

Arizona State Parks and Trails

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ORACLE STATE PARK Calendar of Events:

ONGOING:

Self-guided tours of the historic Kannally Ranch House: Visit the park office/gift-shop and take a self-guided tour through the multi-level Kannally family home. The Mediterranean-Revival Style ranch house built 1929-1933, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Guided Tour of the historic Kannally Ranch House begins at 11am every Saturday and Sunday, for the drop-in public. 45-minute duration. Alternate times and days may be added by reservation, (520) 896-2425.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 25: Kannally Ranch House and Mt. Lemmon Entrance gate will be closed Christmas Day. Hikers can access all park trails from the American Avenue parking lot/trailhead.

Saturday, January 1, 2018: First Day Guided Hike: Meet at the Kannally Ranch House at **11am** for a guided hike along the Arizona National Scenic Trail through the park. Call the park for details, (520) 896-2425.

Sunday, January 14: The Sting of the Wild, program begins at **11am** in the living room of the Kannally Ranch House, for one hour. Speaker and author, Justin O. Schmidt, PhD, is a biologist at Southwestern Biological Institute and is affiliated with the Department of Entomology at the University of Arizona. The colorful Dr. Schmidt takes us on a journey inside the lives of stinging insects. He explains why and how they attack, and how to enjoy 'insecting' like 'birding'. He also rates each sting based on personal experience. Copies of his book, The Sting of the Wild, will be available for sale and signing (\$25/copy; no credit card). The book includes (published for the first time) the complete Schmidt Sting Pain Index ranking each of the eighty-three stings he's sampled so far. The talk is free with park admission; please call for a reservation (520) 896-2425. Thanks to **Friends of Oracle State Park** for sponsoring the program.

Saturday, January 27: Second Annual Oracle Rumble, a Trail Run Event coordinated by the Arizona Trail Association. Routes are mostly single track through Oracle State Park and remote sections of the AZT, and include a 50-mile, 50K, half-marathon and 12K. New this year, there is a two-person relay for the 50-mile race. Register at aztrail.org. The historic Kannally Ranch House will remain accessible for the public all day.