



Historic Canoa Ranch Roundup



May 2024

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HOURS

Entry gate is open dawn to dusk,
7 days a week, for access to
Canoa Lake, the ciénega, pollinator
garden, and the Anza Trail.

Historic Compound and Buildings

Tuesdays – Saturdays

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Historic Canoa Ranch Welcomes Native Fish

As one of the conservation parks in the Pima County system, Historic Canoa Ranch is a haven for a variety of native flora and fauna. Already home to a thriving population of desert pupfish, on April 30 the lake received 111 roundtail (Gila) chub transplanted from the Cienega Creek drainage by fish specialists from the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The goal is to establish a population of the rare species to protect against its extinction if something should negatively affect the original population that occurs only in Cienega Creek.



May Programs and Events

Friday, May 3 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 4 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 6 • 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Friday, May 10 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 10 • 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 11 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 17 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 18 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25 • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Gardens of Canoa Ranch

Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

Birding Canoa Ranch

Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch

Anza Trail Hike at Historic Canoa Ranch

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Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch

Full Moon Wander at Canoa Ranch Lake

Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch



To register for programs visit our online registration partner [ActiveNet](#) to sign up.

Take a virtual tour of Historic Canoa Ranch anytime with this [link](#).

Visit the new Canoa Ranch [Interactive Information Guide](#).

April Flowers

If Ralph Waldo Emerson was correct that “the earth laughs in flowers,” then it must have been slapping its thighs and positively howling with mirth the past few weeks at the ranch. February’s abundant rainfall led to a spectacular array of species and colors all around the lake, ciénega, and the 30-acre restoration area east of the ranch.



▲ Desert pincushion



Tahoka daisy ►



◀ Desert chicory and lupines

▼ A growing bouquet of chia, California poppy, desert dandelion, and bladderpod



▼ Arizona phacelia





▲ Lady Banks blossoms at Canoa Ranch, April 2024

Plant Highlight—Lady Banks Rose

Cultivated in China for centuries, the Lady Banks rose is an evergreen climbing rose species that was introduced to London's Kew Royal Botanic Gardens in 1807. It is named for the wife of Sir Joseph Banks, President of the Royal Society and advisor to King George III on Kew affairs. The ancestral form was probably white, but no longer exists in the wild; the cultivated plant is widely distributed in gardens worldwide and is now available with white or yellow blooms.

What is currently recognized as the largest rosebush in the world is a Lady Banks rose in Tombstone, Arizona. It was planted by a homesick Scottish bride in 1885, from rooted cuttings sent to her by her family in Scotland. It now branches over approximately 8,000 square feet and has a trunk circumference of more than 13 feet!

Early illustration of white Lady Banks rose from *The Botanical Register* by Sydenham Edwards and others, 1819; from the Internet Archive. ►



◀ White and yellow Lady Banks roses intermingle on the lakeshore at Canoa Ranch



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Visit their website: gvc-foundation.org/friends-of-the-canoa-parks/

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