



# MARCH EVENTS 2023



## 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,  
March 4, 18**

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,  
March 8, 22**

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,  
March 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Meet at 7:00am\***

at the EOP viewing platform parking lot  
(Turn North off Hwy 90 between mile markers 324 and 325)  
\*note earlier start time

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

### March 4, 9:00am • SAN PEDRO HOUSE

Join us for a tour of the San Pedro House. Our Friends docent will discuss the history of the house as part of the Little Boquillas Ranch and the Foster family that lived there in the 1940s. The group will then tour the area of the house looking at historic remnants from its time as a ranch house. The tour entails about one fourth mile of walking over level trails. The tour will last about an hour. Meet at the San Pedro House, 9800 E. Highway 90, about 8 miles east of Sierra Vista.



### March 11, 10:00am • 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 walk, 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) walk will last about 3 hours. Walk 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.

### March 18, 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 walk 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 Hwy 82.

### March 25, 9:00am • CLANTON RANCH

Walk 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 walk 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 walk 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**  
**Nature Store & Visitor Information**  
9800 E. Highway 90, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm  
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**Fairbank Schoolhouse Museum**  
**Fairbank Historic Townsite**  
Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River  
Open 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
(520) 457-3062  
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## SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA BIRD OBSERVATORY

SPRING 2023

# HUMMINGBIRD BANDING



Up to 10 species of hummingbirds use the green corridor of the San Pedro River as a freeway between their tropical winter retreats and their northern nesting grounds. The public is invited to get a close-up look at these tiny travelers as staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory capture, band, weigh, measure, and release them as part of long-term studies of the bird life of this vital migration route. The public is welcome to observe banding sessions at no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

**Saturday, March 25\***

(\*first of season, may be few hummingbirds)

**Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Saturdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Saturday, June 3**

**Observe from 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**San Pedro House**

For more info visit or call: [www.sabo.org](http://www.sabo.org) (520) 432-1388  
Schedule subject to change.

## RIVER WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House on the following **Saturdays**:

March 4, 18	9:00am
April 1, 15	8:00am
May 6, 20	8:00am
June 3, 17	8:00am
July 1, 15	8:00am
August 5, 19	8:00am
September 2, 16	8:00am
October 7, 21	9:00am
November 4, 18	9:00am
December 2, 16	9:00am

## BIRD WALKS

Departing from the San Pedro House on the following **Wednesdays**:

March 8, 22	8:00am
April 12, 26	7:00am
May 10, 24	7:00am
June 14, 28	7:00am
July 12, 26	7:00am
August 9, 23	7:00am
September 13, 27	7:00am
October 11, 25	7:00am
November 8, 22	8:00am
December 13, 27	8:00am

## HISTORY WALKS

Departing from the associated trailheads on the following **Saturdays**:

March 4	9:00am	San Pedro House
March 11	10:00am	Grand Central Mill
March 18	9:00am	Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate
March 25	9:00am	Clanton Ranch
April 1	9:00am	Murray Springs Clovis Site
April 8	9:00am	Millville Ruins & Petroglyphs
April 15	9:00am	San Pedro House
April 22	9:00am	Fairbank Historic Townsite
April 29	9:00am	Grand Central Mill
May 6	9:00am	Clanton Ranch

## EOP BIRD WALKS

Departing from the Environmental Operations Park platform on the following **Sundays**:

March 5, 12, 19, 26	7:00am
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7:00am
May 7, 14, 21, 28	7:00am
June 4, 11, 18, 25	6:00am
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	6:00am
August 6, 13, 20, 27	6:00am
September 3, 10, 17, 24	7:00am
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	7:00am
November 5, 12, 19, 26	7:00am
December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	8:00am

- **Schedules subject to change.**
  - Wear appropriate attire for hiking and walking and current weather conditions. Wear good hiking shoes.
  - Wear a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent (when necessary).
  - Bring at least one quart of water per person. Bring a snack for longer walks.
  - 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.
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