



# OCTOBER 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 1 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:  
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

River walks depart from the San Pedro House at **9:00am\***  
(\*note later start time)

*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, Oct. 14**



**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am\***  
(\*note later start time)

### SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

Join SABO's volunteers, staff, and special guests to celebrate the completion of the 20th season of the San Pedro River Hummingbird Project.

**Saturday, October 3  
San Pedro House**

**3:00-3:30 pm:** SABO Director Tom Wood will introduce the banding team and review the history and significance of the project and some of its more interesting findings so far.

**3:30-5:30 pm:** Hummingbird banding session. Hummingbird "adoptions" to support the project will be available.

**5:30-6:00 pm:** Refreshments and presentations.  
**www.sabo.org**

For more info:  
(520) 432-1388 or 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 **8:00am**. 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:  
October 4, 11, 18, 25**

Meet at **8:00am\*** at the EOP viewing platform parking lot  
(\*note later start time)  
(Turn North off Hwy 90 between MM 324 and 325)

### History Walks

#### 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 1/2 hours. Wear good walking shoes and a hat. Bring plenty of water.

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 9:00am**  
**Meet at the Murray Springs  
Parking Area**

(Off Moson Road, about 1 mile north of Highway 90)

### CLANTON RANCH

Take an easy one mile docent-led walk back in history to the Clanton Ranch ruins. Learn a little of their family history and life before and after the infamous gunfight at the OK Corral. Learn what brought them to the San Pedro River Valley and why they chose this particular spot for their ranch.

Discover how the Clantons orchestrated their cattle "business" through a network of ranches and watering holes to move herds from Mexico to slaughterhouses supplying saloons and restaurants in Tombstone and elsewhere.

Wear a hat and bring plenty of water. Meet at the Escapule Road Parking Area.

**Saturday, Oct. 24, 9:00am**

**Directions:** From Charleston Road west of the San Pedro River, turn south on Escapule Road, go approx. 1.2 miles, turn left into Escapule Road Parking Area.

### 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

### 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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# 2015 SCHEDULE OF WALKS & HIKES

## 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 & November:

2nd Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 8:00am

December:

Every Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 9:00am

January & February 2016

Every Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 9:00am

March 2016

Every Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 8:00am

April 2016

Every Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 7:00am

May through September 2016

2nd Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 7:00am

## EOP BIRD WALKS

(Sierra Vista 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)

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



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