



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 or to make *RESERVATIONS*.

* *Wheelchair Accessible*

November 14 – November 22, 2009

Saturday - November 14

10:15 a.m. Homesteading Adventures in the Desert – *Patio Talk**

Join a park ranger as she presents the oral history surrounding Mexican American Homesteaders' adventures around Saguaro National Park communities.

11:15 a.m. The CCC and Saguaro National Park – *Patio Talk**

A brief history of the CCC in this area will be presented by a park ranger, using PowerPoint slides of old photographs and movies.

3:00 p.m. Being Neighbors with Monsters, Vipers, and Toads. Please join Our *Guest Speaker: Ed Moll* as he teaches you how to recognize which species are harmless and even beneficial, and a small minority that can be dangerous. Learn what to do in an encounter and how to limit such encounters. Several non-venomous snakes and a Gila monster will be available for viewing. *Red Hills Visitors Center**

3:15 p.m. Twilight Hike

Enjoy the desert as the sun goes down! This 2 mile, 2 hour hike begins approximately 2 hours before sunset. The terrain is sandy, with some rock outcroppings. Some of these can be skirted, but some must be climbed. We will return to the parking area in the fading light after sunset along a rocky old mining road. As space is limited, advanced reservations are required and can be made by calling the visitor center at (520) 733-5158.

Sunday - November 15

10:15 a.m. Homesteading Adventures in the Desert – *Patio Talk**

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11:15 a.m. Road Kill! Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road? – *Patio Talk**

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2:15 p.m. Neighborhood Characters

See if you recognize plant versions of your friends and relatives as you take a 30-minute nature walk in the Red Hills Visitor Center neighborhood.

3:15 p.m. Snakes – *Patio Talk**

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Wednesday - November 18

2:15 p.m. Those Who Came Before – *Patio Talk**

Learn about the Hohokam (those who are gone), who inhabited this area from A.D. 300 to A.D. 1450.

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11:15 a.m. The CCC and its Impact on Saguaro National Park – *Slide Program**

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