



2018

White Mountain Nature Center



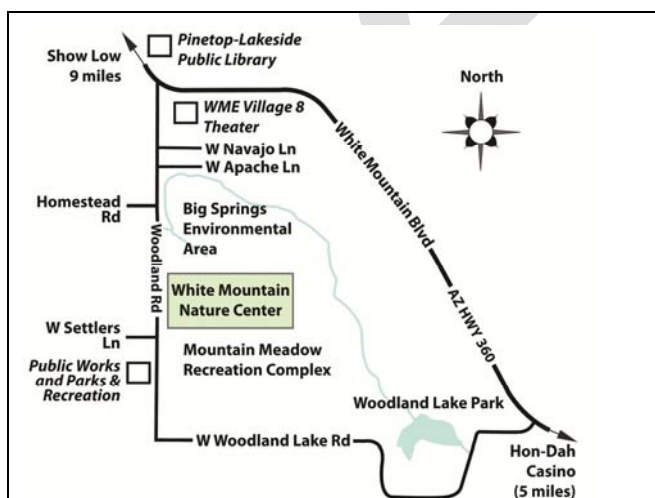
NATURE DISCOVERY PROGRAMS

The Nature Center, in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside and other partners offers hands-on, outdoor presentations, hikes and workshops. Programs provide family-oriented fun with a discovery focus on increasing awareness, understanding and responsible action towards nature. Most programs are free.

Visit www.wmnature.org or call (928) 358-3069 for more information.

- May 24-28** *12th Annual White Mountain Spring Carnival*
 (Times vary) Fun for the entire family with rides, games and food! Located at the Town's Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex off Woodland Road. Helps support the Nature Center.
- May 26** *Nature of Art / Art in Nature*
 10 AM Create your own art – carving, painting, sketching, crayoning, collaging with objects from nature, photographing – all with the help of local artists.
- June 2** *Walk for the Woods on National Trails Day*
 7:30 AM Fun hikes and bike ride to benefit the Nature Center and Woodland Lake Park. Food, music and prizes. Fun for the entire family while supporting area open spaces!
- June 9** *Treasures of the Forest*
 10 AM “Tales of the Tall Trees,” an all-ages program featuring our area forests. Hike at the Nature Center with experts who will describe *Firewise* principles and point out the secretly hiding GUARDIAN OF THE FOREST. A movie will be shown as an alternative to hiking.
- June 16** *A Good Can of Worms*
 10 AM Learn about gardening and composting skills focusing on kids in the dirt. There will be an optional trip to visit the Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District to see their Digester.
- June 23** *Feathers and Nests*
 10 AM Get your flock to the Nature Center to look at how birds fly and engineer their nests. Join in on an easy walk to check out our new Nest Box Trail.
- June 30** *Wonderful Wetlands*
 10 AM Discover the importance of wetlands to wildlife (and people), the impact of invasive species, and enjoy our annual search for water critters at the Big Springs pond. Be ready to get wet!
- July 7** *Patriotic Celebration of our National Bird*
 10 AM Eagles! AZ Game and Fish presentation plus dedication of our new Pavilion - a Boy Scout's Eagle Project plus Bar-B-Q lunch to follow with live music by Mountain Saddle Band. Tickets will help support *Walking Down Ranch* veterans' transitional housing program and the White Mountain Nature Center.

- July 14** *Around the World with Honey and Bees*
10 AM This groundbreaking adventure program launches with a thrilling, multimedia reading, *The Bee Tree* by author, entomologist, and intrepid world explorer Stephen Buchmann. Marvel from a safe distance as he describes traditional methods of collecting honey around the world. Honey tasting to follow.
- July 21** *STEM Saturday at the Nature Center*
10 AM Fun science, technology, engineering and math projects and activities for the ENTIRE family! Navapache STEM Connection will coordinate challenges.
- July 28** *Dig the White Mountains!*
10 AM **WARNING: DRESS FOR THE OPTION OF GETTING DIRTY!** The founders of the White Mountain Dinosaur Exploration Center present a hands-on, all ages program that explores the geology of the White Mountains. Help excavate local dinosaurs and fossils. Meet the “kid” who found a new dinosaur and hear him tell his story.
- August 4** *Beetlemania and Creepy Cool Creatures that Bite!*
10 AM When it comes to bites and stings, what you don’t know CAN hurt you. By popular demand, Lynn Browne-Wagner returns to thrill with expert advice about our area’s slithering, crawling, and flying creatures. Share your own stories!
- August 11** *Mighty Mammals in the White Mountains*
10 AM Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Deer and Elk abound in our forests and grasslands. Learn what makes them similar and different. Make your own plaster animal tracks.
- August 18** *Nature Bingo*
10 AM Follow your very own Nature Bingo card to “nature” stations featuring mini talks by local experts on our Nature Center Trail.
- September 1** *13th Annual Woodland Wildlife Festival*
10 AM Interactive booths and displays with lots of live wildlife, demonstrations, and exhibits. The Wildlife World Zoo will make presentations at 11 AM and 1 PM (nominal charge for the programs; festival FREE!). Artisans, arts & crafts opportunities.
- September 15** *13th Annual Nature Center Benefit Dinner–Hon-Dah Convention Center*
5 PM This event funds our diverse annual programs and operations. It’s a combination of great fun, merchandise, prizes, entertainment and food, all for a great cause!

**Address:**

425 S. Woodland Road, Pinetop-Lakeside, AZ

Directions:

From the intersection of White Mountain Blvd. (State Route 260) and Woodland Road, head south past WME Village 8 Theaters ≈1 mile.

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