

**Aspencade** — Vehicles for the Cloudcroft, N.M. tours depart at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, **Sept. 30-Oct. 1**, from forest service parking lot across from the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce. Tour lead to Upper Carr Canyon (5 miles on Sunspot Highway). “cowboy coffee” around the campfire at the end of the tour. Tours are free; participants must provide their own transportation. Information: (575) 682-2733.

**Full Moon Nights** — White Sands National Monument hosts its final full moon programs at 7 p.m. Thursday, **Oct. 5**. Rangers will give-present “A 3D Journey through White Sands.” Entrance fee: \$5 age 16 and older. Free for children. Information: (575) 479-6124, ext. 236 or (575) 679-2599, ext. 232; or go to [nps.gov/whsa](http://nps.gov/whsa).

**El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society** — The monthly meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, **Oct. 16**, at the Centennial Museum on the UTEP campus. Local ecologist, photographer and musician Dr. Paul Hyder will talk on “Hybrid Cacti of the Jarilla Mountains, Otero Co., N.M.” Information: Scott, 581-6071 or

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[trans-pecos-audubon.com](http://trans-pecos-audubon.com).

Field trips are open to the public. Information: Mark Perkins, 637-3521 or [trans-pecos-audubon.com](http://trans-pecos-audubon.com).

- A trip to Dell City Valley departs at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, **Oct. 7**, from Evergreen Cemetery, 12400 E. Montana. Bring a lunch.
- A tour to Northeast El Paso and Fort Bliss Ponds departs at 7 a.m. Saturday, **Oct. 21**, from Lowe’s parking lot at Transmountain Road behind Taco Bell.

**Enchanted Skies Star Party** — The 24th annual night sky event is **Oct. 17-22**. Night viewing, lectures, and camping are at Star Village in the Cibola National Forest, 15 minutes outside Magdalena, N.M. Professional and amateur astronomers will be on hand. Information, registration: (505) 515-5780 or [enchantedskies.org](http://enchantedskies.org).

**Wild Texas Film Tour** — Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation hosts the 2017 Wild Texas short film tour showcasing wildlife, adventure, and conservation stories from across the state at 7 p.m. Monday, **Oct. 23**, at Alamo Drafthouse, 250 E. Montecillo. The tour will feature Texas wildlife, adventure, and conservation short films along with characters from the films, filmmakers, wildlife biologists and other experts. Tickets: \$21.65; available at [drafthouse.com/el-paso](http://drafthouse.com/el-paso). Information: [wildfilm-tour.com](http://wildfilm-tour.com).

**El Paso Zoo** — 4001 E. Paisano. Zoo Entrance hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Zoo 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 or [elpa-zoo.org](http://elpa-zoo.org).

Boo at the Zoo is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **Oct. 28-29**.

The “Wings of the World” Bird Show is 12:30 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. weekends at the Wildlife Amphitheater.

**Wyler Aerial Tramway** — 1700 McKinley. Information: 562-9899 or 566-6622. The next last Sunday hike is 8 a.m. **Oct. 29**, up Ranger Peak. Meet in the parking lot for the 1-mile hike.

**Celebration of Our Mountains** — For more than 20 years, the celebration has included hiking, biking, birding, climbing, photographing, geocaching, studying and celebrating the natural wonders of the Borderland. For a full line-up of events, visit [celebrationofour-mountains.org](http://celebrationofour-mountains.org).

**Journey through Time at Lake Lucero** — Accompany rangers and living history actors from the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum 10 a.m. Saturday, **Nov. 4**, on a journey through the 10,000 years of human habitation in the Tularosa Basin.

The four-hour program begins at 9 a.m. Along the hike to Lake Lucero, colorful characters such as author Eugene Manlove Rhodes and photographer Ansel Adams will share the rich history of the basin. Program fee: \$8 for 16 years and older, \$4 for children. Reservations are required, accepted starting Oct. 4 at [nps.gov/whsa](http://nps.gov/whsa).

The trail is uneven, rocky, and has a grade of 2-3 percent. See website for details.

**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, Facebook at [FranklinMountainsSP](http://FranklinMountainsSP), or [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains).

The 13th annual Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **Sept. 30**, in the Tom Mays area.

Several non-ranger-led Celebration of Our Mountains events will be held in the park; \$2 entry fee for persons 13 years and over. Visit [celebmtns.org](http://celebmtns.org) to see meetup locations. Hikes begin at 8 a.m. at Tom Mays Unit, unless otherwise listed.

- Saturday, **Oct. 7**: Peak Fitness hike to Ron

- Coleman Trail. Meet at Ron Coleman Trailhead and Carpool to McKelligon Canyon.
- Sunday, **Oct. 8**: West Cottonwood Springs
- Saturday, **Oct. 21**: Aztec Caves Hike
- Sunday, **Oct. 22**: Schaeffer Shuffle

**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. Tours last about two hours. Information: 747-8663 or [riobosque.org](http://riobosque.org).

**Municipal Rose Garden** — The garden at 3418 Aurora (at Copia) is open to the public 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through November. Admission is free. Information/rentals: El Paso Parks and Recreation, 541-4331.

**Keystone Heritage Park and El Paso Desert Botanical Garden** — 4200 Doniphan. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$3. Information: 584-0563 or [keystone-heritagepark.org](http://keystone-heritagepark.org).

**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 with tours or hikes is \$9 (13 and over); \$2 (ages 5-12). Information: 857-1135, ext. 0, or [texas-stateparks.gov](http://texas-stateparks.gov).

The 23rd annual Interpretive Fair is 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, **Oct. 21-22**. Free entry.

Special events (space is limited; reservations required):

- Rare Plant Tour is 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, **Oct. 14**. Volunteers lead a tour of the plant life located in the park.
- Rock Art Tour with Dr. David Carmichael is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, **Oct. 14**.
- Women’s Hike is 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, **Oct. 14**. Open to all women.
- Hueco Tanks Constellation Tour is 8 to 10 p.m. is Thursday, **Oct. 26**, with a night of stargazing, stories, and planetary viewing. Visitors welcome to bring their own binoculars and telescopes. No reservations needed, but groups accepted on a first come, first served basis with a cap visitation at 100 people. Gates close at 8 p.m., no exceptions.
- Birding hike is 7:30 a.m. third Saturday of the month (**Oct. 21**).
- Constellation tour is 8-10 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (**Oct. 26**).

**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).

Winter hours: Visitor Center open 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. 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).

The “bat season” generally lasts through mid-October. Daily bat flight talks begin just before sunset at the amphitheater outside the natural entrance. Admission is free.

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

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