

OCTOBER EVENTS 2014

Friends of the San Pedro River



River Walks

The San Pedro River features some of the richest wildlife habitat in the Southwest. Here you'll find 82 species of mammals, dozens of different reptiles and amphibians and nearly 350 species of birds. In addition, the river supports one of the largest cottonwood-willow forest canopies remaining in Arizona and is one of the last freeflowing rivers in the Southwest.

Join one of our trained docents on an **Interpretive River Walk** to discover why the San Pedro River is one of the top ten endangered rivers and named by the Nature Conservancy as one of the *Last Great Places*.

The interpretive river walks are usually $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 miles long over easy terrain. They are slower-paced than a hike and suitable for most adults and children.

Every Saturday Morning October 4, 11, 18, 25 River walks depart from the San Pedro House at 9:00am

Bird Walks

The San Pedro River is considered one of the largest and most critical avian migratory corridors remaining in the western United States. The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) provides habitat for over 100 species of breeding birds, and provides water, food and shelter for another 250 species of migratory and wintering birds.

Birders, novice or experienced, are invited to attend any of the listed bird walks to introduce them to the diverse avian community found in the SPRNCA. Observe 25 - 50 species on these popular two to three hour bird walks.

Wednesday, October 8 Saturday, October 25 Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at 8:00am

History Walk Murray springs CLOVIS SITE

The Clovis people were the first humans to reach North America some 13,000 years ago. Come visit one of the premiere Clovis Cultural sites in the country. A docent will lead this walk, explaining the latest hypotheses on how they got here, how they lived, and what happened to them. They will bring replicas of Clovis artifacts found at Murray Springs. They will also discuss the many large animals, most now extinct, that lived in the San Pedro River valley at the time.

The walk is only about 1/4 mile, but does include a few rough steps down into a wash. It will last about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Wear good walking shoes, at hat and bring water.

Saturday, October 4 Meet at the Murray Springs Parking Area at 9:00am

(about one mile north of Highway 90 on Moson Road)

Wear appropriate attire for hiking and walking and current weather conditions. Bring at least one quart of water per person. There is **no charge** for the walks; however, donations are accepted to support the docent programs.

Environmental Operations Park EOP BIRD WALKS

The Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park (EOP), also known as the wastewater treatment plant, has been opened to public tours on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am.

Tours are restricted to 22 persons (including docents) on a first-come, first-served basis. Other group tours can be arranged through SABO at (520) 432-1388 or sabo@sabo.org. Tours are **FREE**

(Donations are accepted)



Meet at 8:00 am at the EOP viewing platform parking lot (Turn North off Highway 90 between mile markers 324 and 325)

San Pedro House Books & Gifts

9800 E. Highway 90 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm (520) 508-4445 sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org

FSPR Members Only Guided Hike To the CHARLESTON RUINS

Due to the fragile nature of the Charleston ruins this special hike is by invitation only for members of the Friends of the San Pedro River.

Charleston was a mill town along the San Pedro River and was one of the wildest of the early settlements near and around Tombstone.

This moderate hike, led by local historian Richard Bauer, is approximately 4 miles long. It will last about 3 hours and includes 2 river crossings. Bring plenty of water, a snack, wear a hat and be prepared to get your feet wet.

If you are not currently a member, go to www.sanpedroriver.org and download an application and bring it with you to the hike.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 9:00am

Meet at the Charleston Bridge parking area

The Fairbank Schoolhouse Fairbank Historic Townsite

Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River Open Fri, Sat, Sun: 9:30am - 4:30pm (520) 457-3062 schoolhouse@sanpedroriver.org



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2014 SCHEDULE OF WALKS

INTERPRETIVE RIVER WALKS

Every Saturday morning. Departing from the San Pedro House.

9:00am October through March 8:00am April through September

BIRD WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House.

October through December: 2nd Wednesday at 8:00am 4th Saturday at 8:00am

January & February 2015 Every Wednesday at 9:00am 4th Saturday at 9:00am

March 2015 Every Wednesday at 8:00am 4th Saturday at 8:00am

April 2015 Every Wednesday at 7:00am 4th Saturday at 7:00am

May through September 2015: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00am 4th Saturday at 7:00am

EOP BIRD WALKS

(SV Environmental Operations Park) Departing from the viewing platform.

Every Sunday morning 8:00am October through March 7:00am April through September



HISTORY WALKS (all on Saturdays)

Schedule subject to change. Visit www.sanpedroriver.org or call to confirm.

Oct. 4	9:00am Murray Springs Clovis Site	
Oct. 18	9:00am CANCELLED - Clanton Ranch	1
Oct. 25	Fairbank Day	
Nov. 8	9:00am Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrena	te
Dec. 6	9:00am Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs	

