

HASSAYAMPA RIVER PRESERVE

October 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 (05/08 - 10/06)

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

WINTER (10/9 – 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

National Butterfly & Hummingbird Day Celebration!

Date: 10/3/2019 **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 the Sonoran Desert, 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, no registration required.

Core: Animals

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 10/4/2019 **Time:** 7:15 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric for a guided walk from 7:15-9:15am 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. Fall migration is still at peak numbers and diversity, so rare eastern vagrants may be found! Some binoculars are available to borrow at the Visitor Center. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 10/5/2019 **Time:** 6:15 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, javelininas, owls, scorpions, and other cool creepy crawlies! Program will run from 6:15-8:15pm. 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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Bird Feather Workshop & Bird Walk

Date: 10/10/2019 **Time:** 8 a.m.

Description: Have you ever wondered about feathers, the covering that birds have that help them fly, provide warmth, attract mates, and provide camouflage? Come learn about the fascinating world of bird plumage in this workshop with Kath Anderson from 8:00-11:00am, including a guided bird walk on the Preserve trails. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Guided Dragonfly Walk & Presentation

Date: 10/12/2019 **Time:** 9 a.m.

Description: Did you know that almost 50 species of dragonflies and damselflies can be found at the Preserve? Join expert Dr. Pierre Deviche from Arizona State University for a brief indoor presentation followed by a guided walk along the river and lake trails to explore the spectacular world of dragonflies and damselflies. Program will be from 9:00am-12:00pm. Space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Nature Rangers: Snakes

Date: 10/12/2019 **Time:** 1 p.m.

Description: The Nature Rangers youth program is designed to give children ages pre-school to 12 a meaningful outdoors experience to build lifelong stewards of the outdoors. Join staff and volunteers from 1:00-2:30pm to learn about one of the most feared and misunderstood animals on the planet: snakes! We will see some live animals, learn what makes snakes so unique, and hopefully start to respect rather than fear them. Space is limited and all children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Guided Bird Walk

Date: 10/13/2019 **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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Guided Nature Walk

Date: 10/18/2019 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Description: Join Ranger Eric from 8:15-10:15am for an easy-paced, guided walk along the Preserve trails to learn about the plants, animals, ecology, and history of the Hassayampa River Preserve. We will walk about 0.5-1 mile total on the trails on relatively flat ground. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Plants

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Guided Bird Walk & eBird Fall Global Big Day

Date: 10/19/2019 **Time:** 7 a.m.

Description: Join Arizona Game & Fish Department's Avian Monitoring Coordinator and coauthor of the Arizona Breeding Bird Atlas, Troy Corman, for a guided bird walk on the trails from 7:00-10:00am while we also help count birds for the fall version of Global Big Day, a worldwide citizen science event organized by eBird (eBird.org)! *This event is at a special time before we normally open, so registered participants need to be on time in order to get in at 7am. Space is limited. To register for this walk, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772.

Core: Animals

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Creatures of the Night Walk

Date: 10/25/2019 **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. 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 Bird Walk

Date: 10/26/2019 **Time:** 8:15 a.m.

Description: Join Preserve volunteer 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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Creepy Critters Discovery Station

Date: 10/31/2019 **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 from 9:00-11:00am. No registration required.

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 footwear, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring more water than you think you will need. See program details for specifics. Fees for guided programs are included in the park entry fee or with your annual pass. To register for programs, please call the Visitor Center at 928-684-2772. Programs may be canceled if inclement weather is imminent or if there is low registration, but we will call registrants to notify 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, and updates.

