



Saguaro National Park News Release

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November Programs Offered At Saguaro National Park

Saguaro National Park is offering special programs this fall that explore the park's wonderful natural and cultural history. Come along on this month's naturalist-led walk in the park, or join a local expert for a presentation in one of our visitor centers. Park entrance fees apply, however, Interpretive programs are free. Program schedules are subject to change; call the visitor centers for updates or reservations.

Special Programs at Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West, 2700 N. Kinney Road):

Nov. 4, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 2:15 p.m. The CCC in Saguaro National Park *Illustrated Talk: 45 min.*
The Civilian Conservation Corps was a Depression-era work program that had a great influence on national, state, and county parks. Saguaro's trails, picnic areas, and scenic drives were established during this program. A brief history of the CCC in this area will be illustrated with old photo images and movie clips. ♿

Nov. 7, 13, 14, 21, 27, 28 10:45 a.m. A Hohokam Woman's Day *Easy 100 yard Walk**
Discover how a Hohokam Woman may have used the plants for medicinal solutions and food for her family.

Nov. 20 10:45 a.m. Packrat Wandering .5 mile, 45-minute Hike
Walk up a wash and search for a packrat home. They tell us about changes in climate, human history, geology, as well as about the inhabitants.

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 2:15 p.m. Homesteaders *Talk: 45 min.*
Enjoy the fascinating oral history surrounding Mexican American Homesteaders' adventures around Saguaro National Park communities. ♿

Nov. 5, 6 3:15 p.m. Putting the Brakes on Road Kill *Talk: 40 min.*
Saguaro and other National Parks are finding ways to decrease road kill – and you can help. Guess how many animals are hit nationally every day. The answer may surprise you. ♿

Nov. 5, 6, 20 9:45 a.m. Neighborhood Characters *Talk: 45 min.*
An easy morning walk in the Cactus Garden will bring you face to thorns with plants that remind you of people you know, friendly and otherwise. ♿

Nov. 25, 26, 27 9:45 a.m. A Post-Turkey Walk *Easy hike, 60-75 min.*
Walk off a few calories and gobble up information about life in a wash on this morning hike with a ranger. No sandals, please!

Nov. 20, 25, 26, 27 3:15 p.m. Fast Food in the Desert *Illustrated Talk: 45 min.*
Sonoran Desert indigenous people of centuries past looked to the natural world for sustenance, from the mammoths of olden days to the Three Sisters of corn, beans, and squash of more recent times. What other foods did indigenous people eat, and where did corn come from, anyway? ♿

Daily Programs

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

The park's two districts offer additional daily interpretive programs not listed here. Contact either of our visitor centers for updated schedules, or visit our website online at <http://www.nps.gov/sagu/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>.

Visitor Center Locations/Phone Numbers

Both visitor centers are open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Christmas Day.

Red Hills Visitor Center (Saguaro WEST)
2700 North Kinney Road
Tucson, AZ 85743
(520) 733-5158

Rincon Mountain Visitor Center (Saguaro EAST)
3693 South Old Spanish Trail
Tucson, AZ 85730
(520) 733-5153

For more information about Saguaro National Park and some of its partners, Friends of Saguaro National Park, Western National Parks Association, and the Rincon Institute, visit these websites:

www.nps.gov/sagu

www.friendsofsaguaro.org

www.wnpa.org

www.rinconinstitute.org