



SaddleBrooke Nature Club

Schedule of Programs and Activities

2026

Meetings are typically held the second Monday of the month. Check each meeting for specific time and location.

- No meetings during the summer (June – September)
- Our MONTHLY PROGRAMS pick up again on Oct 12
- Check out the August 19-20 PINETOP FIELD TRIP below
- Website: SaddleBrookeNatureClub.org

Monthly Programs

We're working on the fall lineup; watch as it grows.

- *Monday, OCTOBER 12 @ 3:30pm*
 - WILDCATS IN OUR BACKYARD
- AZ's four wildcat species, MOUNTAIN LION, BOBCAT, JAGUAR and OCELOT



- Their ecology and behavior
- Why they occur where they do
- How to live safely alongside wildlife
- Stories & findings from 15 years of research and conservation work across southern AZ

- Location: TBD
- Speaker: Susan Malusa,
 - Research Specialist
 - U of A Wildcat Research & Conservation Program

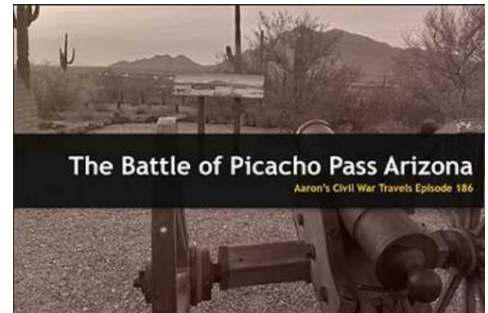


- **Monday, NOVEMBER 9 @ 3:30pm**

- **The BATTLE of PICACHO PASS**



- Dates of Civil War and when battle occurred
 - Physical location of Picacho Pass
 - Terrain at that time
 - How Americans 'back east' viewed this region
 - Southwest's social and political situation, and the Gadsden Purchase
 - Why PP engagement was largely ignored by modern historians
 - Bios of 'main actors' in the engagement
- Planning of the operation
- Details of the actual battle (approach, contact, maneuvering during flight)
- 'After action report' on fallout and what happened to participants
- Current markers, monuments, museum displays located at PP or elsewhere
- Location: TBD
- Speaker: Steve Smith,
 - Arizona Civil War Council & USAF Major (Retired)



Summer Field Trip to PINETOP

REGISTER NOW - August 19-20, 2026

For those of us here for the summer, the Nature Club has an overnight field trip planned for August 19-20.

We will take a break from the heat and travel to the Pinetop-Lakeside area to visit the White Mountain Wildlife Nature Center to see an indoor Raptor Training show: <https://wmnature.org/raptor-show>

White Mountain Nature Center, 425 S Woodland Rd, Lakeside, AZ 85929

Details are still being worked out but here is the tentative plan.

Weds, Aug 19

- Drive there (about 3 hours, 15 mins)
- Find lunch at your leisure; free time until 2:30



- Meet at the Nature Center at 2:30pm
- Raptor Training Show from 2:45 to 4:00pm
- Visit the Nature Center

- Check into our hotel:
- Best Western Inn at Pinetop
- Have dinner together
- Spend the night



Thurs, Aug 20

- Morning at your leisure to have breakfast and check out the area
- Drive home

Carpooling will be coordinated as we get closer to the date.

We have a group rate for the hotel @ 20% off the list price.

If you are interested in joining us for this trip, email Kay Sullivan at sullivan6601@gmail.com