



# MARCH 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. Free, although donations are accepted.

**Every Saturday:  
March 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. Free, although donations are accepted.

**Every Wednesday:  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
& Saturday, March 25**  
Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am\***

\*note earlier start time

### 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](mailto:sabo@sabo.org). Tours are **FREE**.

(Donations are accepted)

**Every Sunday:  
March 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***

#### **March 4, 9:00am • 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. Meet at the Presidio Parking Area on In Balance Ranch Road off Highway 82.

#### **March 11, 9:00am • 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.

#### **March 18, 9:00am • 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. 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.

#### **March 25, 9:00am • 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 walk will last one and a half hours and is about one mile in length. Meet at the Fairbank Schoolhouse.

*See reverse side for more information.*

#### **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  
(520) 457-3062  
[schoolhouse@sanpedroriver.org](mailto:schoolhouse@sanpedroriver.org)

# 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

## HISTORY WALKS (all on Saturdays)

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

Departing from the viewing platform

Every Sunday morning

8:00am October through March

7:00am April through September



Spring 2017

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA  
BIRD OBSERVATORY

# HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

at the

San Pedro House

9800 E. Highway 90, Sierra Vista

Observe from 4:00pm - 6:00pm



- Saturday, March 25
- Saturday, April 1
- Saturday, April 8
- Saturday, April 15
- (No banding, Saturday, April 22)
- Tuesday, April 25
- Saturday, April 29
- Saturday, May 6
- Saturday, May 13
- Friday, May 19
- Wednesday, May 24

(Schedule subject to change)

For complete schedule visit [www.sabo.org](http://www.sabo.org)

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

## 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.

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