

The **White Tank Mountains Conservancy** is dedicated to inspire all to conserve these mountains that are home to unique natural and cultural resources. The Conservancy provides volunteers an abundance of opportunities to support its mission and guiding principles. Whether you want to be out there on the trails or prefer contributing from the comfort of indoors, there is a place for you in the Conservancy.



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<b>White Tank Mountain Regional Park</b>	Park is located 4.5 Miles west of the 303 on Olive Rd. at 20304 W. White Tank Mountain Rd. Waddell, AZ 85355
<b>Skyline Regional Park</b>	Park is located 2 miles north of the I-10 / Watson Road interchange at 2600 N. Watson Rd. Buckeye, AZ 85396
<b>What's in your Pack?</b> Wednesday, February 20, 2019 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Are you prepared for a hike in the desert? At the Waterfall trailhead we will have items on display that should always be in your pack or pocket. We will cover topics from reading maps (and actually using them) to first aid and hydration. Stop by and chat with us and learn how a little hiking preparation can go a long way. Be sure to have your water, hat and sunscreen.
<b>Sunrise Hike</b> Thursday, February 21, 2019 06:45 AM - 08:00 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Set your alarm and get a great start to your day! Join us for a sunrise hike along the Black Rock Long Loop Trail (1 ½ miles). We will watch the sunrise from a viewpoint, experience the Sonoran Desert as it awakens, and also have the opportunity to see ancient petroglyphs along the trail. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 4 for the walk. Don't forget your camera! And don't be late – the sun won't wait!
<b>History Hike to Willow Canyon Springs and Farm Ruins</b> Friday, February 22, 2019 08:30 AM - 12:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join us for a hike back in time! Our journey will take us to the Willow Springs area, where we will visit the remains of an abandoned dwelling and historic site to see what stories the pieces of the past can tell us. The hike is seven (7) miles roundtrip and is rated moderate to difficult. Please bring at least one gallon of water and a snack. This hike is limited to 10 people. Meet at Area 7 for the hike. Please call the park Nature Center, 623-935-2505, to register, beginning February 1st. Please leave your dog at home.
<b>Blackrock Petroglyph Walk</b> Saturday, February 23, 2019 09:00 AM - 11:00 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join park volunteer Joe Weber on this easy, 1 ½ mile walk to view ancient petroglyphs. The walk will discuss early native peoples of the area and the possible meaning of the rock art they left behind. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 4.
<b>Snake Feeding</b> Saturday, February 23, 2019 01:00 PM - 01:30 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Our resident reptile friends are hungry! Come to the Nature Center to see our snakes enjoy their meal. Our park staff will be doing the feeding. Observe the feeding behaviors of rattlesnakes, colubrid snakes, scorpions, and a desert tortoise.
<b>All About Mammals</b> Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Skyline Regional Park	Mammals of the Sonoran Desert are rarely seen but exist in great numbers. Join Park Naturalist on an easy grade trail for a hike and learn presentation. We'll explore mammal identification, predator / prey relationships, tracking and interesting facts about different native mammals. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring sun protection and water.
<b>Library Program: Skulls and Furs</b> Thursday, February 28, 2019 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join Ranger Justin in the White Tank Branch Library classroom for this open house-style program where you can use your senses to examine, explore, and even touch various objects from the natural world. Get an up close look at a tiny hummingbird nest! Feel animal fur! Program will be held 1:00-2:00pm – arrive any time during program hours and stay as long as you want.
<b>Wildlife Walk</b> Friday, March 01, 2019 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join Ranger JD to learn about what it takes for calling the Sonoran Desert home. We will go on a short 1.8 mile hike and look for wildlife along the way. See you at the Waddell Trailhead at Area 7. Please bring closed toed shoes and water. Don't forget those cameras to catch what we see.

<b>Basic of Mountain Biking</b> Saturday, March 02, 2019 08:30 AM - 10:15 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Are you new to biking on desert and mountain terrain, or just want to ride? Join Ranger Justin on the competition track and learn some basic skills of off-road biking! After a brief introduction we will go for a 3-4 mile ride to get accustomed to desert trails. Please bring a helmet, plenty of water, a snack, an extra tube and your bike!
<b>Hiking Yoga</b> Saturday, March 2, 2019 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Skyline Regional Park	A scenic hike in the White Tank Mountains with yoga integrated throughout. We will be starting and ending with yoga as well as making a few stops along the way to do mini-sequences of poses. Each stop will focus on a different main chakra (energy centers in the body) starting at the root and finishing with the crown. The in-between hiking will incorporate various mindfulness techniques culmination in an overall experience that rejuvenates the body, mind and spirit. This is beginner level for all aspects so everyone is welcome. *Bring water, closed-toed shoes and sun protection.
<b>History of the White Tank Mountains</b> Saturday, March 02, 2019 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	The White Tank Mountains played an important role in the development of Arizona during its territorial days. This presentation will discuss the colorful history of this area from 1863 to today. Learn about the freight haulers, miners, ranchers and outlaws that left their mark in the mountains and how the mountains got their name. . A native of Phoenix, Karen Krause has lived near the White Tank Mountains in Waddell, Arizona for 25 years where she has been researching the history of Waddell. Please meet at the Nature Center Classroom.
<b>Snake Feeding</b> Friday, March 08, 2019 02:00 AM - 02:30 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Our resident reptile friends are hungry! Come to the Nature Center to see our snakes enjoy their meal. Our park staff will be doing the feeding. Observe the feeding behaviors of rattlesnakes, colubrid snakes, scorpions, and a desert tortoise.
<b>Nature Discovery: Bugs!</b> Friday, March 08, 2019 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Looking for a fun and engaging hour focused around children's outdoor education? Join Ranger Justin and special guest Jack Jenkins at area 3 as we lead you on a bug adventure. We will go on a 0.3 mile bug hunt on the Interpretive Trail! This hands-on program will encourage kids to get in touch with nature. Children must be accompanied by an adult during Nature Discovery Hour.
<b>Desert Fables</b> Friday, March 08, 2019 01:30 PM - 02:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park .	Join storyteller Ann McDermott before our snake feeding to enjoy tales of desert plants and animals, inspired by 30 years of rural life in central Arizona. Q & A time afterward. Be ready for a pop quiz! Program will be held in the Nature Center classroom.
<b>100 Miles 100 Days Celebration</b> Saturday, March 09, 2019 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Kick off your hiking boots and celebrate your accomplishments! We will be celebrating the completion of our 100 Miles in 100 Days Challenge. Share your stories with other 100 Milers and have a piece of cake (after all, you earned it, right?). Those who completed the 100 Miles Challenge will receive their limited-edition Challenge t-shirts at the celebration.
<b>Stargazing for Everyone</b> Saturday, March 09, 2019 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM Skyline Regional Park	Take a guided tour of the night sky with professional stargazers. Learn how to use a sky map, the names and meanings of the stars, see the constellations and listen to stories of the night sky. Then go stargazing and view the moon, planets, star clusters, nebula, galaxies and more through large telescopes. Bring water, chairs or blanket for your seating comfort and flashlight with a red lens option. Please carpool, parking is limited. Instructor: Stargazing for Everyone
<b>Hike to Willow Springs Farm</b> Monday, March 11, 2019 08:30 AM - 12:15 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join us on a hike back in time! Our journey will take us to the Willow Springs area, where we will visit the remains of an abandoned dwelling and historic site to see what stories the pieces of the past can tell us. The hike is 7 miles roundtrip and is rated moderate to difficult. Please bring at least one gallon of water and a snack. This hike is limited to 10 people. Please meet at Area 7 for the hike. Please call the park Nature Center, 623-935-2505, to register, beginning February 1st. Please leave your dog at home.
<b>Wildflower Hike</b> Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Skyline Regional Park	Discover the beauty, color and diversity of wildflowers in Skyline Regional Park. This easy grade guided hike will be led by a volunteer plant enthusiast from the White Tank Mountains Conservancy. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring water and sun protection. Instructor: Cindy

<b>Find the Ranger</b> Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Bring your family and friends to find the Ranger on the Waterfall trail! He will have some exciting and interesting facts about the park and its inhabitants!
<b>Waterfall Archeology Hike</b> Thursday, March 14, 2019 09:00 AM - 11:15 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join park volunteer Chris Reed on this easy 2 mile walk to go back in time. Use your senses of sight, hearing, touch, and smell to discover the evidence of human history along the Waterfall trail. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at the Waterfall trailhead.
<b>Wild Flower Walk</b> Friday, March 15, 2019 08:00 AM - 10:30 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join park volunteer and “flower lady” Cindy Smith, on a 1-2 mile walk along a park trail to view and learn about the wonderful wildflowers found in the White Tanks. Bring a plant book if you have one, and don’t forget your camera! Location will vary each week depending on the abundance and variety of wildflowers. Call ahead or inquire at entry station upon arrival.
<b>Early Bird Walk</b> Saturday, March 16, 2019 07:30 AM - 09:30 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Join birder Tom Lacassio from the Sonoran Audubon Society for an early morning bird walk. Bring your bird book if you have one. Binoculars may be available to borrow. Please meet at Area 9 in the park (see park map) for a hike on Ford Canyon Trail. Please leave your dog at home.
<b>Hiking Yoga</b> Saturday, March 16, 2019 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Skyline Regional Park	A scenic hike in the White Tank Mountains with yoga integrated throughout. We will be starting and ending with yoga as well as making a few stops along the way to do mini-sequences of poses. Each stop will focus on a different main chakra (energy centers in the body) starting at the root and finishing with the crown. The in-between hiking will incorporate various mindfulness techniques culminating in an overall experience that rejuvenates the body, mind and spirit. This is beginner level for all aspects so everyone is welcome. *Bring water, closed-toed shoes and sun protection.
<b>Horseback Riding</b> Saturday, March 16, 2019 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Skyline Regional Park	Come and join us on the beautiful trails inside the Skyline Regional Park as you ride on safe, mountain horses through the Sonoran Desert of Buckeye, AZ. Horse rides include the opportunity to dress up and have fun in boots, hats, and chaps as your guide shows you the desert landscape, and describes desert life as it may have been 150 years ago, and educate yourself on the many wonderful things that make this incredible place we call home. <u>Pre-registration is required for this fee-based program.</u> *250 lbs maximum weight. Instructor: Corral West Adventures
<b>Origins of Flight Part II</b> Saturday, March 16, 2019 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Origins of Flight Part II will review flight in the period from 400,000,000 MYA to 66,000,000 MYA, then concentrate on birds that existed after the extinction of Dinosaurs until modern times. See you in the Nature Center Classroom.
<b>Unique Birds of Arizona and Where to Look for Them</b> Saturday, March 16, 2019 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM White Tank Regional Library	Whether you consider yourself a novice or an expert bird watcher, this presentation will provide guidance on how and where to discover unique Arizona bird species in West Valley locations. Using photographs and explicit directions to “birding hot spots” in and around the West Valley communities, participants will be enthralled to learn all about some of the coolest species and places to visit. Presenter: Karen LaFrance, Co-Chair, Sonoran Audubon Society
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<b>Moonlight Walk</b> Friday, March 22, 2019 07:00 PM - 08:30 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	See the desert in a different light – moonlight! Join us for a 2 mile walk along Mule Deer Trail where we will look up at the night sky and experience the moonlight lighting the Sonoran desert. This is a moderate hike so please wear close-toed shoes, water and flash lights are optional. Please leave your dog at home. See you all at Area 4 for the walk, near the restrooms.
<b>All about Pupfish</b> Saturday, March 23, 2019 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Fish in the desert? HUH?! Many native fish of the desert have fascinating adaptations to our harsh climate. Join Ranger Justin as he takes you on an adventure to learn about the Desert Pupfish. This will be held in the Nature Center class room. No fishing pole needed.
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<b>Basics of Mountain Biking</b> Saturday, March 30, 2019 08:30 AM - 11:15 AM White Tank Mountain Regional Park	Are you new to biking on desert and mountain terrain or just want to ride? Join Ranger Justin on the competition track and learn some basic skills of off-road biking. After a brief introduction we will go for a 3-4 mile ride to get familiar with desert trails. Please bring a helmet and plenty of water, an extra tube and your bike!