



# Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule

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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.*

## February 7 – February 13, 2011

### Monday, February 7

**11:00 a.m. Saguaro National Park: A Common Heritage\***

This 20-minute video explores the history and heritage of those who settled the Tanque Verde and Rincon Valleys.

### Tuesday, February 8

**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 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring 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, February 9

**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. 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

**3:00 p.m. People and Places of Saguaro's Past**

Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden in the Visitor Center auditorium for this photo tour of the park's historic past, focusing on the stories told by its historic structures.

## **Thursday, February 10**

### **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.

### **2:00 p.m. The Cactus Forest Drive: Something for Everyone\***

Join a park naturalist in the visitor center to discover the variety of experiences awaiting you along our scenic drive.

## **Friday, February 11**

### **8:30 a.m. Desert Bird Walk**

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

### **9:00 a.m. Cowboys in the Rincon Valley**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 2 ½-mile hike to explore the history and nature of the Rincon Valley. Meet at the visitor center, then caravan to the Hope Camp Trail. Wear comfortable hiking shoes, a hat and bring water and a trail snack.

### **10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles**

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the 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

### **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, February 12**

### **11:00 a.m. Saguaro National Park: A Common Heritage\***

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### **2:00 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

## **Sunday, February 13**

### **11:00 a.m. The Places in Between\***

With human populations still on the rise, the wide open spaces available for protection are shrinking. Join park staff in the visitor center auditorium to find out about on-going efforts to ensure that critical migratory links remain intact.

### **2:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today and...Saguaro? (The Walk)**

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.