



January 2019

REFUGE UPDATE

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Calendar

Anniversary Celebration

Friday December 28

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sevilleta NWR turns 45 years old on December 28, 2018. Come help us celebrate! Please join us for cake, cookies, hot drinks and a guided hike!

Annual Members Meeting

Saturday, January 12

12:30 am – 4:00 pm

The meeting will include a report from the Amigos Board, and another on the refuge by the staff. Hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold drinks will be provided. At 2:00 Justin Stevenson will speak about bats and their importance in our ecology. We hope to see all our members from this past year and all those joining and renewing for 2019, (renew at the meeting). More information in the Amigos Board News section on pg. 2.

Full Moon Hike

Sunday, January 20

4:30 pm- 8:00 pm

Join Amigos de la Sevilleta Volunteer Naturalists on this guided hike! Enjoy a hike while taking in the beauty of Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge under the full moon. Approximately a 4 mile moderate to strenuous hike over uneven surfaces and in arroyos and up hills. No reservations required, meet at the Visitor Center.

Silver Creek

Friday, January 25

8:45 am – 3:00 pm

Join us for this opportunity to explore Sevilleta NWR's Silver Creek area and learn some fascinating facts about this unique landscape. Grab your camera, binoculars, and lunch. Tour will be a mix of vehicle and hiking. Hiking will be moderate, over uneven surfaces and in arroyos and approximately 4 miles. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 505 864 4021

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Manager's Update

Kathy Granillo, Refuge Manager

Sevilleta NWR turns 45 years old on December 28, 2018. Come help us celebrate! We will have an Open House at the Visitor Center on the 28th from 10 am - 2 pm with cake, cookies and hot drinks. Might be a great day for a hike!

The refuge has several projects in the works for the coming year. Up first is tree planting! We will be planting 3,000 more young trees in our riparian area in February. Keep an eye out for a call to help plant trees as we will most likely have a day where Amigos members can come help. If you haven't done it before, while it is hard work, we have a lot of fun and everyone can work at their own pace. You can also see the project area and learn more about riparian restoration.

We are developing new kiosks for the wetland area, and hope to have those installed by next fall. We are grateful for the funds raised by the Amigos to help pay for these kiosks. They will provide for better visitor experiences.

If you are interested in birds, come participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count on February 23. We will count birds around the refuge Visitor Center and surrounding trails from 8-noon. All birding skill levels welcome.

And, of course, I hope to see you at the Amigos Annual Member Meeting on January 12!

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Amigos Board News
Ann Adams, Board President

Hola Amigos!

Feliz Navidad! Happy holidays! Hard to believe we're approaching the end of 2018!! This is that time of year when we settle in to think of all the things we've experienced throughout the year; all the things we've accomplished; all the new friends we've made at the refuge; all the things we're thankful for... The Board is certainly thankful for all of you who support the refuge, who volunteer, who show up whenever we ask for support. In 2018, the Amigos have provided labor and funds covering a variety of events throughout the year, continuing the volunteer naturalist program, contributing to refuge chores like mending fence and building trails. Thanks to you, we've run a successful capital campaign that will provide new trail kiosks. We will close out this year with support for an anniversary open house: Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge is 45 years old on December 28th! Come celebrate!

But we never rest on our laurels...2019 will kick off with our annual membership meeting on January 12th. We hope to see all our members from this past year and all those joining and renewing for 2019. The meeting will include a report from your Board, another on the refuge, and confirmation of current Board members and election of several new Board members. We have a speaker who will talk about bats and their importance in our ecology...he'll even bring a few for us to meet!

That's just the beginning! In 2019, your Board will be working to expand our membership, add to the numerous hikes and lectures available on the refuge, and continue the great volunteering that enables Sevilleta staff to do all they do to keep our refuge running. We will be calling on you to continue participating in all these things. Bring your friends, gift memberships, volunteer! We need you!

So, enjoy your families and friends throughout this holiday season. Take some time to drop in at Sevilleta and hike a trail or check out the winter landscape. See you soon!!

Best,
Ann

HOW YOU CAN HELP SEVILLETA

The Amigos de la Sevilleta provide valuable support to this unique refuge. There are several ways that you can help. Consider increasing your membership contribution to the next level or higher.

Give an Amigos membership to a friend or family member.

Make an annual or semi-annual donation.

Include the Amigos de Sevilleta in your will.

Donate appreciated property or stock.

If you are 70½ or older you can donate a part of your required minimum IRA distribution and avoid paying taxes on it.

Your broker can handle all the paperwork for you. You will need the Amigos' tax ID number (06-1819138) and the mailing address (Amigos de la Sevilleta, Box 1248, Socorro, NM 87801.)

Since the Amigos are a 501c(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible. Your generosity will ensure that Sevilleta continues its mission to provide for the wildlife in this spectacular refuge.

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West side tour

Friday, February 1

8:45 am – 4:00 pm

Join Refuge staff and naturalist on the exploration of Sevilleta NWR's Cerritos de las minas area. Grab your hiking boots, hat, binoculars and lunch for this journey. Hike will be approximately 4 miles over uneven surfaces, in arroyos and up hills. Seating is limited, reservations are required. Call 505 864 4021

Guided Horseback Ride

Saturday February 16

9:00 am-3.00 pm

Join us for a guided horseback exploration of Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge! Enjoy the mountainous views of the Los Pinos from your saddle! Load up your horse, saddle, water and lunch! Dress for the weather. Space is limited so make your reservations now!

Directions to meeting location will be provided in a confirmation phone call a few days before the event. Call 505 864 4021

Amigos Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

5:30 am – 7:00 am

All members are encouraged to attend, pot luck at 5:30, meeting to follow. Bring a dish to share, visitor center conference room

Saturday, February 23

Great Backyard Bird Count

8 am – noon

Meet at the Visitor Center We will be counting birds from 8 am to about 9:30 am at the Visitor Center, and then take a hike on one of the trails and be back at the Visitor Center by noon. Come join us for part or all of the morning. No reservation required

Petroglyphs and Pueblos!

Saturday, March 2

8:45 am – 4:00 pm

Join Refuge staff and Naturalist in this hike back in time and take in some fascinating views! Learn some fascinating facts about the people who once inhabited the area and what they left behind. Hiking will be arduous and over uneven surfaces, in arroyos and up hills. Space is limited, reservations required Call 505 864 4021

Full Moon Hike

Tuesday, March 19,

Join Amigos de la Sevilleta Volunteer Naturalists on this spring guided hike! Enjoy a hike while taking in the beauty of Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge under the full moon. Approximately a 4 mile moderate to strenuous hike over uneven surfaces and in arroyos and up hills. No reservations required, meet at the Visitor Center.

Native Fish in the Classroom

On Thursday, Dec 6 Sevilleta Visitor Services Manager and New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office Biologist Angela James set up 20 gallon aquariums for students in Ms. Keller's 1st grade from Cottonwood Valley Charter and Mrs. Romero's 3rd grade class from Midway Elementary School as part of the Native Fish in the Classroom program!

Special thanks to the Amigos de la Sevilleta for the funding of the tanks!



San Lorenzo Canyon Tour

Dave Love, geology naturalist for Sevilleta, led over 20 people on a hike through San Lorenzo Canyon this week. San Lorenzo is a gorgeous, geology-rich spot co-managed by Sevilleta NWR and the BLM. The group learned lots about the Rio Grande rift, faults, unconformities, the Socorro magma field, volcanism, erosion, and the San Lorenzo transition ramp. A great day. Thanks, Dave.



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