

NatureFest

NATUREFEST

April 11, Saturday, 9 AM - 3 PM

Join us for a day of outdoor fun for the entire family. Touch a non-venomous snake, go eye-to-eye with a live bird of prey and other wildlife, make your own walking stick or song bird, get new ideas on recycling and water conservation, and enjoy an interpretive hike through this desert oasis.

DISPLAYS:

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS - non-venomous snakes

FALLEN FEATHERS - rehabilitated birds

SW WILDLIFE - rehabilitated birds and wildlife

LIBERTY WILDLIFE - rehabilitated reptiles and other wildlife

AZ Game and Fish - live wildlife displays

AZ STATE PARKS - hands-on activities

SONORAN AUDUBON SOCIETY

AZ MUNICIPAL WATER USERS

WICKENBURG RECYCLING

ACTIVITIES:

8 AM - 1 PM - Hourly guided walks (reservations suggested)

9 AM - 2 PM - nature crafts and activities

Kids Camp

June 15-19, Monday - Friday, 8 - 11:30 AM

Kids 7 - 12 years old - Join the fun! Be a nature detective as you explore the fascinating world of birds, plants and animals and the water that supports life in the desert. Conduct experiments, collect samples, record your observations and participate in group activities.

Fee: \$40. Includes all supplies and a daily snack.

Volunteer Events

February 19, Thursday, 8 - 11 AM

**Birding - Prescott Highlands Center,
1375 S. Walker Rd., Prescott, AZ**

Join Kathe Anderson for an exciting birding outing in Prescott. A Center staff member will share the history and highlights of the Center before the walk. **Carpool from the Preserve at 6:30 AM.**

March 14, Saturday, 8 AM - 1 PM

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup & Lunch

Help keep the preserve's "public face" along Highway 60 clean and tidy. Afterwards, enjoy a well deserved, complimentary lunch.

April 13, 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Hello summer, goodbye Jean potluck picnic

Bring your favorite dish to share as we celebrate the close of another good HRP season and wish Jean a hearty summer's farewell.

Interpretive Nature Walks

Nature walks are lead by one of our experienced docents. Plants, animals, and birds observed will vary depending upon the season.

January 31, Saturday, 8:30 - 10 AM

February 28, Saturday, 8:30 - 10 AM

March 28, Saturday, 8:30 - 10 AM

April 25, Saturday, 8:30 - 10 AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS.

Call (928) 684-2772 or email: bmccollum@tnc.org for reservations or more information.

Event fees: \$5, TNC members \$3, kids free, unless otherwise stated. Includes all day access to trails.



Hassayampa River Preserve



Schedule of Events

**January - June
2009**

Hassayampa River Preserve
49614 Highway 60 (milepost 114)
Wickenburg, AZ 85390
(928) 684-2772

<http://www.nature.org/arizona/preserves>

Hours: Wed. - Sun. 8AM - 5PM,
mid-Sept. through mid-May;
Fri. - Sun., 7 - 11AM,
mid-May through mid-Sept.

Birding

March 8, Sunday, 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Birding for kids

Get outdoors and learn the fun hobby of birding from expert birder Kathe Anderson. Find out how to identify birds and where to spot them in the wild. Class will be followed by a Bird Treasure Hunt along the Preserve's trails.



March 21, Saturday, 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Birding by Ear

Come and learn about birding by ear just in time for the spring migration. Expert birder Andre Tarby will share her secrets and lead you on an easy exploratory walk so you can practice your new skill.

May 17, Sunday, 6 - 9 AM

Musical Chairs Birding

Listen to the serenade of the spring songbirds as you sit quietly in various locations around the preserve. How many can you hear? Led by Kathe Anderson.



Photography

January 24, Saturday, 9 AM - Noon

Digital Photography Basics

Learn digital camera and photo software basics from award winning local photographers Dale and Debbie Keiser and Paul Dolter. **Fee \$10, \$5 for volunteers.**

February 28, Saturday, 9 AM - 3 PM

Digital Photography 102

Discover new approaches and techniques for successful nature photography from award winning local photographers Dale and Debbie Keiser and Paul Dolter. Class includes fieldwork at the Preserve and a review of photos. Bring cables or attachments needed to upload images to a PC. **Fee \$25, \$20 for volunteers. Includes lunch.**

May 2, Saturday, 9 AM - 1 PM

Northwest Valley Camera Club People's Choice Photo Competition

View the Northwest Valley Camera Club's amazing nature photographs and help select the People's Choice winner.

Bird Banding

January 10, Saturday, 7:30 AM

January 31, Saturday, 7:30 AM

February 7, Saturday, 7:00 AM

February 28, Saturday, 7:00 AM

March 7, Saturday, 7:00 AM

March 28, Saturday, 7:00 AM

April 4, Saturday, 6:30 AM

April 25, Saturday, 6:30 AM

May 2, Saturday, 6:00 AM

May 9, Saturday, 6:00 AM (IMBD)

May 30, Saturday, 6:00 AM - Training for banding sub-permit

June 20, Saturday, 6:00 AM

June 27, Saturday, 6:00 AM

**May 9, Saturday, 8 AM - Noon
International Migratory Bird Day**

Celebrate the spectacular journey of migratory birds between their wintering grounds to the south and their breeding grounds in North America.

8 - 11 AM Hourly bird banding demonstrations

8 - 9:30 AM Interpretive nature walk

7:30 - 10:30 AM Bird Migration Migration has been studied since ancient times, and this class will unravel the mysteries and enrich our understanding of these fascinating journeys. Optional one hour birding walk around the preserve following the class.

Special Programs

**February 28, Saturday,
Plein Air Artist Paint Out**

View the beauty of the Preserve as captured in the paintings of Plein Air Artists. Artists will be painting as well as displaying paintings of the Preserve done throughout the year.



Nature Programs

February 21, Saturday, 9 - 11 AM

Where's the Water?

Don't be left high and dry, find out where the Hassayampa water comes from and where it goes. Former Hassayampa River Preserve manager Mike Rigney will explain the Hassayampa aquifer and its importance as a water source.

March 7, Saturday, 9 - 11 AM

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Discover the fascinating world of spiders and scorpions from around the world. See live black widow and other spiders raised by arachnid experts and researchers Chuck and Anita Kristensen.

March 28, Saturday 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Worm Composting

Learn about the final step in the recycling process - vermicomposting (worm composting) from master gardener Jane Ockrassa.

Students of all ages will enjoy learning about the role of Red Wigglers and European Nightcrawlers in this fun, interactive class.



June 6, Saturday, 8 - 10 AM

Butterflies and Dragonflies

Learn how to identify those colorful butterflies and dragon flies flitting around your yard. Desert Botanical Garden's Education Coordinator Chris Kline will explain this and more on a leisurely walk through the Preserve.

**Enter the preserve's 2010
Calendar Photo contest. See
host for details.**