



# Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule October, 2015

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](http://www.nps.gov/sagu) for other programs.

- October 1, 10, 17**                      10:00 a.m.      **Cactus Caravan**                      *Auto Tour*  
Begin your exploration of the Cactus Forest Drive with a park ranger and become familiar with some of the common cacti. A great introduction to the park! *Wheelchair accessible.*
- October 2, 16, 30**                      3:00 p.m.      **History is a Work in Progress**                      *presentation*  
Join us in the visitor center auditorium to explore the almost forgotten names of people and places from the late 1800's in the area of the Rincon Mountains. *Wheelchair accessible.*
- October 3, 24**                      1:00 p.m.      **Flash, Whoosh, Gush, and Growth: Sonoran Desert Monsoon Rain\***  
14                      11:00 a.m.      *Presentation*  
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.*
- October 4, 11, 18**                      11:00 a.m.      **Desert Adaptations**                      *Garden Walk*  
Join us in the Cactus Garden to discover the fascinating world of desert plants and the many techniques they use to live here. *Wheelchair accessible.*
- October 7, 28**                      11:00 a.m.      **The Point of the Matter is Cactus**                      *Presentation*  
17                      1:00 p.m.  
Cactus 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.*
- October 9, 23**                      3:00 p.m.      **Creating Saguaro National Park**                      *presentation*  
Join staff in the visitor center auditorium to discover how abuse, failure, politics, commitment, recovery and the Tucson Garden Club all played a part in creating today's Saguaro National Park. *Wheelchair accessible.*
- October 10, 31**                      1:00 p.m.      **A Sticky Situation at Saguaro**                      *Presentation*  
21                      11:00 a.m.  
Here at Saguaro National Park East we have 20 species of cactus and each is beautiful in its own way. Finding them all can be a challenge, but we will see each one in a stunning photo gallery and learn a few uses these plants have to those living here and beyond. Theater presentation. *Wheelchair accessible.*
- October 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30**      10:00 a.m.      **Sonoran Lifestyles**                      *Guided Walk*  
Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**October 14**                      2:00 p.m.                      **Sharing the Desert's Stories**    *Activity*

Children 5 to 10 years of age and parents are invited to come join us in the visitor center auditorium as we bring some of the Sonoran Desert's stories to life. This month's theme will be Desert Creatures. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153. *Wheelchair accessible.*

**October 15**                      7:00 p.m.                      **Star Party**                      *illustrated program & activity*

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. **Reservations required. Call 733-5153.** *Wheelchair accessible.*

**October 16 & 30**                      7:00 p.m.                      **Night Walk**                      *1 mile guided walk*

Join a park naturalist for this easy two-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. As space is limited, **advanced reservations are required**, and can be made by calling 733-5153.