



JANUARY EVENTS 2016



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:

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.

Every Wednesday:

January 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturday: January 23

Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **9:00am**

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 **8:00 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**.

(Donations are accepted)

Every Sunday:

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Meet at **8:00am** at the EOP viewing platform parking lot

(Turn North off Hwy 90 between MM 324 and 325)

*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.*

Take a walk back in time...

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.

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

Saturday, January 9, 1:00pm

Walk departs from the Fairbank Schoolhouse

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

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.

Saturday, January 23, 1:00pm

Meet at the Murray Springs Parking Area

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



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

Open Fri, Sat, Sun: 9:30am - 4:30pm

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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

January & February

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

March

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

April

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

May through September

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

October & November

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

December

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



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)

Jan. 9	1:00pm	Fairbank Historic Townsite
Jan. 23	1:00pm	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Feb. 6	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Feb. 20	1:00pm	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
March 12	Fairbank Day - all day events at Fairbank	
March 26	1:00pm	Fairbank Historic Townsite
April 2	1:00pm	Clanton Ranch
April 9	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
April 23	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site

HIKES

March 26 8:00am Hereford Bridge Area Birding Tour

FAIRBANK DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 12

THE TOWN COMES ALIVE!

- Guided Tours
- History Displays
- Presentations
- Re-enactments
- Demonstrations
- Historic Cemetery
- Restored Schoolhouse
- Music, Food & more



JEFF MILTON
Living History Presentation



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FAIRBANK HISTORIC TOWNSITE

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