

Participants will learn to identify several invasive species, their phenology and characteristics, and how to remove these invasive plants effectively.

The goal is to remove invasive plants as a proactive step towards ecological restoration and to reduce wildfire risk. To learn more about the Desert Defender Program, visit https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/about-us/desert-defenders/.

Please bring work gloves, water, and a snack. Wear a long-sleeved shirt, pants, and closed-toed shoes.

Participants must be 13 years or older to participate in these events. If you are 13-17, you will need to be accompanied by an adult, or you will need to be accompanied by a waiver and transportation provided by an adult.

Note: If less than three people register for each event, we reserve the right to cancel at least one day before. If canceled, email notifications will go to the registrants.



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DESERT DEFENDER

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL EVENTS REGISTRATION REQUIRED

APRIL DATES:

Cave Creek Regional Park
April 5 and 25
7:00 am - 10:30 am
https://signup.com/go/jxRiXPz
Meet at the Nature Center.

Estrella Mountain Regional Park
April 3, 5, 12, 18 and 19
7:00 am - 10:30 am
https://signup.com/go/vnzmTKN
Meet at the Nature Center.

McDowell Mountain Regional Park April 5 7:00 am - 10:30 am

https://signup.com/go/QeDycUa Meet at the Nature Center.

San Tan Mountain Regional Park
April 12, 19 and 26
7:00 am - 10:30 am
https://signup.com/go/ZhrPVVP
Meet at the Nature Center.

Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area

April 19
7:00 am - 10:30 am
https://signup.com/go/hGQxNfv
Meet at the Main Parking Lot.

Usery Mountain Regional Park

April 4, 12 and 25 7:00 am – 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/LQbEAqg Meet at the Nature Center.

White Tank Mountain Regional Park

April 4, 11, 17, 18 and 25 7:00 am - 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/cMjByXq Meet at the Area 4 Parking Lot.