

HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PARK HOURS:

Summer (5/07 - 10/9)

Wednesday thru Sunday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Winter (10/10 - 5/8)

Wednesday thru Sunday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday: Closed

NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Same as park hours.

ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Same as park hours.

PARK FEES:

\$5 per person day-use entry fee.

DIRECTIONS:

The Preserve is located 3 miles south of Wickenburg on US Hwy 60 (mp 114). From Phoenix, take Grand Avenue/US 60 north towards Wickenburg. The Preserve entrance is located on the west side of the highway at milepost 114.

WEBSITE:

www.maricopacountyparks.net

OTHER:

No pets allowed.



Maricopa County

Parks and Recreation Department

Hassayampa River Preserve

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MAY 2018 PROGRAMS

Tai Chi for Balance

Date: 5/3/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 5/10/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 5/17/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 5/24/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 5/31/2018 **Time:** 8 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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Preserve Nature Hike

Date: 5/4/2018 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric for a guided hike of the Preserve's trails while learning about its unique natural and historic features. We will hike for about 2 hours. No dogs allowed at the Preserve. Most trails are on fairly level ground. To register for this event, please call the visitor center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Guided Bird Walk & eBird Global Big Day

Date: 5/5/2018 **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

Description: As part of the eBird Global Big Day, join Anne Leight and Ranger Eric for a guided walk on the Preserve trails starting at 7:15am while

we experience the peak of spring bird migration! Participants will need to arrive on time between 7:00-7:15am to get in early, otherwise you will have to wait until the Preserve regularly opens at 8:00am and then join up with us. This is one of the most exciting times of year for birders to be outside, so you won't want to miss out! While you are birding throughout the day, help with citizen science by submitting your bird checklists to eBird (ebird.org)! Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 5/11/2018 **Time:** 7:15 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, coyotes, bobcats, snakes, scorpions, and other creepy crawlies. Program will run from 7:15-9:15pm. Flashlights and blacklights will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Space is limited, so please contact the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772 to sign up for this event.

Core: Animals

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HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Guided Bird Walk

Date: 5/12/2018 **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

Description: As part of our International Migratory Bird Day Celebration activities, Ranger Eric will lead a guided walk on the Preserve's trails from 7:15-9:15am as we look and listen for birds during the peak of spring migration! We will learn how to identify birds by sight and sound, as well as learn about the interesting behavioral and ecological roles of our breeding and migratory species. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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International Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Date: 5/12/2018 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: In honor of this year's International Migratory Bird Day, staff and volunteers will have discovery stations along the Preserve's trails for visitors to learn about the incredible feats of migratory birds and the importance of protecting the habitat they need for survival along their amazing journeys. Discovery tables will be available from 9:00-12:00am.

Core: Animals

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Guided Butterfly Walk

Date: 5/19/2018 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Description: As we move through spring into summer, gardens and native wildflowers attract a plethora of beautiful butterflies. Come learn how to identify our common butterfly species on the Preserve trails with Central Arizona Butterfly Association member Marceline Vandewater. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 5/26/2018 **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

Description: Even as spring migration tapers off, exciting rare birds can still be found, in addition to a large array of summer breeding species. Join Ranger Eric for a guided walk from 7:15-9:15am to look and listen for breeding resident and migratory 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 Preserve Nature Center. Space is limited. To register, please call the Preserve Nature Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Water Ecology Discovery Station

Date: 5/27/2018 **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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STAFF:

Park Supervisor: Jessica Bland
Interpretive Ranger: Eric Hough
Administrative Assistant: Mary Larson
Maintenance: Vacant

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MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the Hassayampa River Preserve. We realize that you have a choice when it comes to selecting recreation venues and appreciate your business!

Sincerely,

Jessica Bland

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