



FEBRUARY EVENTS 2017



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:
February 4, 11, 18, 25**
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:
February 1, 8, 15, 22
& Saturday, February 25**
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **9:00am**

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:
February 5, 12, 19, 26**
Meet at **8:00am** at the EOP viewing platform parking lot
(Turn North off Hwy 90 between MM 324 and 325)

*Take a walk back in time...on one of our docent led **History Walks***

Feb. 4, 1:00pm • **MURRAY SPRINGS CLOVIS SITE**

The Clovis people were among 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. Meet at the Murray Springs Parking Area off Moson Road.

Feb. 11, 1:00pm • **GRAND CENTRAL MILL**

Grand Central Mill processed silver ore from the Grand Central Mine in Tombstone. The mill is located one mile north of Fairbank in the SPRNCA. A Friends docent will explain the history of the site and show the remains of the mill, mostly the foundations where the 200 foot long, multi-story building once stood. Meet at the Fairbank Schoolhouse for this 2 mile, 3 hour tour. The trail is well maintained, but be sure to wear walking shoes. Dress for the weather and bring water. Fairbank is just east of the San Pedro River on Highway 82.

Feb. 18, 1:00pm • **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. This afternoon walk will last one and a half hours and is about one mile in length. Meet at the Fairbank Schoolhouse.

Feb. 25, 9:00am • **MILLVILLE RUINS & PETROGLYPH TRAIL**

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. Meet at the Millville Parking Area on Charleston Rd.

See reverse side for more information.

San Pedro House Books & Gifts

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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

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

IF YOU GO.....

- Wear appropriate attire for hiking and walking and current weather conditions. Wear good hiking shoes.
- Bring at least one quart of water per person.
- Wear a hat and sunscreen, even in the winter
- Bring a snack for longer walks and hikes.
- Dogs should be left at home unless well behaved and not disruptive to the tour. Dogs are not allowed on Bird Walks.

There is **no charge** for the walks; however, donations are accepted to support the docent programs.

HISTORY WALKS (all on Saturdays)

Feb. 4	1:00pm	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Feb. 11	1:00pm	Grand Central Mill
Feb. 18	1:00pm	Fairbank Historic Townsite
Feb. 25	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyph Trail
Mar. 4	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Mar. 11	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Mar. 18	9:00am	Clanton Ranch
Mar. 25	9:00am	Fairbank Historic Townsite
Apr. 1	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Apr. 8	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyph Trail
Apr. 15	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Apr. 22	9:00am	Grand Central Mill
Apr. 29	9:00am	Fairbank Historic Townsite



EOP BIRD WALKS

Sierra Vista

Environmental Operations Park

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