



Connecting with the Land:

Community, Science, and Partnership in the Sonoita and Patagonia Region

Saturday, October 28, 2023 | 9am - 5pm

Register [HERE](https://tinyurl.com/CWPCconnect) (<https://tinyurl.com/CWPCconnect>)

A wide network of regional partners are co-hosting an exciting day of exploration in the Cienega and Sonoita Creek Watersheds. The program will highlight community science initiatives at multiple locations throughout the watersheds. You are invited to learn and share your experience with local and regional partners, stakeholders, and community members in a day of exploration. (note: additional information will be shared with registrants)

7:00-9:00am [Birding Tour led by Tucson Audubon \(pre-event\)](#)

Join us for an optional birding tour led by Tucson Audubon at the Empire Gulch location.

9:00am–10:45am [Las Cienegas National Conservation Area](#)

The day will start at the LCNCA's Airstrip Group Campsite ([map](#)). Listen and discuss with experts about the grasslands of the watershed, mining, and rangeland preservation.

11:30am–12:30pm [Borderlands Wildlife Preserve](#)

Learn about restoration, wildlife conservation, and recreation opportunities in the area.

1:00–3:00pm [The Nature Conservancy's Sonoita Creek Preserve](#)

Enjoy lunch & participate in a Q and A with restoration, trails, and citizen participation leaders across the region. We will also honor this year's Cienega Watershed Partnership Wall of Honor recipients. Lunch will conclude by celebrating the legacy, work, and accomplishments of Dr. Thomas Meixner in the watershed.

3:00–5:00 pm [Patagonia area](#)

Explore the area with Borderlands Restoration Network, BRN's plant nursery, explore local trails such as the Casa Blanca trailhead and Borderlands Wildlife Preserve Trail, or stay at the beautiful site to relax and enjoy festivities at the end of the day.

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