

**El Paso Zoo** — 4001 E. Paisano. Entrance hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is \$12 for ages 13 to 59; \$9 for ages 60 and older and active duty military (including spouse) with ID; \$7.50 ages 3 to 12; and free for ages 2 and under. Zoo members admitted free. Information: 212-0966, [elpasozoo.org](http://elpasozoo.org), or on Facebook at ElPasoZoo.

**'Become an iNaturalist'** — Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main in Las Cruces, hosts a free tutorial on the iNaturalist phone app 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Feb. 2**, presented by NMSU biologist Donovan Bailey. A trip to "A Mountain" follows the tutorial to try out the app on an easy hike. Registration: (575) 522-5552 or [wildmesquite.org](mailto:wildmesquite.org). Bring laptop/tablet and smartphone.

**DinoTracks Tour** — Insights Science Center host its monthly DinoTracks tour 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 3**, at Mt. Cristo Rey in Sunland Park, open to the general public. Cost: \$15 per person; available at [eventbrite](http://eventbrite.com). Information: 534-0000 or [insightselfaso.org](http://insightselfaso.org). Next hike is 1 p.m. Sunday, **March 3**.

**Wyer Aerial Tramway Hikes** — 1700 McKinley (west of Alabama). Hikes are free. Information: 562-9899. Bring water, sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing.

- A Women's Hike is 7:30 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 3**. Meet at Tramway. Hike Directisimo up to Jackalope and back

- The Last Sunday is 7:30 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 24**. This month's hike is a couple's hike. Meet at Tramway and hike Directisimo

- A "Geocaching 101" event to learn about these "modern day treasure hunts" is 10 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 23**. Participation is free, but registration required as space and supplies are limited; at [Diana.Moy@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:Diana.Moy@tpwd.texas.gov).



**Texas Master Naturalist program** — Texas Master Naturalist Trans-Pecos Chapter will host the training course 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, **Feb. 7-June 6**, at Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service Ascarate Annex, 301 Manny Martinez, 2nd floor. Application deadline is Feb. 1. Cost: \$125. Information, applications: 771-2354 or [elp.tamu.edu](http://elp.tamu.edu).

**El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society** — The society's annual awards dinner is Saturday, **Feb. 16**. Information: Scott, 581-6071, [trans-pecos-audubon.com](http://trans-pecos-audubon.com) or on Facebook.

**Franklin Mountains State Park** — Most hiking and mountain-biking trails begin in the Tom Mays area, off Transmountain Drive on the west side of the park (east of I-10). Entry fee is \$5 per person, free for age 12 and under (with family). Correct cash or check only. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Information: 566-6441 or [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains).

- The Great Backyard Bird Count starts Friday, **Feb. 15**. Meet 2-4 p.m. at the Tom Mays Bird Blind to kick off the weekend-long event.

- Guided hikes and bike rides are \$8 per person (\$3 State Park Pass holder; \$1 age 12 and under); price includes entry. Dogs welcome on leash on some hikes. Reservations required: 566-6441 (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday).

- Peak Challenge Hike is 7:30 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 2**. Meet at West Cottonwood Springs trailhead for strenuous 8-mile round trip hike

to North Franklin Peak.

- Aztec Caves Hike is 8:30 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 3**. Moderate hike, 1.5 miles.

- Father/Daughter hike is 10 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 16**. Meet at Lower Sunset Shortcut #1 for moderate 3-mile hike.

- Tin Mine Tour is 8 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 17**, at Chuck Heinrich Park. Moderate hike.

- Stroll in the Park hike is 9 a.m. Wednesday, **Feb. 20**. Meet at the end road on Tom Mays Unit. 3-mile loop. Moderate difficulty.

**Rio Bosque Wetlands Park** — 10176 Socorro Rd. in El Paso's Mission Valley. Guided walking are free. Information: 747-8663 or [rio-bosque.org](http://rio-bosque.org).

- Birding tours are 8 a.m. Sunday, **Feb. 3**, and 3 p.m. Sunday, **March 3**.

- Introductory tours 3 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 9**.
- Community workdays is 9 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 16**.

**Keystone Heritage Park and El Paso Desert Botanical Garden** — 4200

Doniphan (across from Frontera). Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; closed Tuesdays. Admission: \$2 (free for members); \$1 children. Information: 584-0563, [keystone-heritagepark.com](http://keystone-heritagepark.com).

**Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site** — Ranch Road 2775 off U.S. 62/180.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Admission: \$7 (free for children 12 and younger). Admission including tours or hikes is \$9 (13 and over); \$2 (ages 5-12). Information: 857-1135, ext. 0, or [texasstateparks.gov](http://texasstateparks.gov).

**White Sands National Monument** —

The glistening gypsum dunes are about 15 miles southwest of Alamogordo, N.M., on U.S. 70. Visitor Center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last entrance is one hour before closing. Entrance fees are \$20 per vehicle; \$10 per person and \$15 per motorcycles. Information: (575) 479-6124, ext. 236 or (575) 679-2599, ext. 232; [nps.gov/whsa](http://nps.gov/whsa) or on Facebook. Sunset strolls are offered daily

- Ranger-guided Lake Lucero Tour is 10 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 23**. Program fee is \$8 (\$4 age 15 and younger). Check website or call for details; reservations required, available one month prior to tour.

**Carlsbad Caverns National Park** — The park is about 160 miles east of El Paso, off the Carlsbad Highway (U.S. 62-180). Information: (575) 785-2232 or [nps.gov/cave](http://nps.gov/cave).

- Visitor Center winter hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; tours available 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Last entry into cave via natural entrance is 2 p.m. with last entry into cave via elevator 3:30 p.m. (be in line to exit cave by 4:30 p.m.).

- Plan 3-1/2 hours for a walk-in tour and 1-1/2 hours for Big Room tour of the Caverns. Cost is \$10 (free or ages 15 and younger). The park's audio self-guided tour is \$3 extra (also available in Spanish).

- Other guided tours are available; call or check website for details.

**Guadalupe Mountains National Park** —

110 miles east of El Paso on the way to Carlsbad, the 86,416-acre park includes the highest point in Texas: Guadalupe Peak, 8,749 feet. Entry fee: \$5 for ages 16 and older, good for one week and all trails. Pine Springs Visitor

Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Camping is \$8 per site per night. Information: (915) 828-3251 or [nps.gov](http://nps.gov).

**New Mexico State Parks** — Day-use is \$5. All programs are free with park entrance, unless otherwise listed. Information: (575) 744-5998 or [nmparks.com](http://nmparks.com).

- Leasburg Dam — Radium Springs, two miles off I-25 at Exit 19. Day use hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information: (575) 524-4068.

- Black History Month "Buffalo Soldiers, Outlaws and Apache" ranger-guided tour of exhibits plus a 2.5-mile hike, will review African American history from the Buffalo Soldiers of the 1800s to the present, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 2 and 9**, and Friday, **Feb. 15 and 22**, in celebration of Black History Month.

- Night sky viewing is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 23**.

- Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. 5000 Calle del Norte in Mesilla. Information: (575) 523-4398. Audubon Bird Walks are 7:15 a.m.

- Saturdays, led by park volunteers. Ranger-led Nature Hikes are 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Fitness in Nature walks with the Second Chance Walker Program are 8:30 a.m. every Saturday beginning at the Visitor Center.

- Oliver Lee State Park, Highway 54 south of Alamogordo at the Dog Canyon turnoff. Information: (575) 437-8284. A star party is 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 9**.

- Percha Dam State Park and Caballo Lake State Park, 60 miles north of Las Cruces on Interstate 25. Information: (575) 743-3942 (Percha Dam) or (575) 527-8386 (Caballo Lake). World Wetlands Day presentation is 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Feb. 2**.

**Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park** — 1504 Miehl Drive N., Carlsbad, N.M.

Admission: \$5 (\$3 ages 7-12; free for 6 and under). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (last entry at 3:30 p.m.). Information: (575) 887-5516 or [livingdesertnm.org](http://livingdesertnm.org). Live Raptor presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 16**.

**Gila Cliff Dwellings National**

**Monument** — 44 miles north of Silver City on NM Highway 15 in the middle of the majestic Gila Wilderness, the first and one of the largest wilderness areas. Entrance fee: \$10 (annual park pass is \$45). Information: (575) 536-9461 or [nps.gov/gicl](http://nps.gov/gicl).

- The trail to the dwellings is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone must be off the trail by 5 p.m. Visitor center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Alameda Park Zoo** — Alameda Park, 1321 North White Sands Blvd. (U.S. 54/70),

Alamogordo. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission: \$2.50 (\$1.50 ages 3-11 and 60 and older; free for ages 2 and younger). Information: (575) 439-4290, or on Facebook at Alameda Park Zoo-AFOTZ

**Aguirre Spring Campground** — The Organ Mountain recreational area is off U.S. 70 about 15 miles east of Las Cruces. Day-use fee is \$5 per vehicle; camping is \$7. Information, group reservations: (575) 525-4300.

**Dripping Springs Natural Area** — The recreational area is at the base of the Organ Mountains at the end of Dripping Springs Road. Gates open 8 a.m. to sunse. Admission: \$5 per vehicle. Leashed pets allowed on some trails. Information: (575) 522-1219.

**Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park** —

56501 N Jornada Rd, Las Cruces. The park, part of Asombro Institute for Science Education, is northeast of Las Cruces. Park hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Information: (575) 524-3334 or [asombro.org](http://asombro.org).

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