



FEBRUARY 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 of the living and non-living components that make up the ecosystem of the river 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, February 3 and 17

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 walks, which last approximately three hours. Bring water, hat and binoculars.

Wednesdays,

February 14 and 28

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,

February 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)

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

History Walk to Clanton Ranch, Saturday, February 3, 10 a.m.

Join a docent from the Friends of the San Pedro River for a walk to the Clanton Ranch site. Here Old Man Clanton grazed (stolen) cattle in a large pasture along the San Pedro. This site was a key location in the Wyatt Earp vs. The Cowboys epic. The round trip to the site requires 1.5 miles of walking total. The trail is uneven gravel and dirt. The last 100 feet or so are up a gradual hill on a rocky, uneven trail. Make sure you are able to handle this walk. Wear a hat, sun protection, appropriate clothing, and sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack. Meet at the parking area for the Escapule Road SPRNCA access point, located on Escapule Road, about 1.5 miles south of Charleston Road, between Sierra Vista and Tombstone. Look for a gravel parking area on the left (north) side of Escapule Road. It is the first left after you turn off of Charleston Road onto Escapule Road.

San Pedro House History Walk, Sunday, February 4, 9 a.m.

Take a tour of the San Pedro House and learn about the history of the house as part of the Little Boquillas Ranch and what life was like for the Foster family, who lived there in the 1940s. The group will then tour the area around the house looking at historic remnants from its time as a ranch house. The tour entails about ¼ mile of walking over level trails. The tour will last about an hour. Meet a few minutes before the start time at the San Pedro House, located near the San Pedro River in the SPRNCA, about 8 miles east of Sierra Vista on State Route 90.

History Walk to Millville and Petroglyph Site, Saturday, February 10, 10 a.m.

Take a tour of Millville, an historic silver mill, and an adjacent Indian rock art site. The tour will focus on the history of mining and this mill, which was active during the Tombstone silver boom. This is about a 2 mile walk on an uneven dirt and gravel trail that crosses through a deep 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 at the Millville Parking Area about .25 miles east of the San Pedro River, on the north side of Charleston Road. Look for a fire warning sign at the entrance.

History Walk to Murray Springs, Saturday, February 17, 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, February 24, 10 a.m. Take a walk to the ruins of the historic Grand Central Mill. During the Tombstone silver boom, this stamp mill operated 24 hours a day, processing the ore brought in from Tombstone by wagon. Learn about the mining history of the area and take a three-mile round trip walk to the mill site. This walk follows an uneven dirt and gravel trail. There is limited 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. Bring water and snacks. 10 miles east of Whetstone on Highway 82.

San Pedro House Nature Store & Visitor Information

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Fairbank Schoolhouse Museum Fairbank Historic Townsite

Hwy 82 east of the San Pedro River
Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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