



# OCTOBER 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 1.5 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. Walks are free, although donations are accepted

**Every Saturdays:  
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27**

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., Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Saturday, Oct. 27**

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:  
October 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Meet at 7:00am**  
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 Hikes*

### October 6, 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 3.5 miles (total) over an uneven, gravel trail that will be uphill on the return; it will take about 3.5 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.

### October 13, 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 1.5 hour hike entails about .5 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

### October 20, 9:00am • **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, 2.5 miles (total) 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 also contains 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.

### October 27, 9:00am • **CLANTON RANCH**

Hike with our docents to the Clanton Ranch. You will learn about the Clanton family before, during and after the infamous gunfight at the OK Corral, why they came to the San Pedro River Valley, and why they chose this location for a ranch. This 2 hour hike covers 1.5 miles (total) on a dirt trail, ending in a rocky, uphill section of unimproved path. Wear a hat and bring plenty of water. The hike will meet at the Escapule Wash parking area within the SPRNCA. Go east from Sierra Vista on Charleston Road and turn south on Escapule Road. The parking lot is approximately 1.2 miles south on Escapule Road, a dirt, rectangular area with pipe fences on the east (left) side of the road.

#### San Pedro House Books & Gifts

9800 E. Highway 90  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm  
(520) 508-4445  
[sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org](mailto:sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org)

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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)

# 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

October & November

Every Wednesday and 4th Saturday at 8:00am

December

Every Wednesday and 4th Saturday at 9:00am

# HISTORY HIKES

(All on Saturdays)

Oct. 6	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Oct. 13	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Oct. 20	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Oct. 27	9:00am	Clanton Ranch
Nov. 3	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Nov. 10	9:00am	Grand Central Mill
Nov. 17	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Nov. 24	10:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
Dec. 1	10:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Dec. 8	10:00am	Clanton Ranch
Dec. 15	1:00pm	Grand Central Mill
Dec. 22	1:00pm	Fairbank Historic Townsite

SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY

# HUMMINGBIRD BANDING

at the

San Pedro House

9800 E. Highway 90, Sierra Vista

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, October 6

(Schedule subject to change)

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

[www.sabo.org](http://www.sabo.org)



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.

## For Hikes and Walks:

- Wear appropriate attire for hiking and walking and current weather conditions. Wear good hiking shoes. Wear a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- 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.

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