



Friends of the San Pedro River

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

May, 2024, Events Calendar

Schedule

History Walk:

Saturday, May 4, 9 am, Clanton Ranch

NOTE: History walks will resume in the fall.

Nature Walks:

Saturday, May 4, 8 am, San Pedro House

Saturday, May 18, 8 am, San Pedro House

FSPR Bird Walks:

Wednesday, May 8, 7 am, San Pedro House

Wednesday, May 22, 7 am, San Pedro House

For all walks: Free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Please realistically assess your ability to do these walks – some are in remote areas far from help. Wear a hat, sun protection, appropriate clothing, and sturdy shoes. Bring water and a snack. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome on all but the birdwatching walks. Children are welcome but younger ones will have their patience tested.

History Walk

Clanton Ranch, Saturday, May 4, 9 am.

Join FSPR docent Sandy Heusman 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 20 feet or so go up a gradual hill on a rocky, uneven trail. Meet at the Escapule Trailhead. Escapule Road intersects with Charleston Road 6 miles east of Sierra Vista. Turn south on Escapule Road and drive 1.3 miles south. Look for a dirt parking area on the left side. The docent will place a directional sign at its entrance, a left turn. This location is searchable in Google Maps as "Escapule Trailhead."

Nature Walks

San Pedro House, 8:00 am Saturday, May 4, 8 am, and Saturday, May 18, 8 am. 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 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. The San Pedro House is located 7 miles east of Sierra Vista on Highway 90, on the south side of the highway. It is searchable in Google Maps.

FSPR Bird Walks

San Pedro House, Wednesday, May 8, 7 am, and Wednesday May 22, 7 am. The SPRNCA provides habitat for over 100 species of breeding birds. The San Pedro River is also a critical 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 area. We usually observe 30-60 species on these popular walks, which last approximately three hours. Bring water, a hat, and binoculars. These walks can be moderately difficult on uneven terrain. The San Pedro House is located 7 miles east of Sierra Vista on Highway 90, on the south side of the highway. It is searchable in Google Maps.

For more information on these or other events, call (520) 508-4445 or email fspr@sanpedroriver.org.