

El Paso Cactus and Rock Club — The club's 81st Anniversary and cactus appreciation event is 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 3**, at El Paso Garden Center, 3105 Grant (Memorial Park). Admission is free. Information: 545-1951 or elpasodesert.com/EPCRC.

DinoTracks Tour — Insights Science Center host its monthly DinoTracks tour 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, **Nov. 4**, at Mt. Cristo Rey in Sunland Park, open to the general public. Cost: \$15 at eventbrite. Information: 534-0000 or insightseelpaso.org Next tour is 1 to 3:30 p.m. **Dec. 2**.

Wyler Aerial Tramway — 1700 McKinley. Hikes are free. Park can transport participants back to their vehicles. Information: 562-9899. Hikes begin at the Directissimo trail head. Group hikes are rated as strenuous. A Women-Only Hike is 8 a.m. Sunday, **Nov. 4**, up Ranger Peak. The Last Sunday "Turkey Hike" is 8 a.m. Sunday, **Nov. 25**.

Festival of the Cranes — The 31st annual event is Tuesday through Sunday, **Nov. 13-18**, at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in San Antonio, N.M. (near Socorro). Events also are at the Macey Center on the New Mexico Tech Campus in Socorro, and other area locations. Information, schedule: (575) 835-2077 or friendsofthebosque.org.

A Wildlife Zone Family Festival is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 17**, with kid-friendly activities, workshops and tours. Admission is free; no registration needed.

El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society — The society's general meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, **Nov. 19**, at UTEP's Centennial Museum, 500 W. University. UTEP assistant professor Philip Lavretsky will present a program on his waterfowl research. Information: Scott, 581-6071 or trans-pecos-audubon.com.

Sierra Club — The El Paso Group of the Sierra Club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the UTEP Centennial Museum. The **Nov. 27** program is on Sierra Club's "Our Wild America" campaign, presented by UTEP Biological Sciences Professor Liz Walsh, Board of Directors Executive Committee & Treasurer, National Sierra Club. Information: elpasosierraclub.org

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 with ID; \$7.50 ages 3 to 12; and free for ages 2 and under. Zoo members admitted free. Information: 212-0966,



elpasozoo.org, or on Facebook at ElPasoZoo. Zoospectro Patronum Harry Potter event is 5 to 10 p.m. **Nov. 10**.

Cut down your own Christmas tree — Permits are available for people to cut down their own Christmas tree in designated areas of the Lincoln and Gila National Forests in New Mexico **through Dec. 24**. Limit is one tree — up to 10 feet in height — per household, and the permit includes a map of areas where cutting is allowed. Permits available to purchase for \$5 per tree; special permits available for trees over 10 feet. Applications available at fs.usda.gov.

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. Group rates available. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Information: 566-6441 or on Facebook at FranklinMountainsSP. Web: tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains.

Campfire Program is 6 p.m. Wednesday, **Nov. 21**, beginning near site 39 (scenic overlook) in Tom Mays. Campfire demonstration precedes program at 5 p.m. BYO-S'mores.

Guided hikes and bike rides are \$8 per person (\$3 State Park Pass holder; \$1 children 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 through Friday).

- Peak Fitness Hike is 7 a.m. Saturday, **Nov. 3**, meeting at Smuggler's Pass parking lot off of Transmountain to carpool to McKelligon Canyon trailhead. Strenuous trail, 3.8 miles.
- Lower Sunset Hike is 8:30 a.m. Sunday, **Nov. 4**, meeting at Shaffer Shuffle trailhead Moderate hike, 2.5 miles.
- Moms + Tots hikes geared toward mothers with young kids are 9 a.m. Friday, **Nov. 9**, meeting at the Lower Sunset trailhead (southern end) for an easy hike, and **Nov. 28**, at the Upper Sunset trail scenic overlook (moderate hike).
- Prospect Mine Tour hikes are 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, **Nov. 23**, starting at Chuck Heinrich Park (moderate).
- A Turkey Trot hike to Aztec Caves is 11 a.m. Friday, **Nov. 23**. Stop for a picnic lunch before

coming back down.

- A Women's Hike to Mundy's Gap is 8:30 a.m. Saturday, **Nov. 24** (moderate).

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, keystoneheritagepark.com.

Rio Bosque Wetlands Park — UTEP's Center for Environmental Resource Management offers free guided walking tours and other activities at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, 10176 Socorro Rd. in El Paso's Mission Valley. Information: 747-8663 or riobosque.org.

- Community workday: 9 a.m. Saturday, **Nov. 17**.
- Introductory tours are 9-11 a.m. Sunday, **Nov. 18**, and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, **Dec. 2**.
- Birding tour is 3-5 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 24**, and 8 a.m. Saturday, **Dec. 15**.

Meeting place is a bridge crossing Riverside Canal. Take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Drive, turn left and travel 1.5 miles.

The Big Bosque Bird Bash is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 10**, to learn about the river-valley environment through tours, presentations, exhibit and interactive activities.

Municipal Rose Garden — The garden at 3418 Aurora (at Copia) is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through November, except for official holidays. Admission is free.

Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site — Ranch Road 2775 off U.S. 62/180 (Montana Ave.). The site is famed for many Native American rock paintings and unique geology. 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. Reservations are recommended for the self-guided area and for camping: (512) 389-8911.

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 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Nov. 3; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4-Dec. 16. Park hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Nov. 3; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 4-Dec. 24. Last entrance is one hour before park closed. Entrance fee: \$5 age 16 and older. Free for children. Information: (575) 479-6124, ext. 236 or (575) 679-2599, ext. 232; nps.gov/whsa or on Facebook.

Sunset strolls are offered daily at 5:15 p.m. through Nov. 3; 4 p.m. Nov. 4-Jan. 4, 2019.

Ranger-guided Lake Lucero Tours are 10 a.m. Saturdays, **Nov. 3 and 24**, to learn about the formation of the sands and the special plants and animals that live in and around the dunes. 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.

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.

Cost is \$10 (free or ages 15 and younger). Audio self-guided tour is \$3 extra (available in Spanish).

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

"Rock of Ages" living history guided tours are 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, **Nov. 30-Dec 15**. Dressed in historic costumes, park staff will guide visitors on a lantern-lit tour of the front half of the Big Room. Cost: \$10 (\$5 ages 5-16); no children under 5 admitted. Reservations required; space is limited. Reservations, tickets: (575) 236-1375.

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.

Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument — 44 miles north of Silver City on NM Highway 15. Entrance fee: \$10 (annual park pass is \$45). Information: (575) 536-9461 or nps.gov/gicl.

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

Canyon View hikes are Saturday, **Nov. 10 and Dec. 8**. Strenuous hike. Advance reservations required. Call for times.

New Mexico State Parks — Day-use fee is \$5 when visiting any state park. All programs are free with park entrance, unless otherwise listed. Information: (575) 744-5998 or nmparks.com.

• Oliver Lee State Park, Highway 54 south of Alamogordo at the Dog Canyon turnout. Information: (575) 437-8284.

Ranch House tours are 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, **Nov. 3**, and 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, **Nov. 18**.

A night sky viewing of Queen Cassiopeia is 5 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 10**.

• 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.

• Leasburg Dam — 12712 State Park Road in Radium Springs, two miles off Interstate 25 at Exit 19. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for day use. Information: (575) 524-4068.

Bird ID Walking Tours are 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday **Oct. 27, Nov. 24, and Dec. 29**.

A November Skies night sky viewing event is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 3**.

Ranger-guided hikes in celebration of Native American Month are 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, **Nov. 4**, with "From Mammoths to Mescalero," a tour of Native American inhabitants of the area from the present to the Pleistocene; and Friday and Saturday, **Nov. 23-24**, with "From Jornada Mogollon to Hot Springs," to learn about the unique geology, hydrology and geothermal activity along this stretch of the Rio Grande. Bring at least two quarts of water and good hiking shoes.

"Turning Back the Sun" Winter Solstice celebration is noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 1**, with demonstrations, storytelling, hot chocolate and more.

• Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, N.M., State Roads 11 and 9. Day use hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Information: (575) 531-2711. Star Party is 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Saturday, **Nov. 3**.

Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park — 1504 Miehls 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.

The zoo features animals native to the Chihuahuan Desert, in natural desert surroundings. A large greenhouse is devoted to succulents and cactus from around the world. The headquarters building includes exhibits on minerals, history, archaeology and other subjects.

The zoo's 2nd annual Arts & Crafts Show is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **Nov. 3-4**.

Holiday Bells music with Touch of Joy Ringers from First Presbyterian Church is 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Dec. 1**.

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