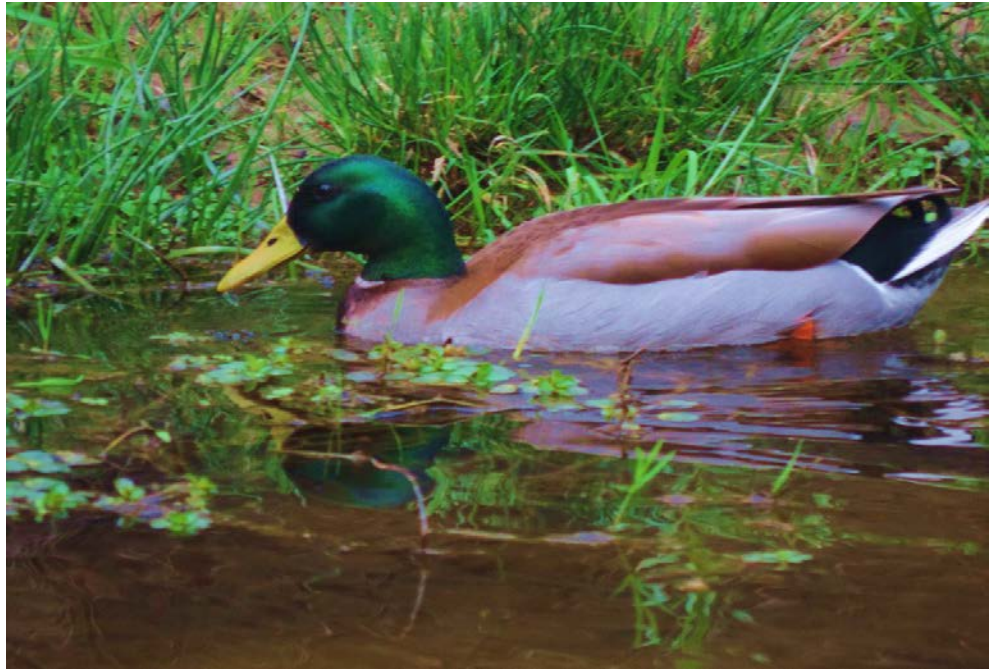


HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

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

WINTER (10/09 – 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 Kick-Off Nature Hike

Date: 11/1/2019 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.
Description: Are you planning on participating in the Maricopa County Parks' 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge? Do you like to hike, but not by yourself? Do you want to learn about the nature and history of the Preserve while you hike? If you answered yes to any of the above, then join Ranger Eric from 8:15-11:15 to hike the Preserve's 3 miles of trails to get a jump start on this fun challenge that 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 Lyke's 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 Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 11/2/2019 **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 resident and migrant 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

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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 11/2/2019 **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! 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. *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 our night walk, since this is one of our most popular programs and space is always limited. Thanks!

Core: Animals

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 11/8/2019 **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 migrant 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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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 11/9/2019 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.
Description: Would you like to learn more about the birds and nature of the Preserve? Enjoy an easy-paced walk with Arizona Game & Fish Department's Permits Biologist and bird bander Chrissy Kondrat-Smith to spot and identify the resident and migrant

birds at the Preserve from 8:30-10:30am. 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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Nature Rangers: Thanksgiving for Nature

Date: 11/16/2019 **Time:** 4 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, join Ranger Eric and volunteers from 4:00-5:30pm for a nature walk where we will discuss the benefits of nature and the things we are thankful for, followed by decorating luminary bags to be placed in our front garden for that evening's Luminary Walk from 5:30-8:00pm. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 11/15/2019 **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 migrant 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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Thanksgiving Luminary Walk

Date: 11/16/2019 **Time:** 5:30 p.m.

Description: Join us for a special evening event where you can walk a luminary-lined segment of trails while enjoying hot cider, snacks, and reflecting on the wonders of nature that we are thankful for. The event will last from 5:30-8:00pm. From Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, visitors to the Preserve may decorate a luminary bag for a \$1 donation (per bag) to the Friends of Hassayampa, which we will use for our luminary display on Nov. 16. No registration required. Visitors are encouraged to bring flashlights, but a small number are available to borrow.

Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

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National Take-A-Hike Day (Free Entry Day!)

Date: 11/17/2019 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Description: To celebrate National Take-A-Hike Day, Maricopa County Parks is offering free entry to all of our parks, including the Hassayampa River Preserve! Enjoy hiking our 3 miles of trails, excellent wildlife viewing opportunities, beautiful native plants garden, and informative Visitor Center! The Preserve

is open from 8:00am-5:00pm, with trails closing at 4:30pm. No pets allowed. For more information, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 11/21/2019 **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 fall migrant 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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History of the Hassayampa

Date: 11/22/2019 **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. This is part of the Wickenburg Historical Preservation Society's celebration of the 200th birthday of Henry Wickenburg, with other events in nearby Wickenburg for Nov. 21-24. 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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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 11/22/2019 **Time:** 5:30 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 5:30-7:30pm. 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: 11/23/2019 **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 and space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Plants

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Day After Thanksgiving Nature Hike

Date: 11/29/2019 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Description: Avoid the 'Black Friday' mall madness by enjoying the great outdoors instead! Join Ranger Eric from 8:30-11:30am to work off the Thanksgiving dinner pounds by hiking the 3 miles of trails at the Preserve, while learning about its nature and history! At the same time, you can participate in the Maricopa County Parks' 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge, which runs from Nov. 1-Feb. 8. Pets not allowed at the Preserve. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Health & Fitness

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 11/30/2019 **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 fall migrant 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.