



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule August, 2017

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:00 a.m. **Monsoon Rains in the Desert** *Easy Walk*

Join a park naturalist to learn the vital role monsoon rains play in the lives of Sonoran Desert plants, animals and humans. **Wheelchair accessible**

August 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 2:00 p.m. **Exploring the Saguaro Wilderness** *Presentation*

Saguaro National Park includes over 70,000 acres of wilderness within its boundaries. Explore what's "up there" with a park naturalist. **Wheelchair accessible**

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 a.m. **Desert5 Botany 101** *Garden Walk*

Review the basic principles of desert botany on this easy walk through our Cactus Garden.

August 2 & 30 11:00 a.m. **A Sticky Situation at Saguaro** *Presentation*

August 12 1:00 p.m.

Here at Saguaro National Park East we have over thirty species of cacti and each is beautiful in its own way. Finding them all is hard, but we will look at them in a stunning photo gallery and learn a few uses these plants have for those living here and beyond. **Wheelchair accessible**

August 3, 17, 31 10:00 a.m. **Who's Who?** *Garden Walk*

The Sonoran Desert is home to many unique and delightful characters. Walk through the garden and get some hints for remembering their names and faces.

August 3 & 31 2:00 p.m. **Yesterday, Today and Saguaro** *Presentation*

Climate change has come to the National Parks. Let's discuss what's happening today, and learn about a specific threat to our Sonoran desert and the Saguaro cactus.

August 4, 11, 18, 25 10:00 a.m. **Is it a Cactus or A ... spargus?** *Garden Walk*

We all know a cactus when we see it, right? Maybe not! Find out how our two families of spiny succulent plants are the same, but different.

August 4, 11, 18, 25 2:00 p.m. **Fifty States, Fifty Parks** *Presentation*

From Yellowstone to Lady Liberty ... and 48 places in-between! We'll celebrate your National Park System and help you find a nearby park.

August 5, 12, 19, 26 10:00 a.m. **Hidden Wildlife** *Garden Walk*

You want to see the park's wildlife, but the wildlife doesn't always want to be seen. Learn how to enjoy your visit by looking for the signs animals leave behind as they eke out a tough existence in the desert.

August 5 1:00 p.m. **Flash, Whoosh, Gush & Growth: Monsoons** *Presentation*

August 23 11:00 a.m.

The summer heat and humidity bring the mighty and sometimes destructive monsoon rain. Saguaros, toads, and others depend on these drenching afternoons to begin a new season of life in the dry desert. A fabulous video opens this theater presentation. **Wheelchair accessible**

August 5, 12, 19, 26 2:00 p.m. **The Second Hundred Years** *Presentation*

Join us for a look at more than a hundred years of park history as we contemplate a new century of protection by your National Park Service.

August 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 a.m. **Easy Being Green** *Garden Walk*

In the desert, you'd think it's not easy being green. But there are plants everywhere in the Sonoran desert! We'll give you a model that shows how every plant gets by in this land of little rain.

August 6, 13, 20, 27 2:00 p.m. **The Changing Cactus Forest** *Presentation*

Our Cactus Forest has changed greatly over the years – and change is coming even faster now. See what our grandparents saw, and think about what our grandchildren might see.

August 6 7:00 p.m. **Full Moon Hike** *2-mile, 2-hour Guided Hike*

Explore the Sights and Sounds of the Sonoran Desert as it comes to life under the full moon. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water and a flashlight. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153.

August 9 11:00 a.m. **The Point of the Matter is Cactus** *Presentation*

August 26 1:00 p.m.

Cacti are much more than strange plants with spines. They are uniquely equipped to thrive in the desert environment, and every year bloom with spectacular flowers. This theater presentation will highlight these survival marvels with a beautiful photo gallery. **Wheelchair accessible**

August 11 3:00 p.m. **A Century of Tales** *Presentation*

Join us as we review a century of fun and interesting stories from those who lived and worked in what today is Saguaro National Park. **Wheelchair accessible**

August 18 3:00 p.m. **Creating Saguaro National Park** *Presentation*

Saguaro National Park has a unique and interesting history. This theater presentation will highlight the commitment, compromise, and decision's that created the Park. **Wheelchair accessible**