

HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

January 2020 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 mid-May – mid-October)

Wednesday thru Sunday: 7 am – 4 pm

Monday-Tuesday: Closed

Trails closed at 3:30 pm

WINTER mid-October – mid-May

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:

maricopa_county_parks@mail.maricopa.gov

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

STAFF:

Park Supervisor: Jessica Bland

Interpretive Ranger: Eric Hough

Office Asst. Chris Matthews

Maintenance: Charlie Sizer

100 Miles in 100 Days Nature Hike

Date: 1/3/2020 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric from 8:30-11:30am to hike the Preserve's 3 miles of trails to continue your journey for the Maricopa County Parks' 100 Miles in 100 Days hiking challenge, which runs Nov. 1-Feb. 8! Most of the Preserve trails are on fairly level ground, with the exception of the moderate, rocky 200 ft stretch to Lykes Lookout, a desert hill offering a scenic view of the river corridor. Please wear sturdy shoes and carry plenty of water. No pets allowed. To register for this hike, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Health & Fitness

Guided Bird Walk

Date: 1/4/2020 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Description: Did you know that over 290 species of birds have been found at the Hassayampa River Preserve? Enjoy an easy-paced walk with seasoned birder and bird bander Anne Leight to spot and identify the resident and wintering birds at the Preserve from 8:15-11:15am. Binoculars may be available to borrow. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

Guided Nature Walk

Date: 1/8/2020 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric from 9:00-11:00am for an easy-paced, guided walk along the Preserve trails to learn about the plants, animals, ecology, and

history of the Hassayampa River Preserve. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Plants

Full Moon—Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 1/10/2020 **Time:** 5:45 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! Tonight has the added bonus of the full moon! Program will run from 5:45-7:45pm.

Blacklights and flashlights are available to borrow, 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

Guided Bird Walk

Date: 1/11/2020 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric for a guided walk from 8:15-10:15am to look and listen for resident and wintering birds within the lush 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 Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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How to do Citizen Science!

Date: 1/11/2020 **Time:** 11 a.m.

Description: What is 'citizen science' and how do you get involved? Have you ever seen a cool flower, animal, or mushroom and wanted to know what it is? This workshop will go over the basics and introduce you to resources such as field guides, online programs, and even smart phone apps that you can use to identify organisms around you and contribute to our understanding of life on Earth. The workshop will be from 11:00am-noon. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Outdoor Skills

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 1/18/2020 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Description: Join Preserve volunteer and ornithologist Stacia Novy for a guided walk from 8:15-10:15am to look and listen for resident and wintering birds within the lush desert riparian oasis of the Preserve. Along the way we will discuss how to identify birds and about the behavioral and ecological traits that make them unique. Some binoculars may be available to borrow. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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History of the Hassayampa

Date: 1/18/2020 **Time:** 10 a.m.

Description: Join Preserve manager and archaeologist Jessica Bland for an easy guided walk around the Preserve from 10:00-11:30am to learn about and view artifacts and other evidence of the fascinating archaeology and history of the area. Registration for this walk is required and space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Archaeology & History

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100 Miles in 100 Days Nature Hike

Date: 1/23/2020 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric from 8:30-11:30am to hike the Preserve's 3

miles of trails to continue your journey for the Maricopa County Parks' 100 Miles in 100 Days hiking challenge, which runs Nov. 1-Feb. 8! Most of the Preserve trails are on fairly level ground, with the exception of the moderate, rocky 200 ft stretch to Lykes Lookout, a desert hill offering a scenic view of the river corridor. Please wear sturdy shoes and carry plenty of water. No pets allowed. To register for this hike, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 1/24/2020 **Time:** 6 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 6:00-8:00pm. Blacklights and flashlights are available to borrow, 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 Nature Walk

Date: 1/25/2020 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric from 9:00-11:00am for an easy-paced, guided walk along the Preserve trails to learn about the plants, animals, ecology, and history of the Hassayampa River Preserve. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Plants

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Nature Rangers: Winter Woes

Date: 1/25/2020 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: The Nature Rangers youth program is designed to give children ages 7 to 12 a meaningful outdoors experience to build lifelong stewards of the outdoors. For this month's activity from 1:00-3:00pm, join Ranger Eric and volunteers to learn about the different ways that animals and plants survive the cold of winter. Through fun activities and a guided nature walk, we will discuss

hibernation, dormancy, and other strategies that wildlife and plants use to make it through the cold, dark months. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Outdoor Skills

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 1/31/2020 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric for a guided walk from 8:15-10:15am to look and listen for resident and wintering birds within the lush 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 Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

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 the Preserve's email address – Maricopa_county_parks@mail.maricopa.gov - in your postings so park visitors can contact the park directly with general questions about programs, updates, and changes.

Notes: