



Saguaro National Park News Release

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Sunset and Crescent Moon Hikes At Rincon Mountain District

Saguaro National Park is offering unique hiking opportunities to view the sunset and enjoy the twilight darkness of the Rincon Mountain Foothills this winter. These "Sunset and Crescent Moon Hikes," held on **February 20 and March 20**, will explore the park's east district Rincon Valley area on the Hope Camp Trail. In addition to sunset viewing, the hike offers a chance to enjoy the dark skies of this remote section of the park and learn about the homesteading and ranching history of the valley. Space is limited on all programs and **advance reservations are required**. Reservations are accepted by telephone at 733-5153, or in person at the visitor center, located at 3693 South Old Spanish Trail (approximately 3 miles east of Houghton Road). Detailed directions to the hikes' meeting site and times will be provided to all registered participants.

Participants should carry their own water (at least one liter) and a trail snack, bring a flashlight, and dress for the night's weather, as the program will run rain or star-shine. This program is not recommended for children under 8 years of age, and includes about a 300 foot elevation gain on a three-hour, three mile, round-trip hike. There is no charge for the program, but regular park entrance fees of \$10 per vehicle apply. The Saguaro and Interagency Annual and Lifetime (Senior or Access) passes will be honored for entrance. Further information and reservations for these and many other park programs is available by calling the visitor center at 733-5153, on-line at www.nps.gov/sagu, or by writing to Saguaro National Park, 3693 South Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85730.