

# HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

## March 2019 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 (05/08 - 10/07)**

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

**WINTER (10/10 – 05/05)**

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  
**Office Asst.** Chris Matthews  
**Maintenance:** Charlie Sizer

### Tai Chi for Balance

**Date:** 3/6/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Date:** 3/13/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Date:** 3/20/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Date:** 3/27/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** Tai Chi exercise uses slow movement and stretching to reduce stress and improve balance. Certified Tai Chi instructor Mary Degeoso will introduce participants to Tai Chi exercise techniques during this hour-long class in the picnic area at the Preserve. To register, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Health & Fitness

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### Guided Bird Walk

**Date:** 3/2/2019 **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 many resident and migratory birds of 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

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### Morning at the Museum

**Date:** 3/2/2019 **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Description:** Join Preserve Supervisor and archaeologist, Jessica Bland, and Ranger Eric for a fascinating look into how historical artifacts are curated and the recent revolutionary advancements in preserving our history. This presentation will be from 10:00am-12:00pm. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Archaeology & History

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### Guided Nature Walk

**Date:** 3/6/2019 **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 for all programs at the Preserve, and space is limited. Please contact the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772 to sign up.

**Core:** Plants

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### Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration

**Date:** 3/8/2019 **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Description:** Preserve volunteer Donna Thoreson and Preserve manager Jessica Bland will provide a demonstration of how best to cook using Dutch ovens, harkening back to the old West and giving visitors a taste of how past generations cooked their food. Registered visitors will even be able to try some of the tasty creations made during this two hour program! Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Outdoor Skills

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### Nature Rangers: Wildlife Movement Challenges & Receding Habitats

**Date:** 3/9/2019 **Time:** 1 p.m.

**Description:** Nature Rangers youth program is designed to give children ages 7-12 a meaningful outdoors experience to build lifelong stewards of the natural world. This month's program from 1:00-3:00pm

will introduce participants to some of the risks and threats that animals face when moving between parts of their home range, or during migration, and how receding habitats create new obstacles for our wildlife, all shown through a couple of fun games! All participants must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Animals

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### **Creatures of the Night Walk**

**Date:** 3/9/2019 **Time:** 6:30 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 6:30-8:30pm. 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. \*If you were on last month's night walk, we ask that you please refrain from signing up this month to allow others to experience one of our night walks, since this is one of our most popular programs and space is always limited. Thanks!

**Core:** Animals

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### **Building Your Birding Skills**

**Date:** 3/10/2019 **Time:** 8 a.m.

**Description:** Have you been wanting to improve your birding skills and learn some new tips? Join Cindy Marple from 8:00am-12:00pm for a full-morning workshop including both classroom and field activities as we discuss clues to figure out bird ID, including location, habitat, structure, behavior, feather patterns, and sounds. There is always something new to learn with birding and this workshop is a great way for beginning and intermediate birders to improve their skills through hands-on learning! Some binoculars are available to borrow at the Preserve Nature Center. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Animals

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### **Citizen Science Series: Species Observations & Identification Workshop**

**Date:** 3/15/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** Our Citizen Science Series at the Preserve will be a recurring series of workshops that introduce participants to how they can help contribute their

observations in nature in their daily lives to our collective scientific understanding of the environment. This workshop will introduce participants to how biological organisms are classified via taxonomy and provide identification tips for identifying different species of organisms using field guides, dichotomous keys, and available websites and phone apps. Concurrently, we will discuss ways you can contribute your observations using citizen science apps. This workshop will take place from 9:00-11:00am and will incorporate classroom and field time on the trails. To register for this program, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Outdoor Skills

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### **History of the Hassayampa**

**Date:** 3/16/2018 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** Join Preserve manager and archaeologist Jessica Bland for an easy, 2-hour guided walk around the Preserve to learn about and view artifacts and other evidence of the fascinating archaeology and history of the area. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Archaeology & History

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### **Guided Plant Walk**

**Date:** 3/20/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** Join volunteer Cindy Smith for a guided walk from 9:00-11:00am on the Preserve trails to explore the diverse plant life found in desert riparian areas! Along the walk you will learn about how to identify the common plant species of the area and their ecological and ethnobotanical importance. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Plants

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### **Guided Bird Walk**

**Date:** 3/23/2019 **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 migrant birds 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 Preserve Nature Center. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Animals

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### **Guided Bird Walk**

**Date:** 3/29/2019 **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 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 Preserve Nature Center. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Animals

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### **Citizen Science Series:**

#### **Phenology Workshop**

**Date:** 3/30/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

**Description:** This workshop in our "Citizen Science Series" focuses on phenology, which studies the timing of biological events in nature, such as the blooming of flowers and migration of birds. By tracking changes in biological timing over time, we can determine the effects of climate change to species and ecosystems. Join staff and volunteers from 9:00-11:00am to learn about phenology and explore the Preserve's new "Phenology Trail". The workshop will include classroom and field activities where you will learn how to use citizen science to help track phenological changes in the environment. To register for this program, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

**Core:** Outdoor Skills

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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 – [hassayampa-river@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:hassayampa-river@mail.maricopa.gov) - in your postings so park visitors can contact the park directly with general questions about programs, updates, and changes.