



# SEPTEMBER 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:  
Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26**

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.*

### 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, Sept. 9  
Saturday, Sept. 26**

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

### SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

**Sunday, September 6  
Saturday, Sept. 12, 19, 26**

**Saturday, Oct. 3\***

\*20th Anniversary of Hummingbird Banding Celebration

**Observe from 4pm - 6pm  
San Pedro House**

[www.sabo.org](http://www.sabo.org)

For more info:

(520) 432-1388 or [sabo@sabo.org](mailto:sabo@sabo.org)  
(Schedule subject to change)



### 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](mailto:sabo@sabo.org). Tours are free, although donations are accepted.

**Every Sunday:  
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27**

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

### 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 River, 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 will last approximately 1½ hours and is about 1 mile in length.

**Sat., Sept. 5, 9:00am**

Walk departs from the **Fairbank Schoolhouse**

(The Fairbank parking area is about 1/4 mile east of the San Pedro River, north side of Highway 82).



#### PRESIDIO SANTA CRUZ DE TERRENATE

The Friends of the San Pedro River offer a history walk to the 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 3 miles (round trip) and will take about 3 hours. Be prepared for the weather with good shoes, water, and a hat.

**Sat., Sept. 19, 9:00am**

Meet at the **Presidio Parking Area**

(West side of the river on Highway 82, turn north on In Balance Ranch Road, go 1 mile to parking area)

#### 2015 Upcoming History Walks:

- Oct. 10 9:00am Murray Springs Clovis Site
- Oct. 24 9:00am Clanton Ranch
- Nov. 7 9:00am Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
- Nov. 14 1:00pm Fairbank Historic Townsite
- Dec. 5 9:00am Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs

#### 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](mailto:sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org)

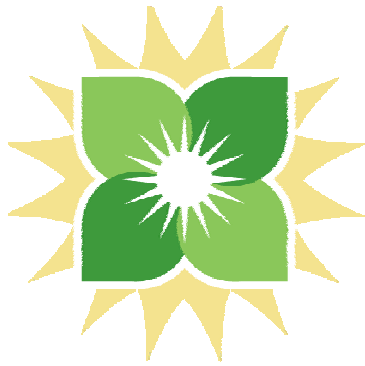
#### The Fairbank Schoolhouse

**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](mailto:schoolhouse@sanpedroriver.org)

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# National Public Lands Day

More than 180,000 volunteers are expected at more than 2,200 sites across the country on Saturday, **September 26, 2015** 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:** Saturday, September 26

**Time:** Starting at 8:00am

### Volunteer projects:

- Trail maintenance
- Refinish schoolhouse doors
- Paint historic corrals
- Site improvements
- General clean-up



### Restored Fairbank Schoolhouse

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

Pizza lunch, water & soft drinks provided by the Friends of the San Pedro River.

**Pre-registration required** for individuals or groups by **Friday, September 18, 2015.**

All participants will be required to sign a BLM Volunteer Services Agreement.

For more information or to sign-up please contact us at:

**Phone: (520) 459-2555 or Email: [fspr@sanpedroriver.org](mailto:fspr@sanpedroriver.org)**

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