



JANUARY EVENTS 2024



Friends of the San Pedro River

A Note About Our Walks

All walks are free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome on all but the birdwatching walks. Children are welcome but younger ones will have their patience tested. For more information call (520) 508-4445 or email fspr@sanpedroriver.org.

Nature Walks

The San Pedro River is one of the last free flowing rivers in the Southwest and home to one of the largest cottonwood-willow riparian forests remaining in Arizona. On this walk we will discuss the interactions between the living and nonliving components that make up this unique riparian ecosystem and its importance to the surrounding area.

The walks are 1.5 to 2 miles long over easy terrain. These are slower paced than a hike and suitable for most adults and children.

Saturdays,

January 6 and 20

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

Bird Walks

The San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) provides habitat for over 100 species of breeding birds. The San Pedro River is also a critical avian migration corridor that provides water, food and shelter for another 250 migratory and wintering birds.

Novice and experienced bird watchers attend our bird walks to view the diverse avian community of the SPRNCA. We usually observe 30-60 species on these popular two-to-three-hour walks. Bring water, hat and binoculars.

Wednesdays,

January 10 and 24

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

EOP BIRD WALKS

The Sierra Vista Environmental Operations Park (EOP) is open to public bird watching tours on Sunday mornings year round. Group size is limited to 15 people, first-come, first-served. Arrive before the starting time to sign a waiver and secure a spot. The 2-2.5 hours walk is behind locked gates and you must stay with the group. Bring water, hat, and binoculars. A bird checklist will be provided.

Sundays,

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Meet at 8:00am

at the EOP viewing platform parking lot

(Turn North off Hwy 90 between mile markers 324 and 325)

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

History Walk to Murray Springs Clovis Site, Saturday, January 6, 10 a.m.

Join docents from the Friends of the San Pedro River for a tour of the Murray Springs mammoth kill site. Vance Haynes led an expedition here in the 1970s that found the remains of megafauna that had been hunted, killed, butchered, and consumed by the Clovis Paleo-Indians 13,000 years ago. This is an easy walk of less than a half mile, though it does include dirt steps into and out of a dry wash. There is no shade, and it will be hot on sunny days. Please realistically assess your ability to do this walk. Wear a hat, sun protection, appropriate clothing, and sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. Meet in the parking area at Murray Springs, about 1.5 miles north of highway 90 on Moson Road (just west of the Sierra Vista EOP.) NOTE: there is no sign marking this road, but it is the only road headed east from Moson in this vicinity.

History Walk to Grand Central Mill, Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m.

Meet a docent from the Friends of the San Pedro River for a tour of the ruins of this historic silver mill, where ore from the Tombstone mines was processed. The docent will discuss the mining history of the area and lead the group on a three-mile round trip walk to the mill site. This walk follows a dirt and gravel trail that is uneven in areas. There is limited shade, and it will be hot on sunny days. Please realistically assess your ability to do this walk. Wear a hat, walking shoes and bring water. Meet at the Fairbank School House, in Fairbank, 10 miles east of Whetstone on Highway 82. Look for the sign for the Fairbank townsite parking area on the north side of the highway.

History Walk at Fairbank, Saturday, January 20, 1 p.m.

Tour this historic townsite with docents from the Friends of the San Pedro River. The tour of the townsite is on gravel walkways that are level. The walk to the cemetery and return is about 1 mile total. Reaching the cemetery requires walking up a short slope with poor footing and loose rock. You are welcome to participate in the townsite tour and not go to the cemetery. Come on out for this great event, to be led by Friends docent Ron Stewart. It's a good way to learn a little history of the area and enjoy some time outdoors. Entrance to the townsite is five miles east of Whetstone on Highway 82, just east of the San Pedro River bridge. Look for a sign on the north side of the road at the entrance to the parking lot. Park in the outer lot and use the fenced trail to walk to the schoolhouse.

History Walk to Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate, Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.

Join a docent from the Friends of the San Pedro River on a walking tour of the Spanish Presidio of Santa Cruz de Terrenate. This fort was operational during the late 1770s, the centerpiece for a planned Spanish occupation of the San Pedro River Valley that failed. This is a three-mile round trip walk over trails and uneven ground. The return walk is gradually uphill. There is no shade, and it will be hot on sunny days. Please realistically assess your ability to do this walk. Wear a hat, sun protection, appropriate clothing, and sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. Meet at the Presidio Parking Area (west side of the San Pedro River on Highway 82, turn north on In Balance Ranch Road (shows as Kellar Rd. on Google Maps), go 1 mile to parking area).

**San Pedro House
Nature Store & Visitor Information**
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Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
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**Fairbank Schoolhouse Museum
Fairbank Historic Townsite**
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