



SEPTEMBER 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 free-flowing rivers in the Southwest.

The interpretive river walks are usually 1½ to 2 miles long over easy terrain. They are slower-paced than a hike and suitable for most adults and children.

Every Saturday Morning
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

River walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am**

*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.*

HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

Up to 10 species of hummingbirds use the green corridor of the San Pedro River as a freeway between their tropical winter retreats and their northern nesting grounds.

The public is invited to get a close-up look at these tiny travelers, as staff and volunteers from the **Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory** capture, band, weigh, measure, and release them as part of long-term studies of the bird life of this vital migration route.

San Pedro House

Observe from **4:00pm - 6:00pm**



Saturdays:

September 6, 13, 20, 27

(Dates are subject to change)

Info: (520) 432-1388 or www.sabo.org

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

Bird Walks

The San Pedro River is considered one of the largest and most critical avian migratory corridors remaining in the western US, providing 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, Sept. 10

Saturday, Sept. 27

Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **7:00am**

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 **7:00 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)

Every Sunday

Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

Meet at **7:00 am** at the EOP viewing platform parking lot

(Turn North off Highway 90 between mile markers 324 and 325)

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

History Walks

FAIRBANK

HISTORIC TOWNSITE

Fairbank was an important transportation hub during the silver boom in and around Tombstone. The tour of the townsite will include the restored schoolhouse, the mercantile building, the town cemetery and other remnants of this historic railroad town. Fairbank was the longest-lasting ghost town along the San Pedro, with occupation spanning 1881 to 1972. The tour will focus on the many colorful events and personalities that wove the fabric of the town.

The walk is about one mile in length and will last one and a half hours.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Walk departs at **9:00am** from the **Fairbank Schoolhouse**

The Fairbank Historic Townsite parking area is about one quarter mile east of the San Pedro River on Highway 82.

PRESIDIO SANTA CRUZ DE TERRENATE

As the Spanish extended their empire out of Mexico, they established a Presidio (fortress) along the San Pedro River in 1776. Learn about the Presidio and what happened there to make the Spanish abandon the fort in 1780. The walk is about three miles (round trip) and will take about three hours. Be prepared for the weather with good shoes, water, and a hat.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Walk departs at **9:00am** from the **Presidio Parking Area**

Parking area is 1.8 miles north of Highway 82 on In Balance Ranch Road at mile marker 60.

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2014 SCHEDULE OF WALKS & HIKES

INTERPRETIVE RIVER WALKS

Every Saturday morning departing from the San Pedro House.

8:00am April through September

9:00am October through March

BIRD WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House.

May through September:

2nd Wednesday at 7:00am

4th Saturday at 7:00am

October through December:

2nd Wednesday at 8:00am

4th Saturday at 8:00am



EOP BIRD WALKS

(SV Environmental Operations Park)

Departing from the viewing platform.

Every Sunday morning

7:00am April through September

8:00am October through March



HISTORY WALKS (all on Saturdays)

Schedule subject to change.

Visit www.sanpedroriver.org or call to confirm.

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| Sept. 6 | 9:00am | Fairbank Historic Townsite |
| Sept. 13 | 9:00am | Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate |
| Oct. 4 | 9:00am | Murray Springs Clovis Site |
| Oct. 18 | 9:00am | Clanton Ranch |
| Oct. 25 | Fairbank Day - all day events at Fairbank Historic Townsite | |
| Nov. 8 | 9:00am | Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate |
| Dec. 6 | 9:00am | Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs |

FAIRBANK DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

Tours of the Townsite & Train Depot Sites

B-Troop Display • Re-enactments

Historic Exhibits • Lectures • Demonstrations

Book Signings • Music • Food & more...

Fun for the whole family!!

FAIRBANK HISTORIC TOWNSITE



National Public Lands Day

More than 180,000 volunteers are expected at more than 2,200 sites across the country on Saturday, **September 27, 2014** to take part in the largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the United States: National Public Lands Day.

The **Friends of the San Pedro River** and the **Bureau of Land Management** invite you to lend a hand to help our lands.

Volunteers Needed

Location: Fairbank Historic Townsite

Date: September 27

Time: Starting at 8:00am*

(*come when you can, work as long as you like!)

Volunteer Projects:

- Trail maintenance
- Refinish schoolhouse doors
- Site improvements
- General clean-up

Pre-registration required

for individuals or groups:

(520) 508-4445

sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org

Fairbank Historic Townsite is located on Highway 82 between Tombstone and Whetstone, just east of the San Pedro River.

Lunch provided by the
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Restored Fairbank Schoolhouse