



# Friends of the San Pedro River

## San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

### October 2024 Events Calendar

**HISTORY WALKS START THIS MONTH! See page 2!!**

#### **Nature Walks**

**San Pedro House, Saturday, October 5, and Saturday, October 19, both at 9 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, October 9, and Wednesday, October 23, both at 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.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT – Nature Education for Kids 8 to 12!**

**San Pedro House, Friday, October 18, 9 am**

Join FSPR education docents along with Rangers from Coronado National Memorial for a special program on the plants and animals of our area. Walk to the river, collect samples to view under a microscope, learn about animals and their adaptations. This is a free program open to all in this age range. This will be a great opportunity for home-school kids! It will last from 9 am to 12 noon. Kids should dress for the weather and bring water and a snack. 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 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.*

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

Explore the History of the San Pedro River Valley on one of our October  
**Friends of the San Pedro River *History Walks***

**San Pedro House, Saturday, Oct 5, 9 am**

Join docent Gabrielle LaFargue for a tour of the San Pedro House. Gabrielle will discuss 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 of the house looking at historic remnants from its time as a ranch house. The one-hour tour entails about ¼ mile of walking over level trails. The San Pedro House is 7 miles east of Sierra Vista on Highway 90. Look for a turn on the south side of the highway about 0.5 mile west of the San Pedro River. San Pedro House is searchable as “San Pedro House” in Google Maps

**Millville and Petroglyph Discovery Trail, Saturday, Oct 12, 9 am**

Meet Friends’ docent Richard Bauer for a tour of Millville, an historic silver mill, and an adjacent Native American petroglyph site. The tour will focus on the history of mining and this mill, part of 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. Meet at the Millville and Petroglyph Discovery Trail parking area. This trailhead is located 7.5 miles east of Sierra Vista on Charleston Road. This is not the parking area right by the river: Look for the “Fire Danger Level” sign on the north side of Charleston Rd. at the entrance to the parking lot, about 0.5 mile east of the river. Meet by the vault toilet. This location is searchable as “Millville and Petroglyph Discovery Trail” in Google Maps.

**Murray Springs, Saturday, Oct 19, 9 am**

Join docent Dwight Long 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. From E. Highway 90/AZ-90 in Sierra Vista, drive north on Moson Rd. for 1.28 miles and turn east. Meet the docent at the gate to the site. The entrance to the site is searchable as “Murray Springs Clovis Site” in Google Maps.

**Clanton Ranch, Saturday, Oct 26, 9 am**

Join docent Sandy Huesman for a walk to the Clanton Ranch. 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. Roundtrip 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. 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 as “Escapule Trailhead” in Google Maps.