



DECEMBER 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 Saturday:

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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., Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26

Saturday, Dec. 22

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

*note later 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, all year round.

Group size is limited to 20 people and two leaders, on a first come-first serve basis. Arrive before the starting hour, and sign the waiver right away to secure a place. Walk is behind locked gates for 2-2.5 hours, and you must stay with the group the entire walk. Bring water, hat, and binoculars. A spotting scope is optional. A checklist will be provided. Tours are free, but donations are accepted.

Every Sunday:

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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 Hikes*

December 1, 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 3.5 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.



December 8, 10:00am • **CLANTON RANCH**

Hike with our docents to the Clanton Ranch. You will learn about the Clanton family before, during and after the infamous gun fight 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.

December 15, 1:00pm • **GRAND CENTRAL MILL**

Grand Central mill processed ore from the mines in Tombstone. It is located 1.25 miles 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. This 2.5 mile (total) hike will last about 3 hours. The Fairbank parking area is about .5 mile east of the San Pedro River on Highway 82, between Tombstone and Whetstone.

December 22, 1:00pm • **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 1.5 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 .5 mile east of the San Pedro River on Highway 82, between Tombstone and Whetstone.

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

April through September at 8:00am

HISTORY HIKES

(All on Saturdays)

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

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Jan. 5 1:00pm Murray Springs Clovis Site
Jan. 12 1:00pm Clanton Ranch
Jan. 19 1:00pm Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Jan. 26 1:00pm Fairbank Historic Townsite

Feb. 2 10:00am Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Feb. 9 10:00am Grand Central Mill
Feb. 16 10:00am Murray Springs Clovis Site
Feb. 23 10:00am Clanton Ranch

Mar. 2 10:00am Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Mar. 9 1:00pm Fairbank Historic Townsite
Mar. 16 9:00am Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
Mar. 23 9:00am Grand Central Mill
Mar. 30 9:00am Murray Springs Clovis Site

Apr. 6 9:00am Clanton Ranch
Apr. 13 9:00am Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
Apr. 20 1:00pm Fairbank Historic Townsite
Apr. 27 9:00am Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate

May 4 9:00am Grand Central Mill



BIRD WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House

December 2018

Every Wednesday and 4th Saturday at 9:00am

January & February 2019

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 9:00am

March 2019

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 8:00am

April 2019

Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday at 7:00am



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.

Schedule subject to change.

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