



DECEMBER 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.

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.

Saturdays:

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.

Wed., Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturday, Dec. 23

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 by contacting S.A.B.O. at (520) 432-1388 or sabo@sabo.org. Tours are free, although donations are accepted.

Every Sunday:

Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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*

December 2, 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.



December 9, 1:00pm • 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. **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.

December 16, 10:00am • 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. Wear a hat and bring plenty of water. Meet at the Presidio Parking Area on In Balance Ranch Road off Highway 82.

December 23, 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. Meet at the Fairbank Schoolhouse. Fairbank is on Highway 82 just east of the San Pedro River.

San Pedro House Books & Gifts

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The Fairbank Schoolhouse

Fairbank Historic Townsite
Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River
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INTERPRETIVE RIVER WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House

Every Saturday:
October through March at 9:00am



BIRD WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House

December 2017

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 9:00am

January & February 2018

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 9:00am



HISTORY WALKS

(All on Saturdays)

Dec. 2	1:00pm	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Dec. 9	1:00pm	Clanton Ranch
Dec. 16	10:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Dec. 23	1:00pm	Grand Central Mill
Jan. 6	1:00pm	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Jan. 13	1:00pm	Clanton Ranch
Jan. 20	1:00pm	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Jan. 27	1:00pm	Fairbank Historic Townsite
Feb. 3	10:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Feb. 10	10:00am	Grand Central Mill
Feb. 17	10:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Feb. 24	10:00am	Clanton Ranch
Mar. 3	10:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Mar. 10	9:00am	Fairbank Historic Townsite
Mar. 17	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Mar. 24	9:00am	Grand Central Mill
Mar. 31	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Apr. 7	9:00am	Clanton Ranch
Apr. 14	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Apr. 21	9:00am	Fairbank Historic Townsite
Apr. 28	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
May 5	9:00am	Grand Central Mill

Schedule is subject to change.

Annual
HOLIDAY SALE

10% OFF
EVERYTHING
IN THE STORES*

**November 24
through
December 24**

Take 10% off your purchases at
either the San Pedro House or
Fairbank Schoolhouse.

Shop with *nature* in mind.

*not valid with other discounts

For Hikes and Walks:

- 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,
- 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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