



Saguaro National Park (West) Naturalist Program Schedule

Special Programs at the Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West):

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.

November 6 **9:00 – 5:00** **Tenth Annual American Indian Heritage Cultural Fair.**
Artisans from several Arizona Native Nations will display their craftworks, share American Indian dances, and give insights into Southwestern native cultures. *Wheelchair accessible.*

Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 **10:45 a.m.** **“Tarantula”** *Patio Talk*
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.*

Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 **2:15 p.m.** **“The CCC in Saguaro National Park”** *Illustrated Talk*
The Civilian Conservation Corps was a Depression-era work program that had a great influence on National, State, and County parks throughout the Nation. 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.*

Nov. 7, 27, 28 **9:45 a.m.** **“Neighborhood Characters”** *Nature Walk*
A 30-minute, easy morning walk in the cactus garden or in a nearby wash will bring you face to thorns with plants that may remind you of people you know, friendly and otherwise.

Nov. 27, 28 **1:15 p.m.** **“Don’t Forget to Turn Off the Lights”** *Illustrated Talk*
Birds crash into buildings; some animals stop mating. Stars disappear from view. Learn what the National Park Service is doing about light pollution – and how YOU can help flip the switch to save the night skies. *Wheelchair accessible.*

Nov. 17 **4:00 p.m.** **“Twilight Glow to Moon Shadows Hike”**
This easy 3½-hour, 2½-mile stroll bridges sunset and darkness, letting hikers experience the desert both in the twilight glow and in moon shadows. **Reservations required; 733-5158**

Nov. 18 **3:15 p.m.** **“Sunset Hike”**
A 3½ to 4-hour, 3½-mile round-trip route gains 700 feet (with some switchbacks) before reaching a ridgeline for sunset; the descent is by the light of the moon. **Reservations required; 733-5158**

Nov. 19 **4:00 p.m.** **“Moon Take Night Make Day Hike”**
Hikers on this gentle, relatively flat, 2½-mile, 3-hour hike travel up a desert wash during the transition from day to night, enjoy the sunset atop a hill, then return under the moonlight. **Reservations required; 733-5158**

Nov. 20 **3:00 p.m.** **“Living With Urban Wildlife”** *Illustrated Talk*

