



# MARCH 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 1½ to 2 miles long over easy terrain, including sections where the trail is uneven and rough. They are slower paced than a hike and suitable for most adults and children. Free, although donations are accepted.

#### Saturdays:

**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

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 30 - 60 species on these popular two to three hour bird walks. Free, although donations are accepted.

**Wed., March 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Saturday, March 24**

Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am**

### 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 **7:00am**. 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:  
March 4, 11, 18, 25**

Meet at **7:00am (please note new time)** 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 Hikes*

### March 3, 10:00am • MILLVILLE RUINS & PETROGLYPH TRAIL

Join the Friends of the San Pedro River for a history hike to the Old West site of Millville. This 2 hour, 2 ½ mile hike on gravel trails includes irregular surfaces, uphill sections and crossing a wash. 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. Please realistically assess your ability to participate. Be prepared for the weather with good shoes, water, and a hat. Meet at the Millville Parking Area; about one quarter mile east of the San Pedro River on the north side of Charleston Road; look for a large fire warning sign.



### March 10, 9:00am • FAIRBANK HISTORIC TOWNSITE

Join our docents for a history hike at Fairbank, an important transportation hub during the silver boom in and around Tombstone. The walk will last approximately 1 ½ hours; it entails a quarter mile walk around the town on roads or walkways and a .8 mile (total) walk to the town cemetery down a rough trail, to include a short, rocky, uphill stretch. 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 River, with occupation spanning 1881 to 1972. The tour will focus on the many colorful events and personalities of the town. Hike departs from the Fairbank Schoolhouse. The Fairbank parking area is about 1/2 mile east of the San Pedro River on Highway 82, between Tombstone and Whetstone.

### March 17, 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 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.

### March 24, 9:00am • GRAND CENTRAL MILL

Grand Central mill processed ore from the mines in Tombstone. It is located 1 ¼ 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 ½ mile (total), 3 hour hike. The Fairbank parking area is about 1/2 mile east of the San Pedro River on Highway 82, between Tombstone and Whetstone.

### March 31, 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 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 ½ 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.



# 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

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)

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

## 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.**

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San  
Pedro  
Riparian  
National  
Conservation  
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.

Spring 2018

## 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 31
- Saturday, April 7
- Monday, April 16
- Saturday, April 21
- Saturday, April 28
- Saturday, May 5
- Saturday, May 12
- Saturday, May 19
- Saturday, May 26
- Saturday, June 2

(Schedule subject to change)

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