

## Birding Programs

### ***Birding 101***

***April 9, Sunday, 7 - 10 AM***

Get started in the fascinating hobby of birding. Professional bird tour leader Kathe Anderson will give you some pointers and lead you on an easy walk along the trails to practice your new skills.

## Guided Bird Walks

Enjoy an easy-paced walk with master birder Anne Leight to spot and identify resident and migrating birds.

### ***Saturdays:***

***January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 and May 6 from 8 - 9:30 AM***

***June 3, 7 - 8:30 AM***



**Do you have an idea for a class?  
Let us know and we'll see if we can  
make it happen.**

## Programs

### ***Native Plant Gardening***

***February 24, Friday, 9 - 11 AM***

Learn about the native plants and how to grow them in your own yard. Master Gardener Suzanne Cabala will share tips on fertilizing, water conservation, and herbicides, as well as how to save money on landscaping.

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### ***Desert Survival***

***March 5, Sunday, 1 - 3 PM***

Learn how to build a shelter, start a fire, and other critical skills that will keep you alive until help arrives. Class will be led by survival expert Al Cornell, Verde Search and Rescue.

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### ***Archaeology***

***March 11, Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 PM***

How do archaeologists know about the past? Join Maricopa County Park supervisor and archaeologist to find out. Program includes a presentation and artifact display.

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### ***Rattlesnakes***

***March 26, Sunday, 1 - 3 PM***

Get the facts on Arizona's rattlesnakes. Bryan Hughes, Rattlesnake Solutions, will discuss habitats, habits and safety tips. Live rattlesnakes will be on display.

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### ***International Migratory Bird Day***

***May 13, Saturday, 7 AM - Noon***

Guided Bird Tours 7 - 8:30 AM  
Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM (**Fee \$10**)  
See live bird displays.

## Programs

### ***Medicinal Plants of the Desert***

***April 22, Saturday, 9 AM - Noon***

**Fee \$10**

Discover which of the desert plants in your own backyard have healing powers. Diane Vaszily, herbalist and owner of Desert Eye Education, will lead this hands-on seminar to demonstrate plant uses.

## General Interpretive Tours

Enjoy an easy-paced interpretive walk along the trails with a docent to catch sight of birds, javelina, fox, and other wildlife surprises.

**Saturdays, 8:30 - 10 AM**

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 29, Saturday, 8 - 9:30

### **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR**

#### **ALL EVENTS**

(UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Call (928) 684-2772 for reservations or more information.

Unless otherwise noted, event fees are \$5, TNC members \$3. Kids 12 and under and Friends of Hassayampa members are admitted free. Fee includes access to trails for the entire day.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Volunteer Events

### ***Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup***

**March 18, Saturday, 7:30 AM - Noon**

Enjoy a continental breakfast and then help tidy up the preserve's "public face" along Highway 60.

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### ***Volunteer Orientation***

**March 3, Friday, 10 AM - 1 PM**

Explore exciting volunteer opportunities and find out how you can help make this desert oasis a special place for visitors. Friends of Hassayampa will be on hand to talk about their role. Orientation will be followed by a potluck luncheon for current and new volunteers.

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### **Visitor Center Host & Trail Docent Training: Preserve History & Trail Highlights**

**Mar 16, Thursday, 9 - 11 AM**

Class includes an overview of the preserve's history and an easy docent led interpretive walk around Palm Lake.

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### ***Hello Summer, Goodbye Jean Potluck Picnic***

**April 10, Monday, 11:30 AM - 1 PM**

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

## Nature Rangers (Kids)

*Children must be accompanied by an adult. Events are open to all children. The Nature Ranger Program is structured to give students ages pre-school to 12 a meaningful outdoor experience.*

### **Reservations Required**

#### ***Creative Recycling***

**January 22, Sunday, 1 - 2:30 PM**

Put on your creative hat and make an instrument out of recycled materials. Learn to play a tune and be part of the Nature Ranger Band. Supplies furnished.

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#### ***Ladybug Release***

**February 19, Sunday, 1 - 2 PM**

Learn about ladybugs and how helpful they are. After a short presentation you will release ladybugs in the garden.

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#### ***Archaeology***

**March 11, Saturday, 1 - 2 PM**

Join Maricopa County Park supervisor and archaeologist Jessica Bland, to learn how to look for clues about the past. See some amazing Hohokam artifacts and trade items, play a fun trading game, and make a Hohokam craft.

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#### ***Birding Basics***

**April 23, Sunday, 8 - 10 AM**

Learn what about the fascinating world of birds and why watching them is so much fun. Class includes an easy walk to watch birds in action.

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#### ***Kids Camp***

**June 19 - 23, Monday - Friday, 8 - 11:30 AM**

#### **Fee \$40**

Kids 7 - 12 years old will enjoy lots of hands-on activities as they learn about the desert's plants and animals and the water that they need to survive. Supplies and daily snack are included.

# Hassayampa River Preserve



## Schedule of Events

January - June  
2017

Hassayampa River Preserve  
49614 Highway 60/89 (milepost 114)  
Wickenburg, AZ 85390  
(928) 684-2772  
[www.nature.org/hassayampa](http://www.nature.org/hassayampa)  
Hours: mid-Sept. - mid-May, Wed.-Sun.,  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
mid-May - mid-Sept., Fri. - Sun., 7 - 11:00 AM