

HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

October 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 (05/08 - 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

FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

STAFF:

Park Supervisor: Jessica Bland
Interpretive Ranger: Eric Hough
Office Asst. Vacant
Maintenance: Charlie Sizer

Tai Chi for Balance

Date: 10/4/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 10/11/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 10/18/2018 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Date: 10/25/2018 **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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Hummingbird & Butterfly

Discovery Station

Date: 10/3/2018 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: To celebrate this year's National Butterfly and Hummingbird Day, staff and volunteers will have a discovery station set up in the front garden with information about these beautiful animals and how to attract them to your yard! In southern Arizona our consistently warm weather means that we get to enjoy both hummingbirds and butterflies all year long, including right here at the Preserve! Come see what gems are flying around the garden in early fall! The discovery station will be available from 9:00am-noon.

Core: Animals

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Guided Bird Walk & eBird Fall Global Big Day

Date: 10/6/2018 **Time:** 6 a.m.

Description: Cornell University and their global citizen science database, eBird (ebird.org), are sponsoring a fall edition of the wildly popular eBird Global Big Day. The goal is to get out and count as many individuals of different species as possible within a 24-hour period to help gain a snapshot of fall migration across the world, submitting eBird checklists as you bird each location during the day. Join Anne Leight, Ranger Eric, and others to help count birds at the Preserve while along on a guided bird walk as we participate in this global event! Registered participants wanting to be on the teams can join us for a special early-bird entry at 6:00am, but all other visitors will have to wait until our regular opening time of 7:00am. We will have a few teams that can be joined to help split up coverage of the Preserve and will try to keep birding thorough at least late morning, with possibly one team continuing to bird into the afternoon. At least one team will be covering off-trail areas of the Preserve (space limited). To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 10/12/2018 **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. 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: 10/13/2018 **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 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: 10/19/2018 **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 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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Hassayampa Halloween & International Observe the Moon Night

Date: 10/20/2018 **Time:** 6 p.m.

Description: To celebrate International Observe the Moon Night and Halloween festivities, staff and volunteers will provide the opportunity to see the moon up close through telescopes along with offering several 'spooktacular' Halloween-themed displays and discovery stations for visitors and trick-or-treaters to check out around our Palm Lake and Willow

Walkway trails. Nocturnal wildlife may also be present and black lights will be available to look for scorpions! Come join us from 6:00-8:30pm for a ghoulishly fun and educational night after-hours at the Preserve! Be sure to check out our coinciding Nature Rangers youth program activity from 5-6pm too (see following event description).

Core: Astronomy

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Nature Rangers—Hassayampa Halloween

Date: 10/20/2018 **Time:** 5 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 staff and volunteers from 5:00-6:00pm to carve nature-themed pumpkins to help us decorate for that night's Hassayampa Halloween event! Nature Rangers can then check out our various displays and discovery stations during the main event from 6:00-8:30pm on the Preserve trails! Space is limited and kids must be accompanied by an adult. To register, please call the Preserve Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

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Guided Nature Walk

Date: 10/21/2018 **Time:** 8:30 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric from 8:30-10:30am 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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History of the Hassayampa Discovery Station

Date: 10/27/2018 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Come learn about the rich and colorful history of the Hassayampa River Preserve and Wickenburg area with Preserve Supervisor and former

archaeologist, Jessica Bland, with this informative discovery station at the Visitor Center from 9:00am-noon.

Core: Archaeology & History

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Creepy Critters Discovery Station

Date: 10/31/2018 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: To celebrate Halloween, join Ranger Eric for a fun and educational discovery station where you can learn about some of the spooky and cool features that make bats, scorpions, spiders, insects, fungi, and other organisms so unique. The station will be set up at the Visitor Center from 9:00-11:00am.

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

Notes: