



# FEBRUARY EVENTS 2018



## 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 1/2 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:

**February 3, 10, 17, 24**

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., Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Saturday, Feb. 24**

Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **9:00am**

### San Pedro House Roof Replacement Project Temporary Closure Notice

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily closing the **San Pedro House** to perform necessary roof repairs during the week of Feb. 7, with work taking up to four weeks to complete. All other areas outside of the safety fence will remain open to the public.

**All river walks and bird walks will take place as scheduled.**

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

### February 3, 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 hike is about 3 miles (total) over an uneven, gravel trail that will be uphill on the return; it will take about 3 hours. There is no shade and it can be hot. Wear hiking shoes and a hat; bring plenty of water and a snack. Meet at the Presidio Parking Area on In Balance Ranch Road off Highway 82.

### February 10, 10:00am • GRAND CENTRAL MILL

Grand Central mill processed ore from the mines in Tombstone. It is located 1 1/4 mile north of Fairbank. Our docent will lead the hike, explaining the history of the site and showing the foundations of the mill. The trail is gravel and uneven, with some uphill stretches. There is some shade, but it can be hot. Dress for the weather, wear good walking shoes and a hat; bring plenty of water. Meet at the Fairbank Schoolhouse for this 2 1/2 mile (total), 3 hour hike. Fairbank is on Highway 82 just east of the River.



### February 17, 10:00am • 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 hike, 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 1 1/2 hour hike entails about 1/2 mile walking on a trail that is rough and uneven in some areas and requires you be able to navigate earthen steps down into and out of a wash. There is little shade and it can be hot. Wear hiking shoes and a hat; bring plenty of water. Meet at the Murray Springs Parking Area off Moson Road.

### February 24, 10:00am • CLANTON RANCH

Hike with our docent to the Clanton Ranch. 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. This 2 hour hike entails about 1 1/2 miles (total) hiking over a dirt road and rustic trail. There is loose rock and an uphill section. 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.

#### 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

# INTERPRETIVE RIVER WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House

Every Saturday:

October through March at 9:00am  
April through September at 8:00am

# BIRD WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House

January & February 2018

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 9:00am

March 2017

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 8:00am

April 2017

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 7:00am

May through September

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

# HISTORY HIKES

(All on Saturdays)

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



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Area

## 30 Years of Conservation 1988 - 2018

The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area was designated by Congress on November 18, 1988 to permanently protect approximately 40 miles of the upper San Pedro River. The primary purpose for the designation is to protect and enhance the desert riparian ecosystem, a rare remnant of what was once an extensive network of similar riparian systems throughout the Southwest

The Bureau of Land Management and the Friends of the San Pedro River are committed to protecting and preserving this invaluable resource for the public to enjoy.

Join us in celebrating 30 years of conservation.

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 by contacting S.A.B.O. at (520) 432-1388 or [sabo@sabo.org](mailto:sabo@sabo.org).

Tours are free, although donations are accepted.

**Every Sunday:**

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**



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

### For Hikes and Walks:

- Wear appropriate attire for hiking and walking and current weather conditions. Wear good hiking shoes. Wear a hat and sunscreen.
- Bring at least one quart of water per person. 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.

**Schedule subject to change. Visit [www.sanpedroriver.org](http://www.sanpedroriver.org)**