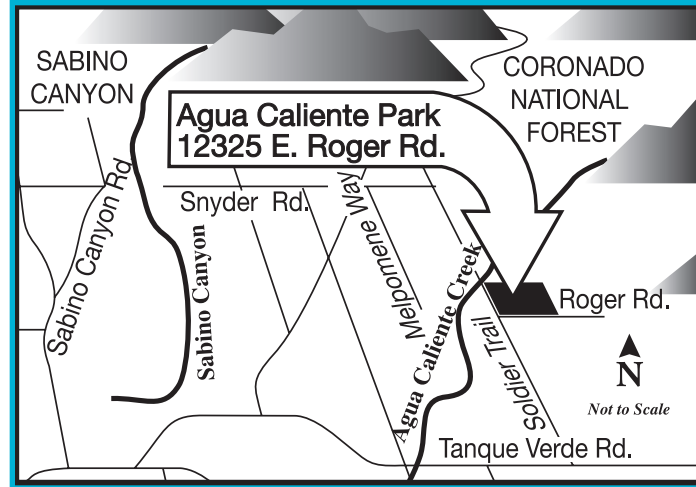




AGUA CALIENTE PARK



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YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Youth and family programs are available free of charge at locations throughout Pima County. Programs are tailored to organized youth and family groups of 10 to 30 people. For additional listings of public and school program offerings, visit www.pima.gov/nrpr



For more information or to schedule a program for your organization, contact us at:

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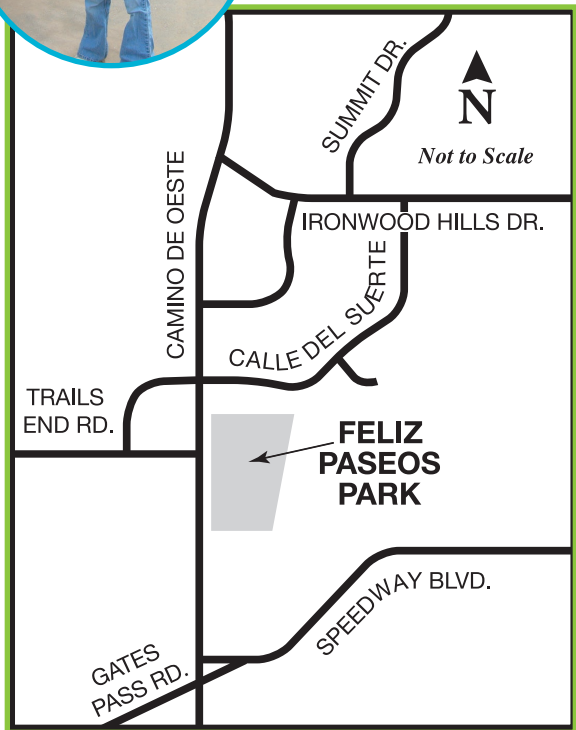
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FELIZ PASEOS PARK

Pima County offers opportunities for groups with children ages 5-12 to get and out and explore two of the region's best natural resource parks. **Roy P. Drachman Agua Caliente Park**, located on the far east side, is a true oasis in the desert. Natural spring-fed ponds attract a variety of wildlife and provide some of the most exciting bird watching in town. **Feliz Paseos Park**, located on the west side, showcases the iconic Saguaro-Paloverde ecosystem characteristic of the Sonoran Desert. Wide walking trails and innovative audible interpretive signs makes the park's extensive system of trails enjoyable and accessible for visitors of all ages and abilities.



Orienteering

Learn how Orienteering, or the use of a map and compass to find your way, can be a fun and practical way to explore nature. Learn how to use a magnetic compass and practice your map reading skills on a custom made orienteering course.

Location: [Agua Caliente Park, Feliz Paseos Park or appropriate outreach location](#)
Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Sonoran Desert Discovery

Get down and dirty with a hands-on guided exploration of the Sonoran Desert - from soil composition to the mighty saguaro. Learn how energy flows and matter is recycled in the desert. Use binoculars, scopes and hand lenses to make observations and express your knowledge through drawings and diagrams.

Location: [Feliz Paseos Park or appropriate outreach location](#)
Duration: Approximately 90 minutes

Riparian Discovery

Experience life in a natural spring and pond through hands-on guided exploration. Use binoculars and hand lenses to make observations and work as a team to understand the connections between plants and animals and their environment.

Location: [Agua Caliente Park](#)
Duration: Approximately 90 minutes

Hydrology

The quality of water is important to aquatic life and human life. Learn the basic techniques used by scientists to study water and get hands-on while measuring the quality of the water at Agua Caliente Park.

Location: [Agua Caliente Park](#)
Duration: Approximately 90 minutes

Observing Birds

Use spotting scopes, binoculars and field guides to discover and identify common birds of the desert. Learn useful bird watching techniques and improve your nature observation skills.

Location: [Agua Caliente Park, Feliz Paseos Park or appropriate outreach location](#)
Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Exploring Aquatic Life

Discover the diversity of life that inhabits the ponds at Agua Caliente Park. Use nets, skimmers and buckets to collect water samples and then watch the water come to life under the microscope!

Location: [Agua Caliente Park](#)
Duration: Approximately 2 hours



If you can't get to one of our parks, don't worry, we'll bring nature to you! Sonoran Desert Conservation Outreach programs are for children ages 5-12. Programs last 60-90 minutes and are limited to 30 participants (not including parents).



Experiencing Nature Through the Senses

Animals use their senses to explore their surroundings, look for food and even find a mate! Use your senses to learn about the plants and animals that call the Sonoran Desert home. Soft animal skins, soothing nature sounds and the sweet aromas of the desert will be sure to excite all your senses.

Camouflage - Hide and Seek in the Desert

Have you ever wondered why a bobcat has spots or why female hummingbirds are so drab? Animals come in all sorts of colors to help them survive. Learn about how animals use colors and patterns to blend in. Then, create your own desert "hide-and-seek" game.

Sounds of the Sonoran Desert

Immerse yourself in the natural symphony of the desert with a multimedia presentation. Learn about the significance of nature sounds and recreate what you hear using a variety of simple instruments.

Exploring Watersheds and Poetry/Visual Arts

Tucson's River of Words Youth Poetry and Art Contest incorporates science and art for a truly unique experience. Create your own watershed model and discover the power of water. Then, express your knowledge through poetry writing **or** mixed media art. Contest entry forms will be available at the program. Contest deadline is February 1st.

Animal Tracking

Many animals are very hard to find but always leave behind one tell-tale clue - their tracks! Use rubber track replicas to recreate animals tracks and learn how to identify them in the wild.

Skulls from the Sonoran Desert

You can tell a lot about an animal by looking at the size and shape of it's skull. Use the skulls of Sonoran Desert animals to learn about what they eat, where they live and how they hunt.

Sonoran Desert Wildlife

Get excited about the diversity of life that surrounds us. Multimedia and live wildlife presentations will expose you to the beauty of nature. Use the presentation as preparation for a trip to one of our natural resource parks or as a stand alone program. Some limitations apply. Call for more details.

BRINGING NATURE TO YOU



Looking for a way to include families in your group programs? What better way then creating an evening under the stars for everyone. Family Astronomy programs are appropriate for children ages 7 and up. Programs last approximately 2 hours and are dependent on weather and subject to change or cancellation.



Moon Mission

Use binoculars and telescopes to learn about the earth's nearest neighbor, the moon! Work as a family to complete hands-on activities, then head outdoors to gaze at the man in the moon. Program availability is dependent on the phases of the moon.

Location: Appropriate outreach locations

Night Sky

Use binoculars and telescopes to learn about the planets and stars in our solar system. Work as a family to complete hands-on activities, then head outdoors to search for some of the season's galactic wonders. Program availability is dependent on the phases of the moon.

Location: Appropriate outreach locations

