



Park Programs Listings – December 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, including waterfowl, raptors, sparrows, and many others. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

Date: Every Thursday in December

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.

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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. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, December 1

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 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.

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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, December 1

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 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 the Living River

What: Take a guided hike along the flowing Santa Cruz River and discover the effects of water on desert habitats. All ages welcome.

Date: Sunday, December 2

Time: 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Where: Wheeler Taft Abbott Sr Branch Library, 7800 N. Schisler Dr. 85743

Cost: Children free. Adults 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, December 4

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$5 Donation per person. Online registration required.

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Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch

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Date: Wednesday, December 5

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

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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, December 5

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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

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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, December 7

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.

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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: Saturday, December 8

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 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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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, December 8

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$5 Donation per person. 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, December 8

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 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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Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park

What: Explore the bountiful birdlife that inhabits the Arizona Uplands of Colossal Cave Mountain Park. We expect to see raptors, woodpeckers, sparrows, and many other birds. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, December 11

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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Date: Tuesday, December 11

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 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, December 12

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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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: Thursday, December 13

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Dewhirst-Catalina Library, 15631 N Oracle Road 85739

Cost: Free.

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Birds and Botany of Feliz Paseos Park

What: Join a Pima County naturalist to learn about common desert birds and plants. We are likely to see verdins, cactus wrens, and curve-billed thrashers among the cacti, palo verde, and ironwood. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, December 14

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Pima County Feliz Paseos Park, 1600 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, December 14

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 "Christmas Cholla and Other Chollas" 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, December 14

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.

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, December 15

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Pima County Tucson Mountain Park 85743

Cost: Free.

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Date: Saturday, December 15

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$5 Donation per person. Online registration required.

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Natural Wreath Making Workshop

What: We use natural materials such as mesquite beans, devil's claw, pine cones, acorns, herbs, and greenery from our gardens to create unique holiday wreaths. Materials and space are limited. All ages welcome.

Date: Saturday, December 15

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Children Free; Adults \$10 with membership; \$15 non-member adults. Online registration required.

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Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Cost: Free. Registration not required.

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Duck ID Workshop

What: Ducks are common birds at wetlands throughout southern Arizona, however, their identification has its challenges. We start with a classroom discussion of the groups of ducks that occur here and learn to look for field marks to identify the various species. We then apply the learning as we observe and identify ducks on the pond. Ages 12 and up.

Date: Sunday, December 16

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 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 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. All ages welcome.

Date: Tuesday, December 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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Date: Tuesday, December 18

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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Date: Wednesday, December 19

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

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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, December 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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Date: Saturday, December 22

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.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: Saturday, December 22

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 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 water birds on the adjacent ponds. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

Date: Wednesday, December 26

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 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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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, December 29

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **and** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$5 Donation per person. Online registration required.

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Agua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery

What: Tucson Portrait Stories: a mixed media exhibit by artist Lauri Kaye illustrating the people, places and events that make Tucson extraordinary.

Date: November 3-December 5

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: Fiber Art Quilts: Bill Meek and Denny Peterson create quilts inspired by the landscape, architecture, people, and animals of the American southwest.

Date: December 8-January 9

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: December 4- December 27

Time: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. 85701

Cost: Free.

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