

MOBILE TOURS

Wednesday, October 25

There's a lot to see and learn in this region of Arizona. Whether you go by foot, horse, or boat you will be able to gain a better understanding of the bridge between the Sonoran Desert and the local communities and culture!

Effluent (it is Water)!

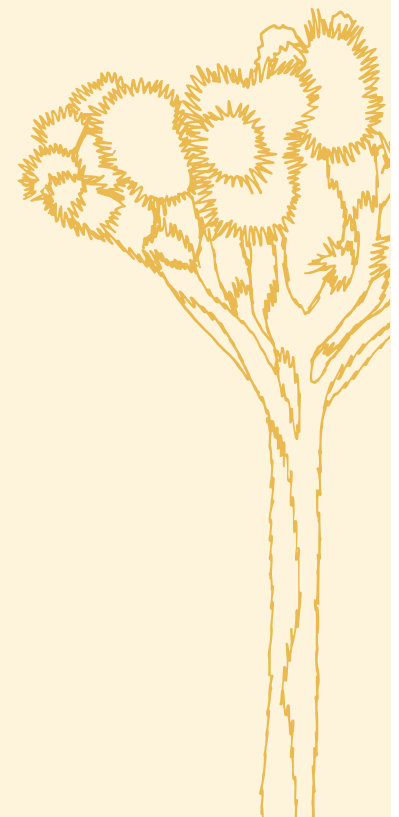
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Fountain Hills Sanitary District's Advanced Water Treatment Facility
16941 E. Pepperwood Circle, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
Meet at 2:45 p.m. and be back by 4:15 p.m.

Overview and Discussion with Ron Huber and Dana Trompke

Take a 15-minute ride from We-Ko-Pa Resort to tour the Fountain Hills Sanitary District's (FHSD) Advanced Water Treatment Facility. On the way, you will pass the town's signature fountain and surrounding park. FHSD's Advanced Water Treatment Facility is a critical component of the reclaimed water treatment and management system which makes the fountain and lake possible. The FHSD is a unique entity in that it is a special governmental taxing district, not a municipal entity, which collects and treats the wastewater, controls the effluent, and manages the reclaimed water system for the community of Fountain Hills. You will meet with Ron Huber (recently retired) who for 30 years as the District Manager of the FHSD oversaw the planning, design, and growth of the wastewater, effluent, and recharge system - since before the town was incorporated.

Dana Trompke, current District Manager, together with Ron will provide an overview of the effluent and recharge system then open up for discussion and questions about planning such systems and the pitfalls one may incur.



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Thursday, October 26

Hike to the Dixie Mine

6:15 – 9:00 a.m.

E. Desert Tortoise Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
Meet at 6:15 a.m. and be back by 9:00 a.m.

Guided Hiking Tour

Take a 20-minute ride from We-Ko-Pa Resort to the drop off location near the trail head of Dixie Mine. Dixie Mine Trail is a four-mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Fountain Hills, featuring beautiful vegetation, various rock types, nearby petroglyphs, and occasional encounters with wildlife. From this trail, you will be able to see the Verde River Valley and Four Peaks in the distance. On this hiking trail, you will also have the opportunity to see a couple of the old mines that were established in 1877 for quartz mining. When you arrive to the drop off area, you will walk through the local community about half a mile before you reach the trailhead, following the signs and feathers on the sidewalk. The trail is rated easy/moderate and will take about two hours to complete.



Saguaro Lake Tour on the Desert Belle

2:15 – 4:45 p.m.

14011 N. Bush Highway, Mesa, AZ 85215
Meet at 2:15 p.m. and be back by 4:45 p.m.

Narrated Lake Cruise on the Desert Belle

Take a 20-minute ride from We-Ko-Pa Resort to Saguaro Lake. Once you arrive, you will have priority to board the Desert Belle, originally launched in 1964, and enjoy a 90-minute narrated cruise describing the history, geography, geology, and wildlife of the Sonoran Desert. You will see many magnificent things along your journey; geological formations and the towering canyon walls, exotic Arizona wildlife and dramatic desert vistas. Some of the wildlife you may be able to spot include bald eagles, bobcats, and big horn sheep. While on your cruise, you will be able to enjoy a refreshment of a drink or popcorn (included in your ticket price).



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Friday, October 27

Cattle Round-Up

8:45 – 11:15 a.m.

The Stables at
Fort McDowell Adventures
14803 N. Hiawatha Hood Road,
Fort McDowell, AZ 85264
Meet at 8:45 a.m.
and be back by 11:15 a.m.

Cattle Drive/Horseback Trail Ride

Following a 10-minute ride from We-Ko-Pa Resort, you will Move 'em on, head 'em up, Head 'em up, move 'em out... That's right, you and your friends will keep them doggies rollin' through the Sonoran Desert on a two-hour cattle drive with real cowboys! Participate as much as you'd like...you can just ride your horse at the back of the pack and enjoy the scenery, or if you're more of a "Type A" personality, you can ride up with the cowboys and keep those cows on the straight and narrow! The Stables at Fort McDowell Adventures has been operating for more than 20 years by Mr. Troy Haviland and his family. This experience will be one you will tell stories forever about the time you crossed the Verde River like the cowboys of old! Set on 25,000 acres of spectacular open desert, there's serious western spirit whistling through the sagebrush at Fort McDowell Adventures. While you're high in the saddle, you're apt to see eagles, roadrunners, coyotes, mustangs, huge cacti, and other wild things that call the Sonoran Desert home.

**Minimum 10-person requirement for the cattle drive. If the minimum requirement is not met, the tour will change to a trail ride or a refund will be issued.*

