

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area



The San Pedro River is a river of life, whose waters nourish a ribbon of cottonwoods and willows that provide resting places for migratory birds and rich habitat for many other species.

Congress established the 56,000-acre preserve in 1988 to protect some of the last perennial streamflows in Arizona.

The upper San Pedro River is home to: more than 350 species of birds; 80 species of mammals; 2 native fish; 68 species of amphibians and reptiles; and, rare birds such as the Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Bell's Vireo, Green Kingfisher, Lucy's Warbler, Abert's Towhee, and Gray Hawk.

Six Tombstone silver boom-era ghost towns are here along with the ruins of the Spanish Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate, circa 1775. Native American cultural sites date back 12,000 years.

Hike - Ride - Watch Wildlife Learn - Picnic - Relax



Friends of the San Pedro River

GETTING HERE

The SPRNCA is 75 miles from Tucson, eight miles from Tombstone and five miles from Sierra Vista. From outside the area, take the Highway 90 exit off I-10 (see map on the reverse side).

Come explore the San Pedro River!

Interested in history? Photography? The SPRNCA has ghost towns, silver mills, petroglyphs, railroads, a Spanish presidio, archeological sites...come explore!

Are you a hiker? Bird watcher? Horseback rider? Mountain biker? We have miles of trails for you to enjoy.

Start your adventure at one of our visitor centers. The San Pedro House is open every day from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The Fairbank Schoolhouse is open Friday - Sunday and holidays.

Fairbank Historic Townsite: FSPR visitor center, museum, ghost town self-guided tour.

Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate: Spanish fort, hike-in, walking tour.

Millville and Petroglyph Discovery Trail: walking tour of a Tombstone-era silver mill, rock art.

Murray Springs Clovis Site: self-guided tour of the famous 12,000-year-old mammoth-kill site.

San Pedro House: FSPR visitor center and gift shop, nexus of bird-watching trails.

Other trail heads are at Escapule Road, Charleston Bridge, Hereford Bridge, Palominas and the St. David Cienega.



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Check our web site for a schedule of natural and historic guided walks and special events.

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