

SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

March 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)

Park Contact Info

Phone: (480) 655-5554

Email: santanpark@mail.maricopa.gov



Upcoming Activities

GENTLE YOGA

Monday, March 1 @ 1:00 p.m.

Yoga classes are now being offered at San Tan! Are you looking for a way to reduce muscle tension, while enhancing strength & flexibility? Then this is the class for you! Please wear comfortable clothing, and remember to bring a yoga mat and water. Class will take place every Monday. ***Additional fees apply for yoga classes. See website for registration details.**



YOGALATES

Wednesday, March 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Yogalates is the holistic integration of the very best of two historically and widely acclaimed exercise systems - Yoga and Pilates. Please wear comfortable clothing, and remember to bring a yoga mat and water. Class will take place every Wednesday night. ***Additional fees apply for yoga classes. See website for more details and to register for the class.**



STARGAZING FOR EVERYONE

Saturday, March 6 @ 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, Mars, Jupiter, and the rings of Saturn. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for your comfort. This is a fun night out! Come alone or bring the family.

"SCENE IT" @ SAN TAN

Saturday, March 13 @ 9 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 seek out our showcase "crested saguaro" on this moderate 5-mile hike. Please come prepared to hike! Wear appropriate hiking boots; bring water, snacks, and your camera!

WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS

Saturday, March 13 @ 2 p.m.

Are you wild for wildflowers? This spring should reward us with an explosion of colorful wildflowers! Join us for a 2.2-mile stroll along the Stargazer Trail in search of these desert delights. Not only will you learn about our desert wildflowers, but you can capture the beauty of the flowers with a camera.

NATURE WALK

Sunday, March 14 @ 10 a.m.

Learn and explore the beauty known as the Sonoran Desert. The park ranger will lead you on a 2-mile adventure to explore the diverse plants and animals found within San Tan Mountain Regional Park.

Upcoming Activities (cont.)

WILDFLOWER WANDERING

Sunday, March 14 @ 1 p.m.

Are you wild about wildflowers? We are. Enjoy the splendid beauty of the wildflowers at San Tan as we embark on a moderate 2-mile hike along the San Tan Trail. Don't forget to bring plenty of water, sunscreen, proper hiking attire, and a camera for this captivating trek to explore the colorful side of the Sonoran Desert.

FIND ME GREEN LUCKY CHARMS

(Scavenger hunt available from 2 to 5 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 17

Help Lucky the Leprechaun find his green lucky charms of Sonoran Desert wisdom. Lucky last saw his charms along the Goldmine Trail (roughly 1-mile in length). Don't forget to pick up your treasure map and charm bucket at the San Tan Visitor Center to help you find your way. Collect the charms and learn interesting tidbits about some of Lucky's favorite desert plants and wildlife. Stay after for fun St. Patty's Day craft activities (supplies are limited).



CRITTER SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

Saturday, March 20 @ 9:00 a.m.

Calling all animal detectives ... Can you crack the case? What is this? Who did it? Where did they go? If you've ever wanted to be a CSI - a Critter Scene Investigator - now is your chance! Maricopa County Park Rangers and the Phoenix Zoo Outreach staff have teamed up to provide this wild experience. We will start with a live animal presentation by the Phoenix Zoo that will get you ready for the adventure. Next you'll explore a secret area of the park looking for clues like bones, tracks, and scat. We will use our CSI skills to decide what elusive critter has been there. Who knows what will be around the next corner! Appropriate for ages 7-12 years accompanied by caregiver(s). *Additional fees apply for this special event. Visit phoenixzoo.org for registration and event details.



DESERT PHOTOGRAPHY WILDFLOWER HIKE

Sunday, March 21 @ 9:00 a.m.

How do you capture the beauty of the wildflowers blooming at San Tan? With a camera, of course. Enjoy this unique and special opportunity to learn about fun camera insight (for all ages and skill levels) and take some of the most spectacular photos as we hike one-mile round-trip to several special viewing treasures.

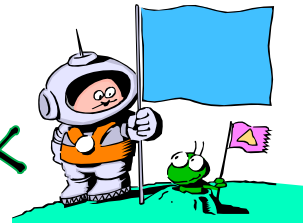
More Activities...

DISCOVERING DESERT DWELLERS

Thursday, March 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Would you like to learn about the wild animals that live in our area? What should you do if you encounter one? How do they survive and thrive in our desert? Join Ranger B on this informative one-mile walk on the Littleleaf Trail as he shares some fascinating facts about our desert dwellers. Flashlights encouraged.

San Tan Space Trek



San Tan Space Trek

Saturday, March 27 @ 6:00 p.m.

Take a 1.2 mile trek along the Goldmine Trail. Your mission: collect an invisible stamp at each of the five Top Secret Sites and locate the transport beacons found in the area. Return to the Command Center and show your map to the man in black. He will verify your mission with a special light and give you an official san tan trekker id card. Show your card to a master space crafter and they will provide you with the material necessary to make your own alien keepsake. Have your picture taken with K-FAE (Kid Friendly Alien Emissary). Costumes encouraged, but not necessary.

MARCH MOONLIGHT MADNESS HIKE

Monday, March 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

March may be known for its madness, but you will enjoy this relaxing adventure into the desert after dark. Allow the comfort of the glowing moon to provide the light to guide you along the 2-mile hike.

SPRING BREAK MOVIE & CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

Enjoy a special movie feature on our big screen inside the comfort of the San Tan Nature Center. Movies will be shown at 10 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited.

"Incredible Kids & Animals" Week

3/15 - The Incredibles

3/16 - Cloudy w/ a Chance of Meatballs

3/17 - Bee Movie

3/18 - Antz

3/19 - Charlotte's Web

"Out of This World" Week

3/22 - Star Wars

3/23 - Monsters vs. Aliens

3/24 - Wall*E

3/25 - Aliens in the Attic

3/26 - Planet 51

3/27 - ET (shown at 4:00 p.m.)

