



Sloan Canyon October Newsletter

“October had tremendous possibility. The summer's oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden leaves promised a world full of beautiful adventures.”— Sarah Guillory

One way you can think about all of October’s possibilities is by providing feedback on the Sloan Canyon NCA Supplemental Rules Environmental Assessment. It is out for 60-day public comment period so please offer your feedback at [EplanningUi \(blm.gov\)](http://EplanningUi.blm.gov).

Education Tip: The early bird gets the worm, but have you ever wondered why the birds are early and where they found the worms? Join us on **Thursday, October 17 at 10:30am** at the West Henderson Library to learn about the birds of Sloan Canyon. Registration is required.

Fun Fact: Did you know there are 1,100 species of tarantulas in the world? Two of those species can be found right here at Sloan Canyon. Fall is tarantula mating season meaning that the male tarantulas are out and about looking for females.



A tarantula on a rock.

Most of the year we never see these large, hairy spiders because they live underground. This fall consider yourself lucky if you see one of these interesting creatures slowly making its way around the trails.

Friendly Reminder: At Sloan Canyon, we often see groups meeting up at our various trailheads to enjoy a day out on the trails. If the group size is over 12 individuals a permit may be required. If you are considering bringing a large group to hike at Sloan Canyon, please contact Sloan Staff before your hike at 725-233-6339 to determine if a permit is necessary.

Etiquette Principle: With summer finally coming to an end, the busy season for hiking begins. Throughout the fall, winter, and spring tens of thousands of hikers will hike through Petroglyph Canyon to visit one of Southern Nevada’s most sacred cultural heritage sites. While hiking through Petroglyph Canyon, it is very important that guests stay on the approved trail. Hiking off trail and out of the wash can cause irreversible damage to irreplaceable cultural sites, and climbing up the canyon walls can cause loose rocks to fall on unsuspecting hikers or causing permanent damage to petroglyph panels. Help us protect Petroglyph Canyon by staying on the trails.



SLOAN CANYON NCA PRESENTS

BIRDS OF SLOAN CANYON
BY LOU WAGNER

October 17
10:30am

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A TALK ON THE BIRDS OBSERVED IN SLOAN CANYON OVER THE PAST FOUR AND A HALF YEARS

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A gravelly wash, surrounded by steep canyon walls lead visitors to Petroglyph Canyon.