



Saguaro National Park (West) Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Red Hills Visitor Center, 2700 N. Kinney Road, and last 30 to 45 minutes, unless noted otherwise. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5158 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

June 23 **7:30 a.m.** **Coffee And Cactus** *Walk: 90 minutes, 1 mile*
Rise and shine! Grab your coffee, beat the heat, and see what we can find during an early morning walk in the desert. Meet at the Red Hills Visitor Center to begin this conducted hike over easy terrain. No sandals, please!

June 4, 18, 24, 25 **11:45 a.m.** **Tarantula** *Talk: 45 min.*
They look big, hairy, and scary, but they're really just big (8 legged) pussycats! Come meet a live tarantula and learn more about this fascinating desert creature. *Wheelchair accessible.*

June 3, 4, 17, 18, 24, 25 **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. *Wheelchair accessible.*

June 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 26, 29, 30 **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 June remind you of people you know, friendly and otherwise. *Wheelchair accessible.*

June 7, 14, 21, 28 **2:15 p.m.** **Meet the Cuckoo of the Desert** *Talk: 45 min.*
Learn about the natural history, behavior, and other fascinating facts about this colorful creature: the roadrunner.

June 26, 29, 30 **2:15 p.m.** **Fast Food in the Desert: A Corny Subject** *Illustrated Talk: 45 min.*
Sonoran Desert indigenous people of centuries past looked to the natural world for sustenance. The Big Three of corn, beans, and squash of more recent times had some interesting predecessors on the grocery list - like mammoths and mesquite. What other foods did indigenous people eat, and just where did that corn come from, anyway? *Wheelchair accessible.*

June 4, 5 **10:45 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.** **Saguaro: Not Just a Pretty Face** *Illustrated Talk: 45 min.*
What has droopy arms, upward arms, no arms, multiple arms, serves as a hotel, and loves dry arid climates? Find out what's growing in the Saguaro National Park. *Wheelchair accessible.*

June 3, 17 **7:00 p.m.** **The Desert After Dark** *Easy Walk: 90 min. ¼ mile*
Join a Park naturalist right around sunset for a PowerPoint slide presentation about the animals--and plants--that come to life in the desert after the sun goes down. After the program, we'll take a short walk around the Visitor Center to see if we can find some of these denizens of darkness.

Visitor Center

The Red Hills Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, except Christmas Day. A slide show is shown every half-hour. 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.wnps.org

www.friendsofsaguaro.org

www.rinconinstitute.org