

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

**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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**FEBRUARY 2019**

**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.

**Date:** Every Thursday in February

**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.

**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, February 2

**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.

### **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, February 2, 9, and 23

Every Tuesday in February

**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.

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.

**Date:** Saturdays, February 2, 9, and 23

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

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

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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, February 2

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Tucson Mountain Park, Ironwood Picnic Area, 1500 S. Kinney Road at Hal Gras Road 85735

**Cost:** Free. Registration not required.

### **Santa Cruz River Hike**

**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, February 3

**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.

### **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, February 5

**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.

### **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:** Tuesday, February 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.

### **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:** Wednesdays, February 6 and 20

**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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### **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, February 8

**Time:** Presentation 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Stargazing 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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### **Cochineal Workshop**

**What:** Learn about the use of cochineal insects found on prickly pear cacti to make a brilliant red dye. Together we dye yarn and weave into friendship bracelets. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, February 9

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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.

### **Nature Walk at Maeveen Behan Desert Sanctuary**

**What:** Enjoy a naturalist-guided walk through Sonoran Desert habitat on mostly-level trails and learn about the diverse plants and wildlife that inhabit the area. All ages welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, February 9

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

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

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

### **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, February 9

**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.

### **The Earliest Apache in Arizona: Evidence and Arguments**

**What:** Dr. Deni Seymour, internationally recognized authority on protohistoric, Native American, and Spanish colonial archaeology and ethnohistory, provides new insights into a western route into the southern Southwest and the presence of the earliest ancestral Apache three centuries earlier than previously thought.

**Date:** Sunday, February 10

**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.

### **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, February 13

**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.

### **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, February 15

**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.

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

**What:** Naturalist Jeff Babson shares "Ground Squirrels and Pocket Gophers" 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, February 15

**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](mailto:eeducation@pima.gov) for meeting location. Ages 18 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, February 16

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

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

**Cost:** Free.

### **Owl Identification Class**

**What:** Owls are fascinating, nocturnal birds that are full of mystery. In this class, we explore North America's owls and how to identify them by sight and sound. Ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, February 16

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

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

### **Aqua Caliente Park and the Safe Harbor Agreement For Native Fish**

**What:** Join Ross Timmons, native fish biologist with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, to learn about Arizona's native fish, efforts to restore native fish populations, and planned introductions of Gila topminnow at Agua Caliente Park ponds.

**Date:** Sunday, February 17

**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, February 19

**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.

### **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, February 19

**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.

### **Full Moon Wander**

**What:** Join a Pima County naturalist to walk the gentle trails of Agua Caliente Park as 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:** Tuesday, February 19

**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.

### **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, February 20

**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.

### **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:** Saturday, February 23

**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.

### **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, February 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.

### **Aqua Caliente Park Ranch House Gallery**

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

Aqua Caliente Park Ranch House Hours: November - April: Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**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.

**February 16-March 13:** In the Steps of the Masters: The power and allure of the West's landscapes, people and culture is captured in this new exhibit by the members of Club Camera Tucson.

### **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.