

Annual Events

BISBEE

RETURN OF THE TURKEY VULTURES (BISBEE)

March. Return of the Turkey Vultures is a time when the town can learn about the importance of the turkey vultures to ecosystems, celebrate spring and have fun spoofing on myths and behaviors of the birds. A parade with flying turkey vulture puppets, an educational lecture by the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory, and other special events take place. www.facebook.com/events/397584327274733

10TH COPPER CITY CLASSIC VINTAGE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT (BISBEE)

April. Warren Ballpark. Games are played all day. The Arizona Territories Vintage Baseball League and the Friends of Warren Ballpark host the tournament. Teams from the Arizona League and the Colorado All-stars, dressed in period uniforms, play by rules adopted from when Lincoln was President. Come cheer on or razz the local Bisbee Black Sox! www.friendsofwarrenballpark.com

BISBEE PRIDE (BISBEE)

June. Come celebrate the LGBTQ community and friends with a community parade, street fair, dancing, live music, and more. This event will take place all weekend in Old Bisbee. www.bisbeepride.com

CARS & BIKES SHOW (BISBEE)

August/September. The "Cars & Bikes on the Streets of Bisbee" is a benefit car show for the Boys and Girls club to help fund local activities for youth of the area. www.facebook.com/events/257939878081329

A TASTE OF BISBEE (BISBEE)

October. This fun fundraiser supports Rotary and their mission to help build and strengthen communities. Through lively art, delicious wine and beer and the best food around town, you will have a delightful evening while knowing you are helping worthy local organizations and events! www.ATasteofBisbee.org

BISBEE 1000 STAIR CLIMB (BISBEE)

October. The most unique physical fitness challenge (or friendly fitness walk) in the USA! The Bisbee 1000 is presented by the 501c3, Bisbee Vogue, Inc. The 4.5-mile course features nine staircases (over 1000 total steps) connected by winding roads. While enjoying the challenge, runners and walkers see some of the most scenic parts of Old Bisbee. The Great Stair Climb is arguably one of the most unusual and challenging events in the world. www.bisbee1000.org

MARIACHI FESTIVAL (BISBEE)

November. Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless is hosting the Annual Mariachi Festival. Come be a part of this fundraiser that celebrates culture, history and the arts! www.bisbeemariachifestival.com

DOUGLAS

DOUGLAS DAYS (DOUGLAS)

May. Come celebrate Douglas' past, present and future at Raul Castro Park. This family-friendly event commemorates the day Douglas was incorporated. Enjoy a springtime gathering of family fun, food and crafters. Remember to check out the mattress races! www.douglasaz.gov/468/Douglas-Days-2018

ANNUAL CONCERT WITHOUT BORDERS (DOUGLAS)

May. Musical groups will be performing together on both sides of the wall, as well as separate bands from both America and Mexico. Enjoy the music and art walk. www.facebook.com/events/176852246172858

COCHISE COUNTY FAIR (DOUGLAS)

September. The Cochise County Fair Association's annual event draws thousands of visitors from across the county and northern Mexico. It is an integral part of the region's rich history and culture. www.cochisecountyfair.org

SIERRA VISTA

PATTERSON OBSERVATORY PUBLIC NIGHT (SIERRA VISTA)

Recurring Event. The Patterson Observatory and Huachuca Astronomy Club has public viewings of the night sky. Weather permitting, you will be able to view the heavens with the 20-inch Patterson Telescope and other instruments. Among possible sights are craters of the crescent moon, gas giant planets Uranus and Neptune, double stars, various star clusters, nebula, planetary nebula and distant galaxies. www.hacastronomy.org

HUMMINGBIRD BANDING SESSIONS (SIERRA VISTA)

Recurring Event. Seasonal. San Pedro House, 9800 E. Hwy 90. Around ten species of hummingbirds use the San Pedro River as a freeway between their tropical winter retreats and northern nesting grounds. The Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory staff and volunteers capture, band, measure, and release these tiny travelers as part of long-term studies of the bird life of this internationally important migration route. Observe banding sessions for a fascinating and close-up look at the hummingbirds for a donation. www.sabo.org

SIERRA VISTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (SIERRA VISTA)

Recurring Event. The Fall 2016 Concert featured selections from Ludwig van Beethoven, Antonin Dvorak, and Max Bruch with soloist Mark Rush. The Winter 2017 Concert showcased an All-American theme with pieces by Aaron Copland, John Williams, Jerry Bock, John Phillip Sousa, and Leonard Bernstein. The Spring 2017 Concert included pieces by Gioachino Rossini, Georges Bizet, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. www.sierravistasymphony.org

HUMMINGBIRD HOEDOWN (SIERRA VISTA)

January. The Sierra Vista Thunder Mountain Twirlers Square Dance Club presents a Square and Round Dance Festival. Internationally known caller, Jerry Story, will be calling Mainstream and Plus levels at this two-day festival jam-packed with dancing fun. www.facebook.com/svtmt

SOUTHWEST WINGS SPRING FLING FESTIVAL (SIERRA VISTA)

May. The Southwest Wings Birding Festival is a nonprofit educational organization, chartered as a 501(c)(3) under IRS guidelines. The Southwest Wings mission is to promote nature-based tourism and environmental awareness in southeastern Arizona.

www.swwings.org

SOUTHWEST WINGS BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL (SIERRA VISTA)

August. Celebrate Cochise County's birds in Sierra Vista. The Festival is a nonprofit educational event. In addition to its paid field trips, the event offers free programs to the public beginning at noon on Wednesday, August 1st, and continuing through 3 pm on Saturday, August 4th. Between four and nine programs are presented each day.

www.swwings.org

OKTOBERFEST (SIERRA VISTA)

September. Sierra Vista's largest and best fall festival is coming. Enjoy two days of family fun and entertainment. Enjoy a variety of cuisine from various food vendors. Live entertainment will enthrall you at Der Biergarten. Make your plans now to come out and fill your weekend with great entertainment.

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SKY ISLAND BIKE TOUR (SIERRA VISTA)

October. The Annual Sky Island Tour 2018 bike ride launches from the Windemere Hotel. Riders may choose to either join the 5-mile, 20-mile, 40-mile, or metric-century (62-mile) ride. The metric-century ride loops through colorful Bisbee, AZ. The event benefits the National Alliance on Mental Illness Southeastern Arizona. Last year, the event was held the same weekend as Art in the Park. www.skyislandtour.com

ART IN THE PARK (SIERRA VISTA)

October. Veterans Memorial Park. One of the Southwest's largest and most popular outdoor arts and crafts fair, Art in the Park has varied selections of fine art, sculptures, jewelry, specialty food items, clothing and more. This favorite event often attracts more than 100 vendors each year. www.huachuca-art.com/aitp

VINEYARDS IN THE PARK (SIERRA VISTA)

October. Veterans Memorial Park. This festival coincides with the Huachuca Art Association's Art in the Park so you can find your favorite artists and wines in one place! Sample Arizona's best vintages while you relax in the park. Bottle and glass sales available at each vineyard booth. www.huachuca-art.com/aitp

CARS IN THE PARK (SIERRA VISTA)

October. Veterans Memorial Park. Take a step back in time at this favorite annual car show. Walk through an incredible display of cars while listening to oldies and variety music - Rain or Shine. There will be food and product vendors, gift basket raffle, door prizes and more. www.sierravistacarclub.org

WINTER MAGIC (SIERRA VISTA)

December 1st–January 2nd. Veterans Memorial Park. Discover holiday magic at the Tree Lighting, winter marketplace, ice skating rink, and display of hand-painted Old-World Santas—designed by local artists and depicting stories of Santa told throughout the world. www.visitsierravista.com

WILLCOX

WINGS OVER WILLCOX BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL (WILLCOX)

January – MLK weekend. Come out and hike in the Sky Islands, spotting birds—like the 10's of thousands of Sandhill Cranes—or just enjoying the outdoors. Wings Over Willcox proceeds are used to enhance wildlife viewing areas, such as the Cochise Birding Lake and the Apache Station Wildlife Viewing Area. www.wingsoverwillcox.com

WILLCOX WEST FEST AND CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF (WILLCOX)

April. A fun-filled day with real cowboys competing in real ranch work. This event includes ranch cutting horse and ranch bronc riding. Enjoy a real Ranch Rodeo in the Cattle Capitol of the World! www.cattlecapitol.com

WILLCOX WINE COUNTRY FESTIVAL (WILLCOX)

May & October. The events feature Arizona Farm Wineries from Willcox Wine Country or with ties to the region, top music acts from Phoenix and Tucson, a Street Bistro, over 45 local artists, crafts, and locally grown pistachios and pecans. They have been rated by Fodor's Travel as one of the top 10 wine festivals in North America! Willcox Wine Country Festival is a weekend-long celebration you won't want to miss. www.willcoxwinecountry.org/festivals

WILLCOX FLYER BIKE RIDE (WILLCOX)

September. The Annual Willcox Flyer Bike Ride will begin in Historic Railroad Ave Park. Riders choose between a 33-mile or 66-mile, out and back course to the Chiricahua National Monument. There is also an 8-mile course for families or those just starting out. www.rocamotion.com/willcox-flyer-bike-ride

REX ALLEN DAYS (WILLCOX)

October. This celebration has multiple days for a great time, from the annual parade, rodeo, and carnival to tractor pulls, concerts, car shows, and more. Lots of fun for the whole family! www.rexalldays.org

SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

TEXAS CANYON TRAIL RUN (DRAGOON)

April. Amerind Museum. The Amerind presents the Annual Texas Canyon Trail Run. Run or walk scenic 5K or 10K courses in awe-inspiring Texas Canyon. Proceeds enable the Amerind Foundation to continue fostering and promoting knowledge and understanding of the Native Peoples of the Americas. www.amerind.org

BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND DAYS RODEO (BENSON)

October. A weekend full of fun including live music and dancing. Start the day with vendors, arts, and food all at the rodeos on Saturday and Sunday that also include kid events. www.facebook.com/BensonButterfieldRodeo

THE LANTERN FESTIVAL (BENSON)

December. The Lantern Festival brings individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life together for an evening where night skies come to life with a spectacle of light. <https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Lantern-Festival-Benson-Arizona-100063632947159/>

WYATT EARP DAYS (TOMBSTONE)

May. See the "Old Wild West" come alive with a weekend honoring Tombstone's most notable and legendary lawman, Wyatt Earp. Events will take place on historic Allen St. and continue for three action-packed days.

www.tombstonechamber.com/event/wyatt-earp-days

ANNUAL "DOC" HOLI-DAYS (TOMBSTONE)

August. Event features the attendance of actors, like Val Kilmer and Dennis Quaid - who played the role of John "Doc" Holiday in the movie, Tombstone. www.theannualdocholidays.com

HELLDORADO DAYS (TOMBSTONE)

October. Rip roaring annual event since 1929. Plenty of street entertainment, including gunfight re-enactments. Plus, a family-oriented carnival and parade. www.tombstonehelldoradodays.com

LIGHTING OF THE COURTHOUSE LUMINARIES (TOMBSTONE)

December. The staff at the courthouse begin lighting luminaries at dusk. All luminaries and the Courthouse tree will be fully lit upon conclusion of the Tombstone Christmas Light Parade. www.tombstonecourthouse.com

VIGILANTE DAYS (TOMBSTONE)

February. Tombstone Vigilantes celebrate over 70 years of service to the community of Tombstone and Cochise County. There will be plenty of street entertainment all weekend long. www.tombstonevigilantes.com

ROSE TREE PARADE AND FESTIVAL (TOMBSTONE)

April. Tombstone celebrates the blooming of the world's largest rose tree. www.tombstonerosetree.com