

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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INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL EVENTS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MARCH DATES:

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

March 8, 14 and 21 7:00 am – 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/vnzmTKN Meet at the Nature Center.

MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

March 7
7:00 am - 10:30 am
https://signup.com/go/QeDycUa
Meet at the Nature Center.

SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

March 14 and 29 7:00 am - 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/ZhrPVVP Meet at the Nature Center.

SPUR CROSS RANCH CONSERVATION AREA

March 29 7:00 am - 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/hGQxNfv Meet at the Main Parking Lot.

USERY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

March 1 and 13 7:00 am - 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/LQbEAqg Meet at the Nature Center.

WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

March 15, 20, 27 and 29 7:00 am - 10:30 am https://signup.com/go/cMjByXq