

# HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

## August 2018 Programs



**Maricopa County**  
Parks and Recreation Dept.  
Hassayampa River Preserve  
49614 U.S. Hwy 60/89  
Wickenburg, AZ 85390  
(928) 684-2772



CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

### PARK AND VISITOR CENTER

#### HOURS:

##### SUMMER (05/07 - 10/08)

Wednesday thru Sunday: 7 am – 4 pm  
Monday-Tuesday: Closed  
Trails closed at 3:30 pm

##### WINTER (10/09 – 05/06)

Wednesday thru Sunday: 8 am – 5 pm  
Monday-Tuesday: Closed  
Trails closed at 4:30 pm

#### ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Same as above.

#### PARK FEES:

\$5 per person. Children 12 and under are free.

#### DIRECTIONS:

From Phoenix, head west on Carefree Hwy (AZ-74) to US-60 (approximately 30 miles). Turn right onto US-60 W. Travel approximately 6.2 miles. The entrance to the Hassayampa River Preserve is on the west side of US-60 near milepost 114 (left-hand turn just before the electronic ADOT advisory sign). From Wickenburg, the entrance is on your right about 2 miles southeast of town.

#### WEBSITE:

<https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/park-locator/hassayampa-river-preserve/>

#### EMAIL ADDRESS:

[hassayampa-river@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:hassayampa-river@mail.maricopa.gov)

#### FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/Hassayampa/>

#### STAFF:

**Park Supervisor:** Jessica Bland  
**Interpretive Ranger:** Eric Hough

#### \*Guided Bird Walk

**Date:** 8/4/2018      **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

**Description:** Join Arizona Game & Fish Biologist Chrissy Kondrat-Smith for a guided bird walk from 7:15-9:15am to look and listen for breeding residents, such as the elusive Yellow-billed Cuckoo, within the diverse desert riparian habitat of the Hassayampa River Preserve. Along the way we will discuss how to identify birds by sight and sound, and about the behavioral and ecological traits that make them unique. Some binoculars are available to borrow at the Visitor Center. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772. \*The County Parks are getting Wet 'n' Wild this summer! Program attendees will be registered for a drawing of 4 free tickets to Wet N' Wild Water Park (a \$170 value!). Contact the Visitor Center for additional details.

**Core:** Animals

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#### Guided Bird Walk

**Date:** 8/9/2018      **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

**Description:** Join Ranger Eric for a guided bird walk from 7:15-9:15am to look and listen for breeding residents, such as the elusive Yellow-billed Cuckoo, within the diverse desert riparian habitat of the Hassayampa River Preserve. Along the way we will discuss how to identify birds by sight and sound, and about the behavioral and ecological traits that make them unique. Some binoculars are available to borrow at the Visitor Center. Space is limited. To register, please call

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**Core:** Animals

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#### Water Ecology Discovery Station

**Date:** 8/11/2018      **Time:** 7 a.m.

**Description:** Come learn about the diverse aquatic ecosystem of the Hassayampa River with a discovery station allowing visitors an up-close view of some of our fish, amphibians, and aquatic insects. Identification guides and informative materials will be available to peruse. The discovery station will be set up from 7:00-9:00am.

**Core:** Aquatics

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#### Birding Musical Chairs

**Date:** 8/16/2018      **Time:** 6 a.m.

**Description:** Have you wanted to improve your birding skills by learning bird songs and calls? Join Kathe Anderson, Cindy Marple, and Ranger Eric for a fun and informative event where we will rotate between a few different listening stations at the Preserve and learn how to identify birds by sound. We will discuss some of the best techniques to remember bird vocalizations and learn about some common species of desert riparian areas as we go birding around the Preserve. Space is limited. Program runs from 6:00-8:00am. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Animals

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### \*Nature Rangers Program—Moth Night

**Date:** 8/18/2018      **Time:** 6 p.m.

**Description:** The Nature Rangers youth program is designed to give children ages pre-school to 12 a meaningful outdoors experience to build lifelong stewards of the outdoors. For this month's activity, join staff and volunteers from 6:00-7:30pm for some fun activities exploring the world of moths, followed by checking out the CAZBA Moth Night insect displays through 9:00pm where we will get to see moths and other insects coming to lights! Space is limited and all children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, please call the visitor center at 928-684-2772. \*The County Parks are getting Wet 'n' Wild this summer! Program attendees will be registered for a drawing of 4 free tickets to Wet N' Wild Water Park (a \$170 value!). Contact the Visitor Center for additional details.

**Core:** Animals

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### CAZBA Moth Night

**Date:** 8/18/2018      **Time:** 6 p.m.

**Description:** The Central Arizona Butterfly Association (CAZBA) will be hosting their annual Moth Night this year at the Preserve with insect expert Dr. Margarethe Brummerman! After a PowerPoint presentation on insects, Margarethe will set up white sheets illuminated by mercury-vapor lights that will attract all kinds of insects. We will have plenty opportunity to photograph and observe moths, lace-wings, arthropods, scorpions and more, and we will help you ID them. Judging by our

prior Moth Nights, you can expect an event that will be great fun for families, kids, entomologists and photographers - just about everyone who enjoys a little adventure outdoors and after dark. Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring a flashlight or headlamp. General Preserve admission fees apply. Event will be from 6:00-9:00pm.

**Core:** Animals

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### Creatures of the Night Walk

**Date:** 8/24/2018      **Time:** 7 p.m.

**Description:** Join Ranger Eric for an easy after-hours walk on the Preserve trails to look for and learn about the nocturnal critters that live here as they awaken from their daytime slumber. Wildlife seen on past walks has included ringtails, foxes, javelinas, owls, scorpions, and other cool creepy crawlies! Program will run from 7:00-9:00pm. Flashlights and blacklights will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Space is limited, so please contact the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772 to sign up for this event.

**Core:** Animals

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### Guided Bird Walk

**Date:** 8/31/2018      **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

**Description:** Join Ranger Eric for a guided bird walk from 7:15-9:15am to look and listen for breeding residents, such as the elusive Yellow-billed Cuckoo, within the diverse desert riparian habitat of the Hassayampa River Preserve. Along the way we will discuss how to identify birds by sight and sound, and about the behavioral and ecological traits that make them unique. Some binoculars are

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**Core:** Animals

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### PARK NOTES:

**What to Bring:** Leave pets at home! Pets are not allowed at the Preserve and should not be left inside parked vehicles in warm weather, as this can cause injury or death. Please wear sturdy shoes (closed-toe), dress appropriately for the weather, and bring more water than you think you will need. See program descriptions for specifics. Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee or with your annual pass. To register for programs, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772. Programs may be canceled if severe inclement weather is imminent or if there is a low number of registrants, but we will call registrants to notify them of cancellations. If possible, canceled programs will be posted on the website.

**Media Partners:** Thank you for helping us advertise the Hassayampa River Preserve's programs and events! Please include Ranger Eric's email address – [EricHough@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:EricHough@mail.maricopa.gov) - in your postings so park visitors can contact the park directly with general questions about programs, updates, and changes.

Notes:

