



Bureau of Land Management – Arizona

Riverbend Area Birdwatching Hike

The Agua Fria National Monument (AFNM) is hosting a pre-Super bowl bird walk on January 31, 2015. Paul Sitzmann, Biologist for the AFNM, and Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument volunteer Tim Flood will lead up to 15 participants for the event. The group will be viewing an area on the AFNM where restoration activities have been undertaken to improve the Agua Fria River, an area on which many bird species depend. The walk is a 1.5 mile hike in the sandy and muddy river bottom. The biggest challenge will be jumping across ankle-deep water. Vegetation grows thick so wear appropriate attire. A long sleeve shirt, pants, a hat, sunscreen, and binoculars are recommended. Most importantly, bring plenty of water.

We will meet January 31st at 9:00 a.m. in Cordes Junction, AZ at the Shell Travel Center/Subway (I-17, exit 262) before driving four miles to the AFNM's Riverbend area. The distance from downtown Phoenix is approximately 60 miles. Some travel on a well maintained dirt road is necessary. The tour will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

Participants must RSVP to Agua Fria National Monument Manager Amanda James by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29 (623)-580-5568 or ajames@blm.gov. Happy trails and we hope to see you out there!