

# WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

## June Programs



### Maricopa County

Parks and Recreation Dept.  
White Tank Mountain Regional Park  
20304 W. White Tank Mountain Road  
Waddell, AZ 85355  
(602) 506-2930 ext. 5



CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE

### PARK HOURS:

Sunday – Thursday: 6 am – 8 pm  
Friday – Saturday: 6 am – 10 pm  
365 days a year

### NATURE CENTER HOURS: SUMMER (05/06 - 10/07)

Monday thru Saturday: 8 am – 3 pm  
Sunday: Closed

### WINTER (10/08 – 05/05)

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:

[maricopacountyparks@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:maricopacountyparks@mail.maricopa.gov)

### 📘 FACEBOOK PAGE:

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

### STAFF:

**Park Supervisor:** Dove Luidhardt  
**Interpretive Ranger:** Justin Williams  
**Office Asst.** Laura Jo Boyd  
**Maintenance:** Eldon Heydenreich, Tom Rychtik

### Desert Fables

**Date:** 6/1/2019 **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! Program will be held in the Nature Center classroom.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### Snake Feeding

**Date:** 6/1/2019 **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 a desert tortoise.

**Core:** Animals

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### Nature Documentary

**Date:** 6/5/2019 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Beat the midday heat by joining us in the Nature Center classroom for a showing of the BBC Planet Earth, Deserts. Over 1/3 of our planet is covered by deserts. Learn what it takes for life to survive in these arid climates. Make sure you bring your water- you may get thirsty.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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### Desert Bingo

**Date:** 6/7/2019 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Looking for a fun family activity? Join us in the Library Classroom

for this twist on the classic Bingo game. Match pictures of desert plants and animals to get 5 in a row on your game board and learn fun facts about the desert as we play.

**Core:** Animals

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### Animal Encounter: Chuckwalla

**Date:** 6/8/2019 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Visit the Nature Center to meet this diurnal lizard that likes it HOT. Join Ranger J.D as he shares some facts about how the Chuckwalla survives in the hot climate. Visit any time between 11:00am and 12:30pm.

**Core:** Animals

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### Desert Hiking 101

**Date:** 6/8/2019 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Are you prepared for a hike in the desert? Join volunteer Joe in the Nature Center Classroom where we will have items on display that should always be in your pack or pocket. We will cover topics from reading maps (and actually using them) to first aid and hydration. Stop by and chat with us and learn how a little hiking preparation can go a long way. Be sure to have your water.

**Core:** Outdoor Skills

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### Snake Feeding

**Date:** 6/14/2019 **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 a desert tortoise.

**Core:** Animals

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**Full Moon Hike: Mule Deer**

**Date:** 6/15/2019 **Time:** 7:30 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, and bring water; flash lights are optional. Please leave your dog at home. See you all at Area 4 for the walk, near the restrooms.

**Core:** Astronomy

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**Nature Documentary:**

**Date:** 6/19/2019 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Beat the midday heat by joining us in the Nature Center classroom for a showing of the National Geographic nature documentary, The Wild West - High Noon, to learn about some of the world's toughest desert animals, found right here in our Sonoran Desert! In the spirit of an old western, this documentary tells the tale of the desert, where only the toughest survive, because after all, "life is hard when you're delicious".

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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**Summer Solstice Sunrise Hike**

**Date:** 6/21/2019 **Time:** 5 a.m.

**Description:** Set your alarm and get a great start to your day! Join us for a sunrise hike along the Black Rock Long Loop Trail (1 ½ miles). We will watch the sunrise from a viewpoint, experience the Sonoran Desert as it awakens, and also have the opportunity to see ancient petroglyphs along the trail. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 4 for the walk. Don't forget your camera! And don't be late – the sun won't wait!

**Core:** Archaeology & History

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**Animal Encounter: Desert Tortoise**

**Date:** 6/21/2019 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Visit the Nature Center and see 1 of the 4 tortoise's native to North America. Join Ranger J.D as he shares amazing facts about how the Desert Tortoise survives in the hot climate. Visit any time between 11:00am and 12:30pm.

**Core:** Animals

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**Scorpion Walk: Bug Theater**

**Date:** 6/22/2019 **Time:** 7:30 a.m.

**Description:** Load up the kids and join us for a 1 ½ mile walk along the Black Rock Long Loop, where we will look for scorpions and experience the desert at night. Bring your scorpion light and please wear close-toed shoes. Please leave your dog at home. Our meeting place is at Area 4A.

**Core:** Animals

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**Basics of Geology**

**Date:** 6/26/2019 **Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Description:** Join park volunteer and nature enthusiast, Joe, in our Nature Center classroom for insights and evidence on how the White Tank Mountains were formed, named, and what rocks can be found in the mountains. Bring your curiosity and imagination for an enlightening hour of White Tank Mountains geology.

**Core:** Geology

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**Library Program: Summer Sonoran Animals**

**Date:** 6/27/2019 **Time:** 1 p.m.

**Description:** Join Ranger Justin in the White Tank Branch Library classroom for this open house-style program where you can use your senses to examine, explore, and even touch various objects from the natural world. Get an up close look at a tiny hummingbird nest! Feel animal fur! Program will be held 1:00-2:30pm – arrive anytime during program hours and stay as long as you want!

**Core:** Animals

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**Sonoran Desert Reptiles**

**Date:** 6/29/2019 **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Description:** Join Ranger Justin at White Tank Mountain Regional Park from 10-11:30am for a presentation on the unique reptiles and amphibians of the Sonoran Desert, followed by a guided walk to look for some of the lizards, and snakes that may be right outside of the doors of the Nature Center. Please meet in the Nature Center Classroom and bring water, hats and shoes.

**Core:** Animals

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**Snake Feeding**

**Date:** 6/29/2019 **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 a desert tortoise.

**Core:** Animals

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**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. Reservations are not required unless specified in the program description. Hikes/programs are canceled if heavy inclement weather is imminent. If possible, canceled hikes will be posted on the website.

**Media Partners:** Thank you for helping us advertise White Tank Mountain Regional Parks programs and events! Please include Ranger Justin's email address – JustinWilliams@mail.maricopa.gov - in your postings so park visitors can contact the park directly with general questions about programs, updates, and changes.

Additional notes:

