

SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

February 2010 Activities Schedule



Park Programs

Join us for exciting interpretive ranger-guided hikes and family-oriented programs at San Tan Mountain Regional Park. For a complete list of program opportunities for San Tan Mountain Regional Park and other county parks please visit our website at <http://www.maricopa.gov/parks>.

Park Location

6533 W. Phillips Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85242

Directions: From central Phoenix, take I-10 east to US 60 east. Exit Ellsworth Road south to Hunt Highway. Travel east on Hunt Highway to Thompson Road south. Turn west on Phillips Road to the San Tan Mountain Regional Park entrance.

Park Hours

Sunday thru Thursday: 6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Park Fees

\$6 vehicle day-use entry fee (no additional fees for programs, unless otherwise noted)



Upcoming Activities

3 TRAILS, 4-MILES!

Saturday, February 6 @ 9 a.m.

Hike with the park ranger and explore three trails (Goldmine, San Tan and Moonlight) on this 4-mile loop hike. This hike will be for more experienced hikers who would like to get some morning exercise.

SAGUAROS OF SAN TAN

Saturday, February 6 @ 2 p.m.

Join us on this hike and learn about the beautiful saguaro cactus. Stimulate your mind as well as your body as we hike this 2.2-mile trail and learn about these spectacular cacti. Perfect for families and out of town guests. Please bring water and wear comfortable shoes.

"TREASURES OF SAN TAN" SCAVENGER HUNT (A self-guided hike available from 8 to 4 p.m.)

Saturday, February 13

This fun family activity can be done during your visit to the park. Ask park staff for your list of scavenger hunt treasure map as you enter the park. During your visit take photographs (or draw pictures!) of the objects. Return to the visitor center before you leave to show off your work and receive a prize!

SCENE IT @ SAN TAN

Saturday, February 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

San Tan Mountain Regional Park showcases some of the most beautiful scenery in the area. After this hike, you can tell everyone that you've "Scene it" at San Tan! This month we will hike to the top of Goldmine Mountain to see the amazing city views. This hike will be approximately 3-miles.

WILD ROMANCE HIKE

Saturday, February 13 @ 7p.m.

If you think dating in the real world is hard, try being a desert animal. Learn about the challenges these animals face and some of their fascinating wildlife romance stories as we hike along the Moonlight & Stargazer Trails (roughly 2-miles). Topic may not be suitable for children. Parental discretion advised. Flashlights are encouraged, but not necessary.



HEALTHY HEART HIKE

Sunday, February 14 @ 9 a.m.

Exercise your right to hike! What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than a brisk morning hike! This hike will follow the San Tan Trail and Hedgehog trails for approximately 3-miles for an out and back hike. There will be some small hills, so please be prepared to get that heart pumping!

Upcoming Activities (cont.)

“CELEBRATE OUR STATE” HIKE

Sunday, February 14 @ 1:00 p.m.

Did you know that this Valentine's Day will mark our states 98th birthday? Learn about our state symbols and some state history on this 2-mile hike on the San Tan trail. Posters of the Arizona State Symbols will be given out to participants after the hike (supplies are limited). A great hike for families!

“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” (Rated PG)

Monday, February 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

No matter what the weather may be like outside, you will enjoy this tasty movie-going experience with fun craft activities. Watch it on our big 10' x 14' screen inside the comfort of the San Tan Visitor Center. Seating is limited.

ANIMAL HIKE AND SEEK NIGHT WALK IN THE DESERT

Thursday, February 18 @ 7 p.m.

We are the animals of the desert and we like to hide. Help Ranger B find us if you can! If you would like to learn about us and enjoy a fun walk in the desert, then join us on this exciting one-mile walk on the Goldmine Trail. Please bring water and a flashlight. No pets, please.

SUNSET HIKE

Saturday, February 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

Get a head start on your evening of stargazing by joining us for this 2.2-mile sunset hike. The hike will appropriately be on the Moonlight and Stargazer trails. Please bring a flashlight, water and proper hiking attire. Don't forget to stick around after the hike, to take part in our thrilling Stargazing for Everyone program at 7:30 p.m.

STARGAZING FOR EVERYONE

Saturday, February 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Come watch the sky with us! Look through telescopes (setup for your viewing pleasure) and enjoy a slide presentation under the stars. Learn the names of stars, see the constellations, and listen to stories of the night sky. When visible, view the craters of the moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and the rings of Saturn. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for your comfort. Information about the Challenger Learning Center of Arizona will be provided. This is a fun night out! Come alone or bring your entire family or group. Also, bring your binoculars or family telescope and enjoy the views from San Tan Park.

FULL MOON HIKE

Saturday, February 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

Discover the beauty of the Sonoran Desert at night, as we hike under the light from the stars and moon. Join us for a pristine 2.2-mile stroll along the Stargazer Trail. Listen for the sounds of wildlife and explore the night-life atmosphere. The pace of the hike will be relatively mild or slow to help enjoy the surroundings.

Coming Soon... YOGA

Visit our website to learn about these upcoming yoga program opportunities at San Tan in February:

- **Gentle Yoga** – reduce muscle tension, while enhancing strength & flexibility
- **Yogalates for Equestrians** - strengthens core, while increasing flexibility & strength
- **Relax & Restore Workshop** – maintain & restore joint flexibility with this relaxing class

Happy Trails for You

In order for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable experience at San Tan, please remember to **respect other users and the land**. Here are some helpful reminders:

- [Stay on designated \(marked\) trails](#)
- [Yield to other users and be courteous](#)
- [Communicate properly and effectively with other users... especially around horses \(be careful not to spook a horse or rider\)](#)
- [Report unsafe activity to park staff](#)

Friends Forever

Become a “**Friend**” of the park today, by joining the Friends of San Tan Mountain Regional Park! The Friends group provides assistance to the park through a variety of ways such as raising funds, establishing park projects, offering assistance at special events & programs, and so much more. For more information, please visit the Friends website at:



Friends of San Tan
Mountain Regional
Park

Contact Us

Your comments, feedback and questions are very important to us... and we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to stop by the visitor center to speak with staff about any concerns or needs you may have. We can also be reached via:

Phone: (480) 655-5554 ext. 202

Email: santanpark@mail.maricopa.gov

Web: www.maricopa.gov/parks/santan

Thank you for your continued support for San Tan Mountain Regional Park. Happy trails to you and yours!