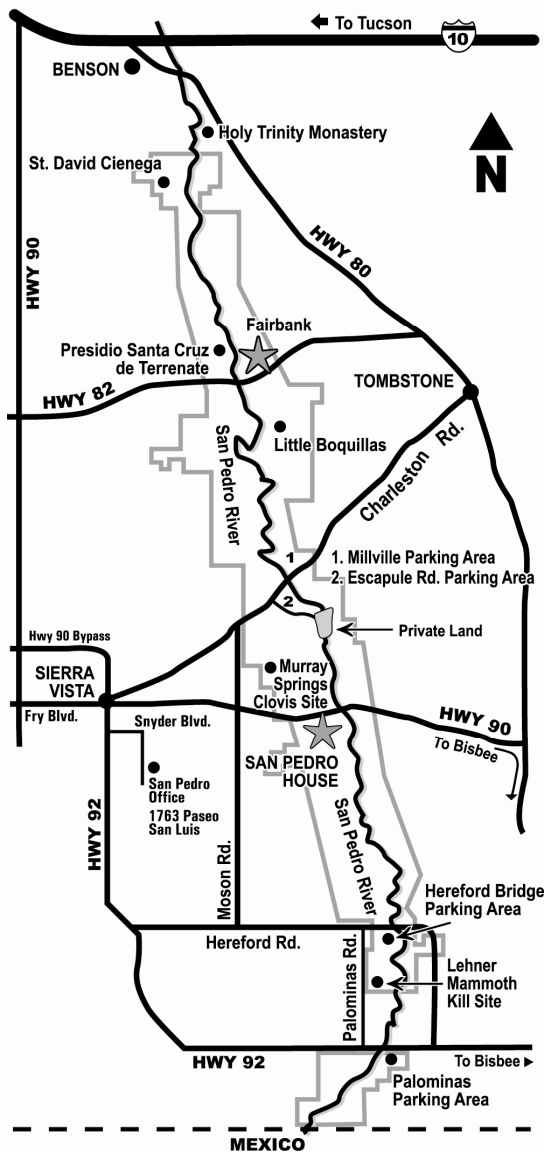


San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area



DIRECTIONS:

San Pedro House: Take highway 90 east from Sierra Vista. Just past milepost 328, turn south into parking lot.

Palominas Trailhead: Go 1 mile east of river, take dirt road south to trailhead.

Fairbank: Take highway 82 east from highway 90 for approximately 10 miles. Fairbank parking area is approx. 1/4 mile east of river.

St. David Monastery: On Hwy 80 between mile markers 302 and 303; 9 miles south of Benson, 14 miles north of Tombstone.

Millville: East on Charleston Rd. from SR 90 Bypass. Parking 1/4 mile east of the river on the north side of the road.

Hereford Bridge: Parking area is on Hereford Road west of the river.

St. David Research Natural Area: Hwy 80 west from St. David to Apache Powder Rd. Turn south past Powder plant and onto dirt portion of road. After road curves east, turn right immediately after RR tracks. Go 1 mile to parking area.

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Hikes 2009



San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area

The 56,000-acre San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area stretches 40 miles from the Arizona-Mexico border to the town of St. David. Take a hike with trained docents from Friends of the San Pedro River and find out why the San Pedro River is one of the most important rivers remaining in the southwest and named one of the Last Great Places.



PALOMINAS

January 17, 2009

Hike south from the Palominas Trailhead to the Mexican border and back. Bring food and lots of water. Meet at Palominas Trailhead parking area at 7:00 AM. (10 miles, rated strenuous.)

THE BIG TREE

February 21, 2009

Hike del Valle Road to Ramsey/Carr Wash. Locate and measure what may be the largest cottonwood tree in Arizona, bushwack back along the river (conditions permitting). Hike starts at the San Pedro House at 8:00 AM. (7 miles, rated moderate.)

FAIRBANK LOOP and PRESIDIO SANTA CRUZ DE TERRENATE

March 21, 2009

Take a hike around this historic area. Visit a ghost town that was once a thriving boomtown of the wild west, the cemetery which holds the remains of many residents, the old school house and some other old structures. Then we will cross the river and visit the Presidio. How far into Arizona did Spanish exploration intrude? Why wasn't the Spanish presidio (fortress) in the San Pedro River Valley ever completed? How did ongoing warfare with area Apaches affect life in the presidio? Join us as we look for answers, and explore the surrounding land that provides one of our loveliest river vistas. Hike starts at Fairbank Schoolhouse at 8:00 AM. (6 miles, rated moderate.)

- \$5 per person at departure
- Bring water, food/snack, sunscreen, hat
- Wear appropriate shoes, be prepared to get your feet wet

ST. DAVID BIRDING WALK

April 18, 2009

Take a morning birding walk. Bring water and be prepared to get wet feet. Explore the trails at the Monastery and walk along the San Pedro River. See warblers, tanagers, and raptors. Beginning birders welcome. Meet at Holy Trinity Monastery at 7:30 AM. (4 miles, rated easy.)

LEWIS SPRINGS

May 16, 2009

Walk from San Pedro House to Lewis Springs and return. We should see a beaver dam or two and lots of birds. This is one of the least visited sections of the river, so be prepared to bushwack and get your feet wet! Meet at San Pedro House at 7:00 AM. (8 miles, rated strenuous.)

CHARLESTON & POINTS NORTH

June 13, 2009

We will head North from the Charleston Road Bridge, passing Charleston, rock art, the Narrows, and other points of interest. Meet at the Millville Trailhead at 7:00 M. (10 miles, rated strenuous.)

BOQUILLAS SECTION OF SAN PEDRO TRAIL

July 18, 2009

Hike south on the San Pedro Trail to the historic Boquillas Ranch and the ruins of Boston Mill. Explore the stonework foundation of this 19th century ore-processing mill. Our return hike north will lead us along the river. Meet at Fairbank parking lot at 7:00 AM. (8 miles, rated moderate.)

MILLVILLE / PETROGLYPH TRAIL

August 15, 2009

Explore the ruins of the Gird Mill and home described as "the finest building...in southern Arizona." Continue to Hohokam petroglyphs incised in the rock face of the riverbanks. Meet at the Millville parking area (not the one at the river) at 7:00 AM. (5 miles, rated easy.)

HEREFORD TO SAN PEDRO HOUSE

September 19, 2009

Meet at San Pedro House, carpool to Hereford and hike back to SPH. This will involve bushwacking and multiple river crossings. A little visited section of the river, so come and explore. Meet at San Pedro House at 7:00 AM. (10 miles, rated strenuous.)

FAIRBANK HALLOWEEN NIGHT HIKE

October 24, 2009

Watch out! There are ghosts and goblins out there as you hike in the moonlight to the Fairbank Cemetery. This is a Halloween adventure for the children. Bring water and a flashlight, snacks are provided. Meet at Fairbank Schoolhouse at 7:00 PM (No charge for children.). (2 miles, rated easy.)

ST. DAVID CIENEGA

November 21, 2009

Hike south from the Research Natural Area and back. See scenic parts of the San Pedro River and fall colors. Hike through the swamp, along the river and back through the grassland. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the St. David Research Natural Area at 9:00 AM. (8 miles, rated strenuous.)