



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.*

November 30 – December 6, 2009

Monday, November 30

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. 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, December 1

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10:30 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.

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

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

Thursday, December 3

7:00 p.m. The Life and Times of the Saguaro*

Saguaro National Park was established in 1933 to preserve the magnificent stand of this giant cactus at the base of the Rincon Mountains near Tucson. Since then, people have worried about the survival of this cactus in the park, and biologists have tried to unlock its many mysteries. Join park biologist Don Swann in the visitor center auditorium to learn about the history of saguaros in Saguaro National Park, the park's current Saguaro census, and how this symbol of the Sonoran Desert is doing today. *Advance reservations are recommended*, and can be made by calling the visitor center at 733-5151.

Friday, December 4

8:00 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, December 5

11:00 a.m. Cactus Caravan*

Begin your exploration of the Cactus Forest Drive with a park ranger and become familiar with some of the common cacti. A great introduction to the park!

3:00 p.m. Fast Food: The Desert Way*

From javelina to quail, desert wildlife can find fast food on every corner of the desert. Join us in the Cactus Garden to meet some of these customers and the menu items they enjoy.

Sunday, December 6

11:00 a.m. People and Places of Saguaro National Park*

Explore the 75+ years of history at Saguaro National Park through a look at some of the structures built here over the years. Join park ranger Arlo Ogden in the visitor center auditorium for this 30-minute presentation.

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