



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make *RESERVATIONS*.

*Programs marked with an * are wheelchair accessible.*

January 11 – January 17, 2010

Monday, January 11

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles

Join a park naturalist on this two-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring some water. .

11:00 a.m. Natural History Table*

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered about the natural history of the Sonoran Desert. This is an on-going, 30-minute program.

2:30 p.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert*

Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

Thursday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

Friday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Desert Bird Walk

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy two-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

7:00 p.m. Night Walk

Join a park naturalist for this easy two-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. As space is limited, advanced reservations are required, and can be made by calling 733-5153.

Saturday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

3:00 p.m. All in the (Plant) Family

Everyone knows a cactus when they see one, right? Maybe not! Come along on this 30-minute garden walk to find out what makes our 2 families of spiny, succulent plants (agaves and cacti) very different from each other.

Sunday, January 17

10:00 a.m. Park History 101

Take a hike down memory lane. Join park ranger Arlo Ogden on a two mile, two hour hike to discover some of the unique history of Saguaro National Park.

2:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today,...and Saguaro?

Change is coming to the Cactus Forest and we can't do anything about it! But don't worry – change has been happening here for thousands of years. Come explore the life cycles of the saguaro cactus and the changing face of its Sonoran Desert home on this ¼ mile, 90-minute walk. *This program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment