WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

November 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 (05/07 - 10/06)
Monday thru Saturday: 8 am – 2 pm
Sunday: Closed
WINTER (10/07 – 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)

DI RECTIONS:
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 Jo Boyd, Andrew Schnapp
Maintenance: Jim Apthorp, Tom Rychlik, Ryan Dunning

Friends and Fitness Hike
Date: 11/1/2019    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: Outdoor Skills

Desert Fables
Date: 11/1/2019    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

Snake Feeding
Date: 11/1/2019    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

Basics to Mountain Biking: Maricopa Trail
Date: 11/6/2019    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 competition track 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

Friends and Fitness Hike
Date: 11/7/2019    Time: 8 a.m.
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Core: Health & Fitness
Birding with Ranger Eric
Date: 11/9/2019  Time: 7 a.m.
Description: Join Ranger Eric on a guided bird walk to look and listen for White Tank Mountain residents and fall migratory birds. On the walk we will discuss how to identify birds by sight and sound, as well as behavioral traits that make each species unique. Bring a bird guide and binoculars as well as some water. Some binoculars will be available to borrow. Please meet at Area 7 for easy walk along Waddell Trail.
Core: Animals

Birds of the Sonoran Desert
Date: 11/9/2019  Time: 10:30 a.m.
Description: Ever wonder what birds you can see in the Sonoran Desert? Join Ranger Eric in the Nature Center Classroom for an astounding presentation on resident and migratory birds.
Core: Animals

History Hike to Willow Canyon Springs and Farm Ruins
Date: 11/12/2019  Time: 8:30 a.m.
Description: Join us for a hike back in time! Our journey will take us to the Willow Springs area, where we will visit the remains of an abandoned dwelling and historic site to see what stories the pieces of the past can tell us. The hike is seven (7) miles roundtrip and is rated moderate to difficult. Please bring at least one gallon of water and a snack. This hike is limited to 10 people. Meet at Area 7 for the hike. Please call the park Nature Center, 602-506-2930x5, to register, beginning November 1st. Please leave your dog at home.
Core: Archaeology & History

Moonlight Hike: Mule Deer Trail
Date: 11/13/2019  Time: 5:30 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, water and flash lights are optional. Please leave your dog at home. See you all at Area 4 for the walk, near the restrooms.
Core: Astronomy

Waterfall Trail Archaeology Walk
Date: 11/14/2019  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: Intro to Birding
Date: 11/15/2019  Time: 10 a.m.
Description: Looking for a fun and engaging hour focused around children’s outdoor education? Join Ranger J.D at Area 7 the Waddell Trail as we focus on birding! 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. Please bring a bird guide and binoculars.
Core: Animals

Snake Feeding
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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

Early Bird Walk with Sonoran Audubon
Date: 11/16/2019  Time: 7:30 a.m.
Description: Join birders Joe Ford and Tom Locascio from the Sonoran Audubon Society for an early morning bird walk along the Ford Canyon Trail to look and listen for the many birds that live in and pass through the area. Bring your bird book and binoculars. Binoculars may be available to borrow. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 9.
Core: Animals

Canaries in the Coal Mine
Date: 11/16/2019  Time: 10:30 a.m.
Description: Bird populations are decreasing throughout North America and locally in the southwest. This program discusses the reasons associated with that decline. Habitat loss and alteration, the effects of chemicals in the environment including the continuing increase of carbon emissions and the resulting alteration of atmospheric gas composition are discussed. Arizona birds of concern are a large part of this program. Ways we can improve the success of bird populations and help are emphasized. Please meet at the Nature Center Classroom.
Core: Animals

National Take a Hike Day Celebration
Date: 11/17/2019  Time: 9 a.m.
Description: Celebrate National Take a Hike Day by enjoying free entry to the park. Explore one of the park’s many trails on your own. Park staff and volunteers will also be on hand at the Waterfall Trailhead (9:00am-12:00pm) with live animal displays, kids activities, hiking information and tips, and details for Maricopa County Parks “100 Miles in 100 Days” Challenge.
Core: Entertainment & Social Skills

Sunrise Hike: Blackrock Long Loop
Date: 11/21/2019  Time: 6:30 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

Friends and Fitness Hike
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Core: Health & Fitness

Friends and Fitness Hike
Date: 11/28/2019  Time: 8 a.m.
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History Hike to Willow Canyon Springs and Farm Ruins
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Core: Animals

Scorpion Hike
Date: 11/30/2019  Time: 6:30 p.m.
Description: Load up the kids and join us for a 1½ 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. Please meet at our meeting place at Area 4A.
Core: Animals

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 – Justin.Williams@maricopa.gov - in your postings so park visitors can contact the park directly with general questions about programs, updates, and changes.