

MAY 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,
May 6, 20**

River walks depart from the San Pedro House at **8:00am**

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,
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Bird walks depart from the San Pedro House at **7:00am**

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,
May 7, 14, 21, 28**
Meet at 7:00am



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

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.

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 (520) 432-1388
Schedule subject to change.

History Walk

FAIRBANK

HISTORIC TOWNSITE

Join our docents for a history walk 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.



**Saturday,
May 6, 9:00am**

San Pedro House
Nature Store & Visitor Information
9800 E. Highway 90, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Open Daily: 9:30am - 4:30pm
(520) 508-4445
sanpedrohouse@sanpedroriver.org

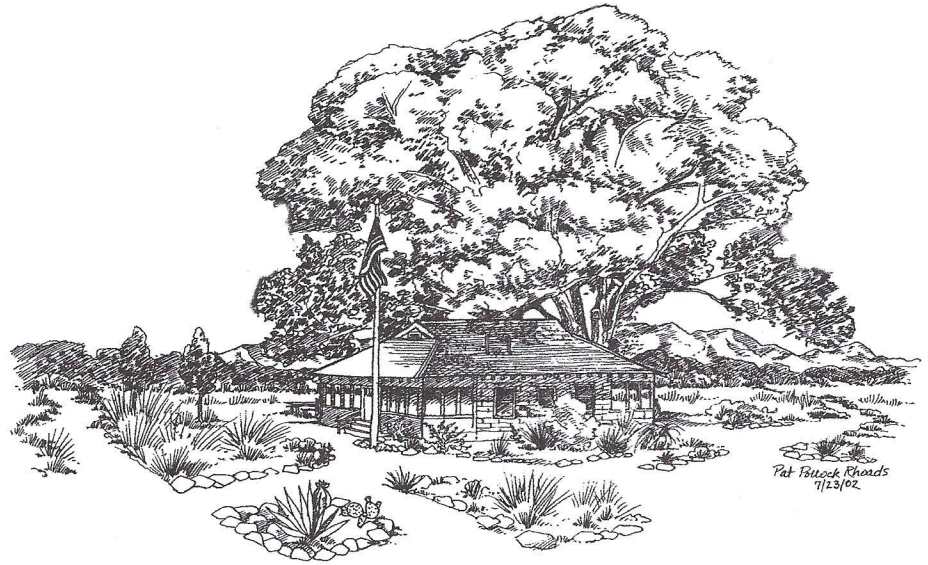
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Fairbank Schoolhouse Museum
Fairbank Historic Townsite
Highway 82 east of the San Pedro River
Open 9:30am - 4:30pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
(520) 457-3062
schoolhouse@sanpedroriver.org

RIVER WALKS

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

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**:

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7:00am (new walks added!)
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

EOP BIRD WALKS

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

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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