



MARCH 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:
March 5, 12, 19, 26**
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:
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
Saturday: March 26
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am**

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., March 26, 1:00pm
Walk departs from the Schoolhouse
(The Fairbank parking area is about ¼ mile east of the San Pedro River, north side of Highway 82).

FAIRBANK DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 12
(All day activities. See reverse side for details) →

*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.*

Birding Hike: Hereford Bridge Area

*Spring Migration begins
on the San Pedro River!*

With the cottonwoods leafing out, enjoy exploring the river at Hereford Bridge and hiking the trails north in search of early migrants and breeding birds. We should see some Vermilion Flycatchers and Yellow Warblers, among birds that breed along the river, not to mention migrants like Wilson's Warbler and remaining winter visitors like White-crowned Sparrow.

Bring sufficient water and a snack. Wear a hat, sun protection, and trail shoes.

Sat., March 26, 8:00am
Meet at the Hereford Bridge Trailhead parking area on Hereford Rd west side of the river.

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:
March 6, 13, 20, 27**

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

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY HUMMINGBIRD BANDING San Pedro House

Observe from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Saturdays: March 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 28
June 25
July 2, 9, 16

Thursdays: May 19, June 2, July 28

Friday: July 22

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



San Pedro House Books & Gifts

9800 E. Highway 90
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm
(520) 508-4445
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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

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



HISTORY WALKS (all on Saturdays)

March 12 **Fairbank Day - all day events at Fairbank**

March 26 1:00pm Fairbank Historic Townsite

April 2 9:00am Clanton Ranch (*note time change*)

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

EOP BIRD WALKS

Sierra Vista

Environmental Operations Park

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FAIRBANK DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 12

MAKING TRACKS THROUGH HISTORY



JEFF MILTON
Living History Presentations



B TROOP
4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (memorial)

10:00am - 2:00pm

Live Reptile Display
Activities • Demonstrations
History Displays • Roping

10:00 am Walking Tour of Fairbank Townsite

10:15 am Presentation:
Archaeology and Archaeologists of the Southwest
by Dr. Eric Kaldahl of the Amerind Foundation

11:00 am Living History Presentation:
Lawman Jeff Milton by actor John Larkin

11:30 am Presentation:
Coronado Expedition
by Christopher Bentley of the Coronado National Memorial

12:15 pm Walking Tour of Fairbank Townsite

12:30 pm Living History Presentation:
Lawman Jeff Milton by actor John Larkin

1:15 pm Presentation:
Historic Preservation in Southeastern Arizona
by Chris Schragger, Historic Preservation Specialist

1:30 pm Walking Tour to Historic Cemetery

Music by EarthPicks of Cochise County
Food by Big Woody's

For complete schedule of events visit:

www.sanpedroriver.org

FAIRBANK HISTORIC TOWNSITE