



Saguaro Rib

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Documenting Wildlife Movement at Saguaro National Park to Develop Conservation Strategies

Friends is funding a three-year study at Saguaro National Park to document wildlife movement and develop comprehensive, multi-faceted conservation strategies. The Park will use iNaturalist and



strategically placed wildlife cameras to document movement and barriers at key areas of the Park boundary and roads previously identified as important areas for wildlife movement. Our Next Generation Rangers will work with Park Resource



staff to expand the Park's capacity for wildlife studies by engaging the public with iNaturalist projects to collect additional wildlife photos and document the location within the study

area. These vital data sources will be combined and identify priority areas to remove or improve fences, modify culverts, redesign roadways to increase wildlife safety and identify additional lands along Park boundaries to be considered in future boundary expansion proposals.



Decades of research have demonstrated that many animals must be able to migrate to survive; as populations become isolated from other populations, local extinction often follows. This is a particular concern in the Tucson Mountains and Friends has funded collaborative efforts with other Park partners to reduce barriers to the west, such as removing old agricultural fences throughout the Avra Valley.

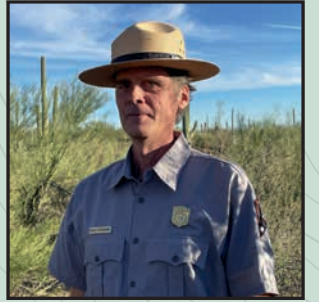


Friends has directed restricted funds from Wildlife Adoptions to support the Park's efforts to document wildlife movement and develop strategic, long-term conservation strategies. This important study and protection for wildlife in Saguaro National Park would not be possible without your generous support and participation. Thank you!



Park Report

Saguaro National Park is a special place, and I am thrilled to join the Park and community. I have worked at many national park sites over twenty-eight years focusing on biological and ecological field research, natural and cultural resource programs and managing national parks and protected areas. My career began at Lava Beds National Monument before working at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Death Valley National Park, Shenandoah National Park, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Mojave National Preserve, and the National Park Service Intermountain Regional Office. In my most recent position, I was the Park Manager at El Malpais and El Morro National Monuments.



Saguaro National Park welcomed 946,000 visitors in 2024. Those visitors spent \$73.3 million in southern Arizona that supported 736 jobs, \$37 million in labor income, \$66.6 million in value added and resulted in a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$103 million. Your generous support of Friends of Saguaro allows the Park to provide a first-class experience for every visitor.

Our partnership and collaborative work with Friends is unique and impactful. We are proud to be recognized as a national leader in program development and best practices for national parks and Friends groups. On behalf of the National Park Service and Saguaro National Park, we are grateful for your generous support of our official philanthropic partner Friends of Saguaro. They are transparent, accountable, and careful stewards of your gifts. Thank you for your commitment to help preserve, protect, and enhance the fragile environment and unique cultural heritage of the Sonoran Desert at Saguaro National Park.

- Kelly Fuhrmann, Park Manager

Executive Director Report



For the sixteenth consecutive year, Friends has been awarded with the prestigious "Top-Rated" award by Great Nonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations. Fewer than 1% of nonprofits nationwide can achieve the "Top-Rated" distinction. The top-rated environmental nonprofit award for 2025 was based on the large number of positive stakeholder reviews that Friends received. The reviews were written by donors, volunteers, advocates, park staff, and the public. I encourage you to read them at www.greatnonprofits.org, search for Friends of Saguaro, and submit your own review.

The ability of Friends to help the Park and further our mission depends on you – our donors, volunteers, and advocates – and we are grateful for your support. Without your efforts, the Park wouldn't exist as we know it today. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me directly at (520) 733-8610 or fosnp@friendsofsaguaro.org.

- Fred Stula, MPA

Collaboration with Crooked Tooth Brewing



Friends is thrilled to announce its collaboration with Crooked Tooth Brewing for a new limited release beer! Friends of Saguaro National Park Mesquite Amber is available now in draft and cans, with beautiful can artwork by Emma Rogers. The mesquite amber was chosen to honor and celebrate the uniqueness of our treasured national park. The beer is available at Hub Restaurant, Growlers Taphouse, Arizona Beer House, El Conquistador Resort, Food Conspiracy, Tap Savvy, Tap and Bottle North, AC Hotel Tucson, Corbett's and Tanque Verde Ranch. Thank you to Julie, Ben, David and everyone at Crooked Tooth Brewing for this impactful partnership to raise awareness and support of Saguaro National Park!



Support the Park with Saguaro and Wildlife Adoptions!

One of the ways you can help Friends support the Park is by “adopting” a saguaro, or one of a variety of animal species found in this ecosystem. You can make these adoptions yourself, or present them as gifts for family and friends. We’ll put the person’s name on an adoption certificate (that includes a picture of the saguaro, or animal species that’s being adopted), and send them a letter explaining why the protection of the species at Saguaro National Park is important for biodiversity.



All adoption proceeds are placed in restricted accounts whose revenues are used exclusively to support wildlife and habitat research at the Park. Utilizing our Adopt a Saguaro revenues, we’ve provided the Park with more than \$125,000 in the past several years to assist with the saguaro arm study, saguaro root project, saguaro relocation efforts, saguaro fruit harvest, and protect native habitat by removing invasive buffelgrass. Utilizing our wildlife adoption revenues, we’ve provided the Park with more than \$100,000 in recent years to support Gila monster research, desert tortoise monitoring, and mountain lion, bobcat, and black bear research, documentation, protection and conservation strategies.

Please visit our website to make an adoption



Friends Wins Wilderness Stewardship Award

The National Park Service has recognized Friends of Saguaro National Park as the 2024 External Wilderness Stewardship Partner of the Year! Friends received the award by providing donor funding to support wilderness stewardship and the preservation of wilderness character through direct project funding and matching funds. Wilderness stewardship work supported by Friends funding included wildlife and plant surveys, trail work, education and outreach, and youth internship programs. High-elevation surveys in the remote Rincon Mountains provided critical data on key species, including the threatened Mexican Spotted Owl, quaking aspen, and American black bear. As part of the Next Generation Ranger Corps Internship Program, interns conducted species monitoring, genetic sampling, and refined aspen protocols, ensuring data-driven conservation strategies aligned with wilderness stewardship goals. Additional efforts restored natural conditions and improved the undeveloped quality of wilderness character in the Saguaro Wilderness through the removal of obsolete barbed wire fencing in both park districts, reconnecting wildlife corridors and improving habitat for migratory species.



It's an honor to receive this recognition for our work to protect Saguaro National Park's congressionally designated wilderness. We would not be able to fund these initiatives without the generous support from our donors and leadership from our Board of Directors. Thank you for your commitment to Saguaro National Park!

27th Annual Dinner & Auction

The 27th Annual Dinner & Auction to benefit Saguaro National Park was a record-breaking success! We raised \$88,013 to support our mission to help protect wildlife and habitat, preserve cultural resources, promote environmental education, improve recreational trails, enhance visitor experiences and build environmental stewardship at Saguaro National Park. 210 friends attended as we recognized and celebrated the following individuals and organizations that helped fulfill our mission in the past year: Donors Dottie Davis, Virginia Van Der Veer, Leah McGinnis and Scott Stonum; Corporate Partners Tucson Electric Power and the National Park Foundation; Community Partners Western National Parks and Crooked Tooth Brewery; Volunteers Nils Julin, David Rabb and Bill Mannan. Attendees also enjoyed Friends of Saguaro National Park Mesquite Amber, the beer created through a collaboration with Crooked Tooth Brewery. Remarks were made by Graeme Hughes, Board President for Friends, Fred Stula, Executive Director for Friends, and Kelly Fuhrmann, Superintendent at Saguaro National Park. The Mariachi Rayos del Sol from Tucson High School and Rich Rodriguez performed, and Christine Sullivan served as the auctioneer. The 27th Annual Friends of Saguaro Dinner & Auction was our most successful event, thanks to the generous support and commitment from our Board Members, donors, volunteers, and corporate and community partners. A special thanks goes to our event sponsor Tucson Electric Power and gift donors.



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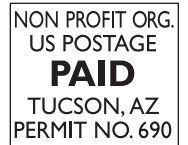
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