**WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK**

**January**

**Maricopa County**

Parks and Recreation Dept.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park

20304 W. White Tank Mountain Road

Waddell, AZ 85355

(623) 932-9500

**PARK HOURS:**

Sunday – Thursday: 6 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 6 am – 10 pm

365 days a year

**NATURE CENTER HOURS:**

**SUMMER** (05/07 - 10/08)
Monday thru Saturday: 8 am – 3 pm

Sunday: Closed

**WINTER** (10/09 - 05/06)
Sunday thru Saturday: 8 am – 4 pm

**ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday: 8 am – 4 pm

**PARK FEES:**

$7 per vehicle day-use entry fee (no additional fees for programs, unless otherwise noted)

**DIRECTIONS:**

White Tank Mountain Regional Park is located at the very west end of Olive Ave about 15 miles west of the 101 (Agua Fria Highway).

**WEBSITE:**

https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/park-locator/white-tank-mountain-regional-park/

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

whitetankpark@mail.maricopa.gov

**FACEBOOK PAGE:**

https://www.facebook.com/WhiteTankPark/

**STAFF:**

Park Supervisor: Dove Luidhardt

Interpretive Ranger: Justin Williams

Office Asst.: Laura J. Boyd, Andy Schnapp

Maintenance: Tom Rychtik, Jim Apthorp, Ryan Dunning

**CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE**

**Friends and Fitness**

**Date:** 1/2/2020  **Time:** 8 a.m.

**Description:** Are you working on your 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge? Do you like to hike but don’t like to hike by yourself? Do you want to explore new parts of the park? If you answered yes to any of the above, then these hikes are for you! Join park staff and volunteers for a hike of 2-5 miles on various park trails. Hikes will be offered as scheduled throughout the duration of the County Parks 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge (Nov. 1-Feb. 8). Hike routes, distances, and difficulty will vary – call ahead for specifics. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a snack and plenty of water. Please leave your dog at home. Please call park Nature Center for more information.

**Core:** Health & Fitness

**Sonoran Desert at Night**

**Date:** 1/4/2020  **Time:** 6 p.m.

**Description:** Would you like to learn about nocturnal creatures and explore the desert at night? Not sure about hiking at night by yourself? Join Ranger J.D as he takes you on a 1.9-mile hike on Waterfall Trail. Help him search for the hiding places of these creatures. As we walk along the barrier-free trail we see what we can find! Please bring water, closed-toed shoes and leave your dog at home.

See you at area Area 6

**Core:** Animals

**Find the Ranger**

**Date:** 1/8/2020  **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Description:** Bring your family and friends to find the Ranger on the Waterfall Trail! He will have some exciting and interesting facts about the park and its inhabitants!

**Core:** Health & Fitness

**Friends and Fitness**

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

**Description:** Are you working on your 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge? Do you like to hike but don’t like to hike by yourself? Do you want to explore new parts of the park? If you answered yes to any of the above, then these hikes are for you! Join park staff and volunteers for a hike of 2-5 miles on various park trails. Hikes will be offered as scheduled throughout the duration of the County Parks 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge (Nov. 1-Feb. 8). Hike routes, distances, and difficulty will vary – call ahead for specifics. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a snack and plenty of water. Please leave your dog at home. Please call park Nature Center for more information.

**Core:** Health & Fitness

**Waterfall: Archeology Hike**

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

**Description:** Join park volunteer Chris Reed on this easy 2-mile walk to go back in time. Use your senses of sight, hearing, touch, and smell to discover the evidence of human history along the Waterfall Trail. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at the Waterfall trailhead.

**Core:** Archaeology & History
Nature Discovery: Scavenger Hunt
Date: 1/10/2020  Time: 5:30 p.m.
Description: Looking for a fun and engaging hour focused around children’s outdoor education? Join Ranger J.D at Area 3 as he leads you on a Desert Scavenger Hunt. This hands-on program will encourage kids to get in touch with nature. Children must be between the ages of 8-16 and be accompanied by an adult during Nature Discovery Hour.
Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

Desert Fables
Date: 1/10/2020  Time: 1:30 p.m.
Description: Join storyteller Ann McDermott before our snake feeding to enjoy tales of desert plants and animals, inspired by 30 years of rural life in central Arizona. Q & A time afterward. Be ready for a pop quiz! The program will be held in the Nature Center classroom.
Core: Health & Fitness

Snake Feeding
Date: 1/10/2020  Time: 2 p.m.
Description: Our resident reptile friends are hungry! Come to the Nature Center to see our snakes enjoy their meal. Our park staff will be doing the feeding. Observe the feeding behaviors of rattlesnakes, colubrid snakes, scorpions, and desert tortoise.
Core: Animals

Moonlight Hike: Mule Deer
Date: 1/11/2020  Time: 6:15 p.m.
Description: See the desert in a different light – moonlight! Join us for a 2-mile walk along Mule Deer Trail where we will look up at the night sky and experience the moonlight lighting the Sonoran desert. This is a moderate hike so please wear close-toed shoes, water and flashlights are optional. Please leave your dog at home. See you all in Area 4 for the walk, near the restrooms.
Core: Health & Fitness

Friends and Fitness
Date: 1/16/2020  Time: 8 a.m.
Description: Are you working on your 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge? Do you like to hike but don’t like to hike by yourself? Do you want to explore new parts of the park? If you answered yes to any of the above, then these hikes are for you! Join park staff and volunteers for a hike of 2-5 miles on various park trails.
Core: Health & Fitness

Birds of White Tank Park
Date: 1/17/2020  Time: 1 p.m.
Description: Dave Sussman presents photos of “Birds of the Arizona Desert”, focusing on birds that are commonly seen in and near White Tank Regional Park plus birds that are present in other areas of the desert. Come to the White Tank Nature Center Classroom.
Core: Animals

Friends and Fitness
Date: 1/23/2020  Time: 8 a.m.
Description: Are you working on your 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge? Do you like to hike but don’t like to hike by yourself? Do you want to explore new parts of the park? If you answered yes to any of the above, then these hikes are for you! Join park staff and volunteers for a hike of 2-5 miles on various park trails.
Core: Animals

Guided Nature Walk
Date: 1/24/2020  Time: 9 a.m.
Description: Join Ranger J.D for an easy-paced, guided walk along the Waddell Trail to learn about the plants, animals, ecology, and history of the White Tank Mountain Regional Park.
Core: Health & Fitness

Snake Feeding
Date: 1/25/2020  Time: 2 p.m.
Description: Our resident reptile friends are hungry! Come to the Nature Center to see our snakes enjoy their meal. Our park staff will be doing the feeding. Observe the feeding behaviors of rattlesnakes, colubrid snakes, scorpions, and desert tortoise.
Core: Animals

Last Friends and Fitness Hike
Date: 1/30/2020  Time: 8 p.m.
Description: Are you working on your 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge? Do you like to hike but don’t like to hike by yourself? Do you want to explore new parts of the park? If you answered yes to any of the above, then these hikes are for you! Join park staff and volunteers for a hike of 2-5 miles on various park trails.
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Core: Health & Fitness

Library Program: Welcome to the Desert
Date: 1/30/2020  Time: 1 p.m.
Description: Are you new to the desert? Just visiting? Or maybe you’ve lived here all your life. Join Ranger Justin in the White Tank Branch Library classroom to learn about what defines a desert, meet the “locals”, and learn what makes the Sonoran Desert so unique!
Core: Animals

Basics to Mountain Biking
Date: 1/31/2020  Time: 9 a.m.
Description: Are you new to biking on desert and mountain terrain, or just want to ride? Join Ranger Justin on the Maricopa Trail and learn some basic skills of off-road biking! After a brief introduction we will go for a 3-4 mile ride to get accustomed to desert trails. Please bring a helmet, plenty of water, a snack, an extra tube, and your bike!
Core: Health & Fitness

PARK NOTES:
What to Bring: Please wear sturdy shoes (closed-toe), dress appropriately for the weather and bring more water than you think you will need. See descriptions for specifics. Fees for guided hikes and programs are included in the park entry fee or with your annual pass.