



OCTOBER 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:
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
River walks depart from the San Pedro House at **9:00am**

*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 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.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
Saturday, Oct. 22
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am**

History Walks

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., Oct. 1, 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)

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.

Sat., Oct. 8, 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.
Sat., Oct. 22, 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.

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA
BIRD OBSERVATORY

**HUMMINGBIRD
BANDING**

San Pedro House

Observe from
4:00pm to 6:00pm



**Saturdays:
October 1, 8**

For more info visit:
WWW.SABO.ORG
(520) 432-1388 - 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 20 persons 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:
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

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

San Pedro House Books & Gifts
9800 E. Highway 90
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The Fairbank Schoolhouse
Fairbank Historic Townsite
Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River
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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

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

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

November
(Note change, additional bird walks added)
Every Wednesday and the 4th Saturday at 8:00am

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



HISTORY WALKS (all on Saturdays)

Oct. 1	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Oct. 8	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Oct. 22	9:00am	Clanton Ranch
Nov. 12	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Dec. 10*	1:00pm	Fairbank Historic Townsite (*note new date)
Dec. 17	1:00pm	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs

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