



DECEMBER EVENTS 2022



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. There is no charge for the walks.

Saturdays,

December 3, 17

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. Bring water, hat and binoculars. There is no charge for the walks.



Wednesdays,

December 14, 28

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, all year round.

Group size is limited to **15** people 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. There is no charge for the walks.

Sundays,



December 4, 11, 18, 25

Meet at 8:00am*

at the EOP viewing platform parking lot (Turn North off Hwy 90 between mile markers 324 and 325)

***note later start time**

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

Dec. 3, 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 1.5 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.



Dec. 10, 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 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.

Dec. 17, 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 hike 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.

Dec. 24, 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, 2.5 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.

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