informative hour-long talk 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, October 26

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.

Hike Colossal Cave Mountain Park

What: Discover the rich natural and cultural history of Colossal Cave Mountain Park during a 2 to 3-mile moderate level interpretive hike. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Saturday, October 27

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 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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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.

Date: Saturday, October 27

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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Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Cost: Free. Online registration required.

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Outdoor Concert with the Green Valley Concert Band

What: *Joy of Music: Emotion and Variety* performed by the Green Valley Concert Band with a spooky music nod to Halloween and sing-along cowboy songs.

Date: Sunday, October 28

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$10 per person at the door.

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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: Wednesday, October 31

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 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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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: October 2- October 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: Mission Library, 3770 S. Mission Road 85713

Cost: Free.

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