



MAY EVENTS 2015



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.

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

Every Saturday:
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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.*

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 2 to 3 hour bird walks.

Wednesday, May 13
Saturday, May 23
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **7:00am**

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. You will have a chance to see replicas of Clovis artifacts found at Murray Springs and hear about 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 ½ hours. Wear good walking shoes and a hat. Bring plenty of water.

Sat., May 9, 9:00am
Meet at the Murray Springs Parking Area
(Off Moson Road, about 1 mile north of Highway 90)

Environmental Operations Park EOP BIRD WALKS

The Sierra Vista **Environmental Operations Park (EOP)**, also known as the Sierra Vista Wastewater Wetlands, has been opened to public tours on Sunday mornings at **7:00 am**. The EOP is a 50-acre wetlands planted with aquatic plants, including cattails and grasses that attract migrating and nesting birds.

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, although donations are accepted.



Every Sunday:
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Meet at **7:00am** at the EOP viewing platform parking lot
(Turn North off Hwy 90 between MM 324 and 325)

San Pedro House Books & Gifts

9800 E. Highway 90
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm
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The Fairbank Schoolhouse

Fairbank Historic Townsite
Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River
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SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY HUMMINGBIRD BANDING at the San Pedro House



Saturday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Observe from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

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. The public is welcome to observe banding sessions at no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Banding will resume in July, August and September.

Check the website for schedule: www.sabo.org

For more info: SABO (520) 432-1388 or email: sabo@sabo.org
(Schedule subject to change)

2015 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

April

Every Wednesday at 7:00am

4th Saturday at 7:00am

May through September

2nd Wednesday at 7:00am

4th Saturday at 7:00am

October & November:

2nd Wednesday at 8:00am

4th Saturday at 8:00am

December:

2nd Wednesday at 9:00am

4th Saturday at 9:00am



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)

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| April 11 | 9:00am | South Fairbank |
| May 9 | 9:00am | Murray Springs Clovis Site |
| Sept. 5 | 9:00am | Fairbank Historic Townsite |
| Sept. 19 | 9:00am | Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate (<i>tentative</i>) |
| Oct. 10 | 9:00am | Murray Springs Clovis Site |
| Oct. 24 | 9:00am | Clanton Ranch |
| Nov. 7 | 9:00am | Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate (<i>tentative</i>) |
| Nov. 14 | 1:00pm | Fairbank Historic Townsite |
| Dec. 5 | 9:00am | Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs |



HIKES

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| Nov. 14 | 9:00am | Fairbank to Boquillas Ranch |
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