

### **Birding Agua Caliente Park**

**What:** Take a guided walk to see a variety of birds such as ducks, raptors, woodpeckers, and more. Loaner binoculars available. All ages welcome.

**Dates:** Every Thursday in January

**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.

### **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, January 5, 12, 19, and 26

Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29

**Times:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (January 12, 11:00 a.m. only)

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

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

For more information: [www.pima.gov/canoaranch](http://www.pima.gov/canoaranch), [CanoaRanch@pima.gov](mailto:CanoaRanch@pima.gov) or 520-724-5220

### **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.

**Dates:** Saturdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26

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### **Cascabel Trail Nature Walk**

**What:** During a 1 ½ mile, naturalist guided hike on level trails we may not see cascabels (Spanish for rattlesnakes) but will see stands of majestic saguaros, impressive fishhook barrel cacti, and a diversity of other Sonoran Desert vegetation. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, January 5

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park, 3858 W. Irvington Road 85714

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

### **Stargazing Agua Caliente Park**

**What:** 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, January 5

**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.

### **Cowpokes, Crooks, and Cactus: Arizona in the Movies**

**What:** From the earliest days of film, Arizona has been a setting and subject for hundreds of films. Some, like Junior Bonner and Red River, are considered classics, others, such as Billy Jack and Evolution, surely less so. Gregory McNamee, a frequent contributor on film to the Encyclopedia Britannica and former columnist for the Hollywood Reporter, looks at the Grand Canyon State on the silver screen. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Sunday, January 6

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

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

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

### **Birding Colossal Cave Mountain Park**

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

**Date:** Tuesday, January 8

**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.

### **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.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 9 and 23

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.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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### **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, January 11

**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.

### **Stargazing at Historic Canoa Ranch**

**What:** The Sonora Astronomical Society volunteers set up telescopes for celestial viewing and provide an introduction to the night sky. Come before dark for a presentation by Whipple Observatory. Bring your flashlight and lawn chair. Weather permitting. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Friday, January 11

**Time:** Presentation 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Stargazing 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

**Cost:** \$5 suggested donation.

For more information: [www.pima.gov/nrpr](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr), [CanoaRanch@pima.gov](mailto:CanoaRanch@pima.gov) or 520-724-5220

### **Hike Sweetwater Preserve**

**What:** Explore this 880-acre natural preserve known for its numerous palo verde trees and huge saguaros that adorn its hillsides on a 2-3 mile naturalist guided hike. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, January 12

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Sweetwater Preserve, 4000 N. Tortolita Road, south of El Camino Del Cerro

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

### **Oh, the Shape We're In: How Arizona and the Western States Got their Borders**

**What:** Thomas Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, "manifest destiny", gold strikes, treaties, purchases of land, railroads and wars are just a few of the names and reasons Arizona ended up with its current-day borders. Author and historical geographer Barbara Jaquay discusses how the southern western states and Arizona's borders were decided.

**Date:** Sunday, January 13

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

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

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

### **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, January 15

**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.

### **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, January 19

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

**Cost:** Free.

### **Hike Rock Wren Trail**

**What:** Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on a moderate level, 3-4 mile interpretive hike through Sonoran Desert uplands. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, January 19

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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

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

### **Sparrow ID Workshop**

**What:** Sparrows are common birds of fields and thickets throughout North America. However, they pose significant challenges when it comes to identifying them. Learn techniques to better identify these tricky birds. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, January 19

**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.

### **Stargazing Tucson Mountain Park**

**What:** 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, January 19

**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.

### **Pima County's Natural Resources Conservation Initiatives**

**What:** After three years of planning and hundreds of meetings a visionary plan emerged, known as the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. Natural Resources Superintendent Brian Powell, presents the history of conservation in Pima County and what it means today. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Sunday, January 20

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

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

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

### **Full Moon Wander**

**What:** Join a Pima County naturalist to walk the gentle trails of Agua Caliente Park as the eclipse of the full moon begins. 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:** Sunday, January 20

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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

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

### **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:** Tuesday, January 22

**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.

### **Hike Brown Mountain Trail**

**What:** Enjoy the scenic and rugged beauty of the Tucson Mountains on this 2-mile guided hike with a Pima County naturalist. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 22

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park, Brown Mountain Trailhead 8451 W. McCain Loop Road 85735

**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, January 23

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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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### **A Walk into the Cretaceous**

**What:** Join UA geologist George Davis to explore the geology of Tucson Mountain Park, during a 1½ - 2-mile hike. The hike is mostly along sandy washes, but includes some stepping up and climbing over bedrock benches up to 3 feet high. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Friday, January 25

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park, Yetman West Trailhead (pull out G3) west of Gates Pass overlook.

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

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

**What:** Naturalist Jeff Babson shares 'Arizona's Wild Cats' in an informative hour-long talk followed by a Q and A session on any nature topic that you may have questions about. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Friday, January 25

**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.

### **Save Our Saguaros**

**What:** Join your friends and neighbors to remove invasive buffelgrass. There are multiple locations throughout Pima County including Tucson Mountain Park. Register online [www.pagregion.com/buffelgrass](http://www.pagregion.com/buffelgrass). Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, January 26

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Pima County Tucson Mountain Park

**Cost:** Free. Online registration required.

For more information and to register: [www.buffelgrass.org](http://www.buffelgrass.org)

### **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, January 26

**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.

### **Tucson History: From Cavemen to Condos**

**What:** Join historian Jim Turner for a whirlwind history tour that covers it all, from the first irrigation canals to the Spanish fort, the Mexican-American and Civil Wars, the coming of the railroad, General Pershing and Pancho Villa, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War population boom, and into the Space Age with its rockets and telescopes. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Sunday, January 27

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

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

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

### **Birding Sweetwater Preserve**

**What:** Explore the scenic Arizona Uplands of Sweetwater Preserve, where we can expect to see three species of woodpecker, resident and wintering sparrows, and many other birds. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 29

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Sweetwater Preserve, 4000 N. Tortolita Road, south of El Camino Del Cerro 85745.

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

### **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. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 29

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 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.

### **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.

**December 8-January 9:** Fiber Art Quilts: Bill Meek and Denny Peterson create quilts inspired by the landscape, architecture, people, and animals of the American southwest.

**January 12-February 13:** Reflections of Nature: An exhibit of paintings and mosaics by artist Sue Betanzos. Sue specializes in animals and the natural world and her love of nature is evident in her depictions of the flora and fauna of Arizona and the Southwest.

### **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:** January 3 - February 14

**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:** Valencia Branch Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd 85706

**Cost:** Free.