



# APRIL 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:  
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
River walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am\***

(\*note earlier 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 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 two to three hour bird walks.

**Every Wednesday:  
April 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**Saturday: April 23**  
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **7:00am\***

(\*note earlier start time)

### History Walks

#### 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.

**Sat., April 2, 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.

#### MILLVILLE RUINS & PETROGLYPH TRAIL

Join the Friends of the San Pedro River for an interpretive walk at the historic town of Millville. The Corbin and Gird mills processed silver ore mined in Tombstone. These stamp mills on the east side of the river roared day and night for the "boom" years between 1878 and 1889. It was a "boomtown" in every sense of the word - a quick rise and a rapid decline. This site is also well known for its many petroglyphs etched into the rocky hillsides.

The walk is about one and a half miles and will take about two hours. Be prepared for the weather with good shoes, water, and a hat. Meet at the Millville Parking Area

**Sat., April 9, 9:00am**

(about one quarter mile east of the San Pedro River, north side of Charleston Road)

#### 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.

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. Meet at the Murray Springs Parking Area

**Sat., April 23, 9:00am**

(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 **7:00am**. 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](mailto:sabo@sabo.org). Tours are **FREE**. (Donations are accepted)

**Every Sunday:  
April 3, 10, 17, 24**

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

#### SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY HUMMINGBIRD BANDING San Pedro House

**Observe from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Saturdays: 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**

For more info or complete schedule visit:

**WWW.SABO.ORG**

(520) 432-1388 - [sabo@sabo.org](mailto: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  
[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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# 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 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)

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

April 9 9:00am Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs

April 23 9:00am Murray Springs Clovis Site

## EOP BIRD WALKS

Sierra Vista

Environmental Operations Park

Departing from the viewing platform

Every Sunday morning

7:00am April through September

8:00am October through March



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