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Check online calendar at parkhere.org for most current calendar information and updates.

Due to extreme weather conditions and other unforeseen situations, some scheduled programs may be cancelled or changed. For those with reservations, individuals will be contacted. For non-reservation programs, it is recommended to check the parks website calendar for changes or updates, or call the number listed with questions or concerns.

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), Santa Clara County Parks (County Parks) will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities. County Parks will make reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. If you have questions or need assistance with accessibility in County Parks, contact our ADA Coordinator, at ADAcoordinator@prk.sccgov.org or call (408) 355-2200. Contact us at least 72 hours before the scheduled program or event, so we have time to assess your request and assist you.

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Reservations required. See program description for appropriate phone number.



Online reservation available.
Go to parkhere.org



Easy Hike: Flat to gently rolling pathways and trails. Leisurely pace.



Moderate Hike: Steeper or more frequent uphill grades. Leisurely to moderate pace.



Strenuous Hike: Steep hills or long distances. Moderate to vigorous pace.



Bring a lunch, snack, or dinner as appropriate.



Appropriate for children accompanied by an adult.



All or mostly wheelchair accessible.



Easy Ride: Bring a bike in good working condition. Helmets required.



Moderate Ride: Bring a bike in good working condition. Helmets required.



Strenuous Ride: Bring a bike in good working condition. Helmets required.



Well-behaved dogs allowed. Must be controlled on a 6' max. leash.



Bring own equipment; call for information and restrictions.



\$6 vehicle fee to enter park.



Photography program.



Feature movie shown as part of program. Check **parkhere.org** for movie titles.



Astronomy program.



What's New

What's happening in your Santa Clara County Parks

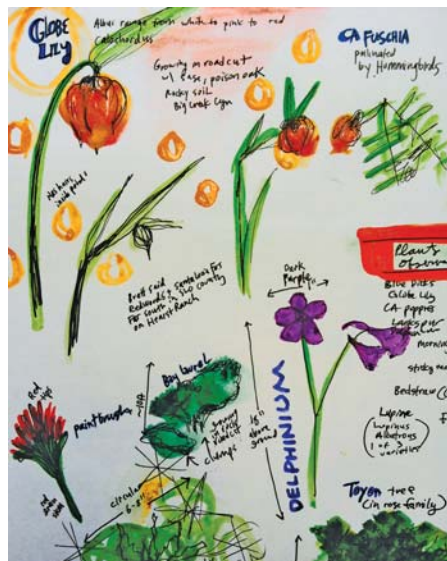
A photograph of two people hiking in a grassy field. On the left, a person with long dark hair, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and a tan cap, is looking down at something in their hands. They have a red backpack. On the right, another person wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, orange pants, and a tan hat is walking away from the camera. They also have a red backpack and are holding a long stick or pole. The background is a dense forest of green trees under a bright sky.

Neighborhood Naturalists

Evening courses will include twilight hikes, nature investigations, brief lectures, and nature journaling. To complete the Neighborhood Naturalist certificate program, participants will be asked to create a community service project to enhance nature awareness/protection in their own neighborhoods.



The program will be offered in fall and spring and led by park staff and master naturalists. For more information, visit parkhere.org or email interp@prk.sccgov.org.





Experience Santa Clara County Parks in a whole new way...

become a volunteer and make a difference!

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department offers a broad range of volunteer opportunities from one-time projects and events to ongoing, lasting commitments. Go to parkhere.org and click on the "Volunteer" tab or call the volunteer program office at (408) 918-4930 or email volunteer@prk.sccgov.org to find out more.

Why you should volunteer

- Play an important role in protecting and enhancing parklands
- Make a lasting difference
- Enjoy a unique experience
- Slow down and really enjoy our parklands
- Gain experience and training

Upcoming volunteer opportunities

• Visitor Center Host (ongoing)

Be the friendly face of the park and assist visitors with directions and information. Must be 18 or older.

• Interpretive Docent (ongoing)

Help share the natural and cultural history of County Parks by volunteering as a school program docent. Docents lead field trip activities indoors and outdoors and should be available 1-2 weekday mornings throughout the school year. Must be 18 or older.

• Special Events (one-time)

Sept 21 • California Coastal Cleanup
(Various Parks)

Oct 5 • Martial Cottle Fall Festival
(Martial Cottle)

Oct 13 • Day on the Bay
(Alviso Marina)

Dec 7 & 8 • Fantasy of Lights
Walk-Thru (Vasona)

Dec 10 thru Jan 4 • Fantasy of Lights
Drive-Thru (Vasona)

• Volunteer Training Opportunities

Nov. 2 • Trail Watch Academy
(Required for Trail Watch)

Nov. 2 • Visitor Center Host Training
(Required for Hosts/Docents)

**Don't take it from us...
take it from our volunteers!**

"I have been a volunteer for the County Parks since the 1990's, mostly taking pictures, teaching photography classes, leading hikes, and working with park support groups. I do it because I love being outdoors and enjoying nature in our beautiful parks. I try to capture that experience and share it with the world. I work to improve the parks to enhance that experience."

Many of the photographs you see in Santa Clara County Parks publications are courtesy of Ron Horii.



Ron Horii - Lead Volunteer & Photographer

What's Up?

What's happening in your Santa Clara County Parks



Park interpreters offer a variety of standards-aligned field trip programs for grades K-6. New for this year, field trips are **FREE** to all classes. In addition to field trips we also offer educational materials for loan to teachers and community leaders.

Education Programs

Connect your class with nature and history in our local County Parks.

Check the parks website at parkhere.org. Submit a request for a field trip or educational kit rental on our website at **ParkHere.org** and click on the **EDUCATION** tab, or for more information email education@prk.sccgov.org.



Junior Rangers

Youth ages 9 to 11

are invited to take part in this **FREE** afterschool program and explore wildlife, habitats and history with park rangers and interpreters.

For registration information go to parkhere.org or email interp@prk.sccgov.org





Fall Festival

Come celebrate our valley's rich agricultural history!

Saturday, Oct 5, 10am to 3pm

Free Admission! (\$6 Parking*)

- Local Arts, Crafts & Foods
- Meet Farm Animals Up-close
- Urban Forest Demonstration
- Vintage Auto & Farm Equipment
- Master Gardener Workshops
- Master Gardener Market
- Pumpkin Patch
- Fresh Organic Produce
- Kids Activities & Crafts
- Bark Rangers for Dogs
- Live Music & more!
- Info: visit ParkHere.org



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***Parking is limited, please bike or take public transit**

5283 Snell Avenue, San Jose • For volunteer opportunities visit <http://bit.ly/mpcfestival>



The Salt Marsh Safari is a FREE on-the-water educational experience at Alviso Marina.

A ninety-minute boat tour through Alviso Slough offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes while getting up close with the salt marshes and salt ponds of South San Francisco Bay. Discover the region's natural history, shifting shorelines, and how wetlands protect the community from the effects of a changing climate. Must be 8 years or older. Public and school tours are available August–October 2019, then again March–October 2020. To make a reservation for individuals, families or groups, book online at www.santaclaracountyparks.eventbrite.com. For school fieldtrip information and reservations, go to **parkhere.org** and click on the **Education** tab. For more information call **(408) 918-7779**.



Day on the Bay

Multicultural Festival

Alviso Marina County Park • 1195 Hope Street, Alviso

Sunday • October 13 • 10:00am to 3:00pm

Supervisor Dave Cortese and the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department are teaming up once again for the 10th annual Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival.

This fun-filled festival along the South Bay shores of Alviso features a health resource fair and festive celebration of our diverse cultures. FREE activities include pumpkins for kids, music, entertainment, kayak rides, food, and the Cortese Zucchini Car Derby.

Also, for the 3rd year in a row, we will host 'Bike to the Bay,' an 8.5-mile community bike ride along the Guadalupe River Trail from downtown to **Day on the Bay!**

For information on the 2019 **Day on the Bay** festival or for vendor, sponsor, entertainment, volunteer opportunities, or to sign up for the bike ride, please call **(408) 299-5030** or go to **sccgov.org/dayonthebay**.



Rancho San Vicente • Calero
Saturday • November 9 • 12pm-4pm

Join Santa Clara County Parks and Peninsula Open Space Trust for a family-friendly celebration of raptors and the unique habitat for birds of prey at Rancho San Vicente. The event will feature live raptors, guided bird walks, arts and crafts, and educational activities for all ages. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Learn more at ParkHere.org or openspacetrust.org.

21st Annual

Online tickets available in November.

Fantasy of Lights

For Walk-thru or Drive-thru tickets or more information visit — parkhere.org

Vasona Lake County Park
 333 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos



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 Like

September



Tuesday, September 3



Tour the Mansion Hike the Hills • Villa Montalvo • 10:00am-1:00pm

Take a guided tour of the historic villa and a hike on park trails to a breathtaking view as you learn about Senator Phelan and local history. Villa tour \$20 per person.



Reservations (408) 961-5858 or online at montalvoarts.org

Saturday, September 7



Raptor 101 • Santa Teresa • 9:00am-11:00am

Learn how to identify birds of prey just in time for raptor migration season! Meet at the Bernal Ranch.

Reservations (408) 226-5453



Bike Safety for Young Riders • Joseph D. Grant • 9:30am-10:30am

This is to teach young bike riders (ages 8-12) about basic bike safety on trails and roads. Helmets are provided for free. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their children. Meet at the Stockman's parking lot.



Reservations (408) 274-6121



What's in a Ranger's Truck? • Ed R. Levin • 11:00am-12:00pm

Have you ever wanted to see the inside of a Park Ranger's truck? This is your chance to interact with a variety of equipment used for search and rescue, firefighting and lifesaving duties. Meet at the Elm Parking lot.



Questions? (408) 262-6980



The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:00pm-2:00pm

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Meet at the visitor center to see the Cottle family items, then take a short walk to learn about the rich family history.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



Cattle in Calero • Calero • 2:00pm-3:00pm

Learn about cattle and how they are benefiting our County Park system.

Discuss tips on how to share the trails and stay safe on your trail adventures.

Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot.

Questions? (408) 535-4070



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:00pm-10:00pm

Watch a FREE feature-length movie on a giant blow-up screen under the stars.



Come early to learn information about the park and talk to a Ranger.

Meet on the big lawn and bring a chair or blanket. No dogs please.

Questions? (408) 225-0225



Sunday, September 8



Bike Safety for Young Riders • Joseph D. Grant • 9:30am-10:30am

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Reservations (408) 274-6121



A Dog's Life on the Farm • Martial Cottle • 6:30pm-8:00pm

Bring your fur baby to the farm for a leisurely walk around the Cottle Ranch. We will tell tales of dogs from the past and learn about their jobs on the farm. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

Friday, September 13



Moonlight Paddle at Calero • Calero • 6:45pm-9:15pm

Discover the natural and cultural history of the area on a paddle tour of the reservoir. Experienced paddlers only. No instruction or equipment is provided. Meet at the boat launch parking lot.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2240



Full Harvest Moonrise Hike • Joseph D. Grant • 8:30pm-10:00pm

Celebrate the Harvest Moon with a night hike. Join us for this spectacular event where we'll hike to watch the sunset, the moonrise and then continue to explore the park in the dark! Meet at the Stockman's parking lot.

Reservations (408) 274-6121

Saturday, September 14



Story Time with a Park Ranger

Coyote Creek Parkway/Anderson Lake • 10:00am-11:30am

Explore nature through short stories, adventures and activities with a Park Ranger. All ages welcome. Wear clothing for an easy hike and craft project. Meet at the Visitor Center at the end of Malaguerra Ave.

Questions? (408) 918-7980



When Nature Bites Back • Hellyer • 10:00am-12:00pm

The wild world of parks has numerous wonders to explore, but in the event of an accident are you prepared? Come discover nature and recreation while being trained in hands-only CPR and basic first aid by Park Rangers. All practice equipment is provided. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2240



Saturday, September 14, continued



The Revolving Door • Martial Cottle • 6:00pm-7:00pm

Enjoy an evening sunset walk at Martial Cottle Park as we explore how vital wildlife corridors are to the health and survival of wildlife. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4062



Dog Nights of Summer • Mt. Madonna • 7:00pm-9:00pm

Meet at the Park Office for a sunset dog walk. Hike around Inspiration Point trails and meadow as you learn about leash laws, basic first aid, trail etiquette, dog behavior and the history of Mount Madonna.

Reservations (408) 842-2341



Full Moon Hike • Santa Teresa • 7:00pm-9:00pm

Come join a park ranger on a moderate hike to see the moon rise.

Learn about the local animals in the park and how to use your senses in the dark.

Meet at the Pueblo Day Use parking lot.

Questions? (408) 225-0225



Friday, September 20



Story Time with a Park Ranger • Mt. Madonna • 10:00am-11:00am

Explore nature through reading a book and a fun activity with a Park Ranger.

Meet at the Park Office. All ages welcome. Wear clothing for an easy

hike and craft project.

Questions? (408) 842-2341



Saturday, September 21



The Impact of Fire • Santa Teresa • 9:00am-11:00am

Hike with park staff through the site of 2018's Curie Fire while exploring our community's relationship with wildfire in the 21st-century. Young adults encouraged to attend! Minimum age 12. Two-mile hike. Bring water.

Meet at Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch.

Questions? (408) 918-7779



Hike the Magnificent Seven! Coyote Creek Parkway

Coyote Creek Parkway/Anderson Lake • 10:00am-1:00pm

Complete the #PixInParks challenge with a guided hike on one of our magnificent trails. This month's hike is the Coyote Creek Trail; Find your destination and enjoy spectacular views. Meet at the Visitor Center at the end of Malaguerra Ave. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**



Saturday, September 21, continued



Park Partners Open House-Martial Cottle Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

Explore the gardens, attend a workshop or tour the Master Gardeners Parcel. Learn from youth 4-H members about their livestock animals. Purchase and learn to plant native drought-tolerant trees at the Our City Forest Parcel.
Questions? (408) 535-4060



The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:00pm-2:00pm

Explore our agricultural history at Santa Clara County's newest park. Meet at the visitor center to see the Cottle family items, then take a short walk to learn about the rich family history. Meet at the Visitor Center.
Questions? (408) 535-4060



Join The Pack Dog Hike

Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch • 6:00pm-9:00pm

Set out on an evening exploration of some of the trails and views that Coyote Lake Park has to offer. Bring a snack. Meet at the Boat Launch parking lot.
Questions? (408) 842-7800

Sunday, September 22



Bats - Superheroes of the Night • Calero • 6:00pm-7:30pm

Join a park interpreter for this family friendly program that investigates the mysteries and myths of bats. Activities will include a short walk in search of these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.
Reservations (408) 918-7738

Wednesday, September 25



Take a Ride With a Ranger • Calero • 9:00am-11:00am

Learn bike handling skills, bike safety, and trail etiquette, all while you learn about the wildlife at Calero Park. Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot with your mountain bike and helmet.
Questions? (408) 268-3883



Sunday, September 29



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.

Questions? (408) 918-7770



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Learn bike handling skills, bike safety, and trail etiquette, all while you learn about the wildlife at Calero Park. Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot with your mountain bike and helmet.

Questions? (408) 268-3883

The Magnificent 7 Challenge Are you ready?



#PixInParks

**Seven Magnificent Adventures
THE CHALLENGE ENDS 12/1!**

With 28 regional parks encompassing 52,000 acres, Santa Clara County Parks is full of hidden hiking gems. We've hand-picked seven magnificent hiking adventures, all nearby, to get you outside and experience new terrain and spectacular vistas.

To entice you to hike the magnificent seven, a commemorative T-shirt or Bandana awaits those who complete the #PixInParks challenge!

The 2019 Challenge ends December 1st, so get on those trails and earn your bandana or shirt!
Check Parkhere.org for a new challenge with 7 new trails launching in January 2020!

October

Tuesday, October 1



Tour the Mansion Hike the Hills • Villa Montalvo • 10:00am-1:00pm

Take a guided tour of the historic villa and a hike on park trails to a breathtaking view as you learn about Senator Phelan and local history. Villa tour \$20 per person.

Reservations (408) 961-5858 or online at montalvoarts.org



Saturday, October 5



Martial Cottle Fall Festival • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-3:00pm

Come celebrate the legacy and significance of your valley's rich agricultural heritage at this fun day on the farm! Family friendly activities, food and organic produce for sale, music and much more. Volunteers needed, check parkhere.org for details.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



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Cattle in Calero • Calero • 2:00pm-3:00pm

Learn about cattle and how they are benefiting our County Park system. Discuss tips on how to share the trails and stay safe on your trail adventures. Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot. **Questions? (408) 535-4070**

Saturday, October 12



Junior Rifle Program • Field Sports • 8:30am-11:30am

Youth ages 10-20 learn firearm safety and basic marksmanship skills under the supervision of qualified trainers from the San Jose Zouaves Rifle Club. All equipment is provided. Parent or guardian consent forms required. No reservations needed unless bringing groups of 10 or more. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and closed toed shoes. **For more information email sjzouaves@gmail.com**



Raptor 101 • Santa Teresa • 9:00am-11:00am

Learn how to identify birds of prey just in time for raptor migration season! Meet at the Bernal Ranch. **Reservations (408) 226-5453**



Hike the Magnificent Seven! Coyote Lake Harvey Bear

Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch • 10:00am-12:00pm

Complete the #PixInParks challenge with a guided hike on one of our magnificent trails. This month's hike is the Mendoza to Rancho La Polka Trail; Find your destination and enjoy spectacular views. Meet at the Mendoza Ranch entrance.

Questions? (408) 355-2240



Saturday, October 12, continued



Story Time with a Park Ranger

Coyote Creek Parkway/Anderson Lake • 10:00am-11:30am

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Questions? (408) 918-7980

Sunday, October 13



Day on the Bay • Alviso Marina • 10:00am-3:00pm

For more information see page 6.



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Reservations (408) 918-7738

Saturday, October 19



Park Partners Open House • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

Explore the gardens, attend a workshop or tour the Master Gardeners Parcel. Learn from youth 4-H members about their livestock animals. Purchase and learn to plant native drought-tolerant trees at the Our City Forest Parcel.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



La Fuente • Santa Teresa • 12:00pm-4:00pm

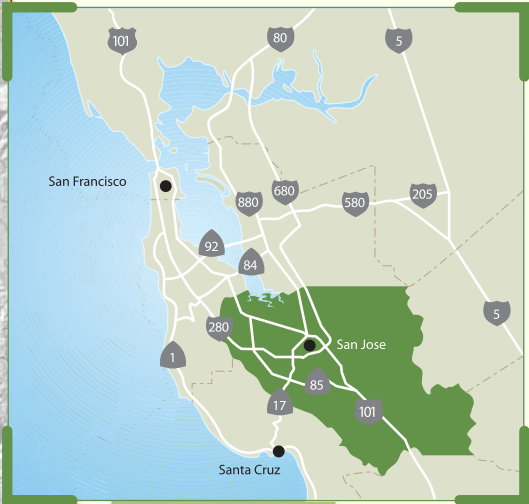
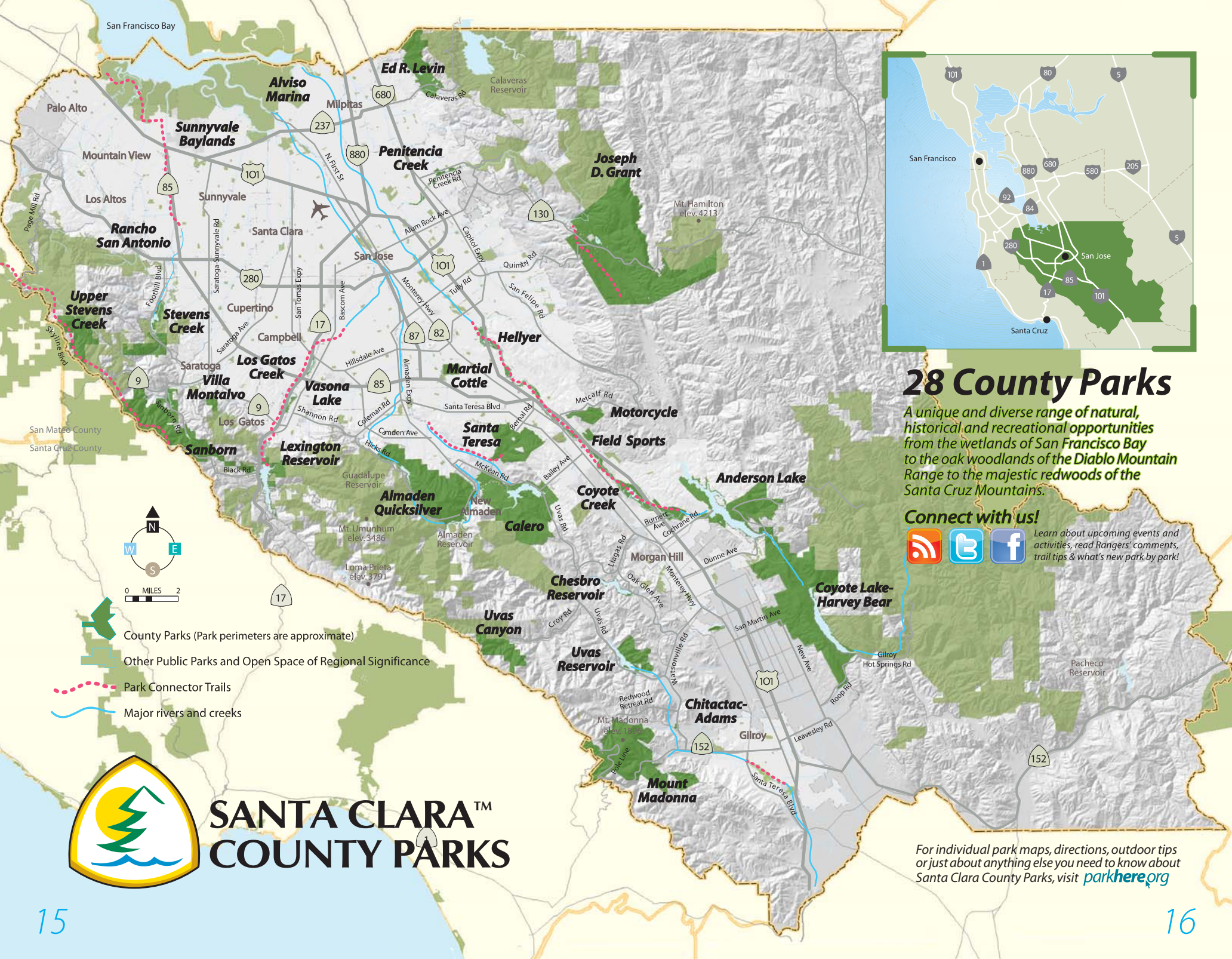
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28 County Parks

A unique and diverse range of natural, historical and recreational opportunities from the wetlands of San Francisco Bay to the oak woodlands of the Diablo Mountain Range to the majestic redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Connect with us!



Learn about upcoming events and activities, read Rangers' comments, trail tips & what's new park by park!

For individual park maps, directions, outdoor tips or just about anything else you need to know about Santa Clara County Parks, visit parkhere.org



Saturday, October 26



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.



Questions? (408) 918-7770



Wildlife Detective • Calero • 10:00am-11:00am

Have you ever wanted to be a Wildlife Detective? Come join a Park Ranger at Calero County Park and learn about clues that animals leave behind.

Meet at the Calero Park Office parking lot. **Questions? (408) 535-4070**

Sunday, October 27



Whoppers and Ghostly Tales of New Almaden

Almaden Quicksilver • 5:00pm-7:00pm

Curious about the ghosts of New Almaden? Enjoy an evening of ghostly stories as told by an interpretive docent as we tour the historic 1854 Casa Grande.

Meet at the Casa Grande front entrance.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2240



La Fuente

Saturday, October 19 • 12pm to 4pm

Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch

Celebrate the diverse families that have lived at Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch from the past, present, and future. This FREE family event is open to all ages and includes cultural performances, local community presentations, and kid friendly activities.

Questions? (408) 226-5453

November

Saturday, November 2



Raptor 101 • Santa Teresa • 9:00am-11:00am

Learn how to identify birds of prey just in time for raptor migration season! Meet at the Bernal Ranch. **Reservations (408) 226-5453**



Paint in the Park – A Watercolor Plein Air Experience Martial Cottle • 12:30pm-2:30pm

Have you ever wanted to learn how to paint outdoor scenes in watercolor? Please join us in this pastoral setting at Martial Cottle. We will provide all the painting supplies—bring a chair! Registration is limited. Meet at the Visitor Center. **Reservations online or (408) 355-2240**



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Saturday, November 9



Junior Rifle Program • Field Sports • 8:30am-11:30am

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Raptor Fest • Calero • 12:00pm-4:00pm

Join Santa Clara County Parks and Peninsula Open Space Trust for a family-friendly celebration of raptors and the unique habitat for birds of prey at Rancho San Vicente. For reservations and more information see page 7.





Sunday, November 10



Intro to Outdoor Photography • Santa Teresa • 10:00am-1:00pm

Join a Docent for a FREE outdoor photography workshop. Learn how to choose and use a camera, and how to compose and take better outdoor photographs. Workshop begins with an indoor slideshow, followed by demonstrations and a walk around the historic site. Meet at the Bernal Ranch with a camera.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2201

Sunday, November 16



Park Partners Open House • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

Explore the gardens, attend a workshop or tour the Master Gardeners Parcel. Learn from youth 4-H members about their livestock animals. Purchase and learn to plant native drought-tolerant trees at the Our City Forest Parcel.

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Questions? (408) 535-4060

Saturday, November 23



Salamander Hike in the Night • Mt. Madonna • 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join a Park Ranger and Natural Resource Coordinator to discover the amazing amphibian night life at Mt. Madonna County Park. Meet at the Blackhawk Trailhead.

Reservations (408) 482-8783

Sunday, November 24



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.

Questions? (408) 918-7770

December



Saturday, December 7



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Questions? (408) 535-4060



December 2019

Fantasy of Lights Walk-Thru • Vasona

See page 7 for more information.
Questions? (408) 355-2255

December 2019



Fantasy of Lights Drive-Thru • Vasona

See page 7 for more information.
Questions? (408) 355-2255

Saturday, December 14



Junior Rifle Program • Field Sports • 8:30am-11:30am

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For more information email sjzouaves@gmail.com





Sunday, December 15



Victorian Holiday Living History • Almaden Quicksilver • 11:00am-3:00pm

Learn about the Victorian era at Casa Grande while participating in activities from the 1880s with costumed staff and docents. There will be demonstrations, crafts, and guided tours of the museum. Fun for the whole family.

Questions? (408) 918-7770

Saturday, December 21



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Saturday, December 28



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.

Questions? (408) 918-7770

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Saturday, January 4



The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:00pm-2:00pm

Explore our agricultural history at Santa Clara County's newest park. Meet at the visitor center to see the Cottle family items, then take a short walk to learn about the rich family history. Meet at the Visitor Center.
Questions? (408) 535-4060

Friday, January 10



Lunar New Year Night Hike • Santa Teresa • 6:00pm-7:30pm

Celebrate the opening of the Lunar New Year with good wishes and a short 1/4-mile moon light night hike to reflect on the closing of the year. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Meet at the Bernal Ranch.
Reservations (408) 226-5453

Saturday, January 11



Junior Rifle Program • Field Sports • 8:30am-11:30am

Youth ages 10-20 learn firearm safety and basic marksmanship skills under the supervision of qualified trainers from the San Jose Zouaves Rifle Club. All equipment is provided. Parent or guardian consent forms required. No reservations needed unless bringing groups of 10 or more. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and closed toed shoes.
For more information email sjzouaves@gmail.com



Family Lunar New Year Night Hike • Santa Teresa • 5:00pm-6:00pm

Children and their families are invited to celebrate the Lunar New Year with paper lantern making and a short 1/4-mile moon light night hike. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Meet at Bernal Ranch.
Reservations (408) 226-5453





Saturday, January 18



Park Partners Open House • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

Explore the gardens, attend a workshop or tour the Master Gardeners Parcel. Learn from youth 4-H members about their livestock animals. Purchase and learn to plant native drought-tolerant trees at the Our City Forest Parcel.
Questions? (408) 535-4060



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Mysteries of the Cosmos • Calero • 6:00pm-7:30pm

Explore the mysteries of the cosmos from a County Park at night! Discover night phenomena with your family and friends in group activities designed to ignite your curiosity. Ages 9-14 and up. Rain cancels.
Reservations required (408) 918-7779

Sunday, January 26



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.
Questions? (408) 918-7770



Take a walk outside

February



Saturday, February 1



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Questions? (408) 535-4060

Sunday, February 2



South Bay Fishing in the City • Ed R. Levin • 8:00am-12:00pm

This is a free learn-to-fish event for children ages 5-15 with expert instruction and all necessary equipment. On-site registration from 8-10am for first 150 children; parental supervision required. Meet at Sandy Wool Lake.
Questions? (408) 355-2240

Friday, February 7



Cattle in Calero • Calero • 2:00pm-3:00pm

Learn about cattle and how they are benefiting our County Park system. Discuss tips on how to share the trails and stay safe on your trail adventures. Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot.
Questions? (408) 535-4070

Saturday, February 8



Junior Rifle Program • Field Sports • 8:30am-11:30am

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Saturday, February 8, continued



Victorian Valentine Living History Day Almaden Quicksilver • 11:00am-3:00pm

Learn about the Victorian Era at Casa Grande while participating in activities from the 1880s with costumed staff and docents. There will be demonstrations, crafts, and guided tours of the museum. Fun for the whole family.

Questions? (408) 918-7770

Saturday, February 15



Park Partners Open House • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

Explore the gardens, attend a workshop or tour the Master Gardeners Parcel.



Learn from youth 4-H members about their livestock animals. Purchase and learn to plant native drought-tolerant trees at the Our City Forest Parcel.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:00pm-2:00pm

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Meet at the visitor center to see the Cottle family items, then take a short walk to learn about the rich family history. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

Saturday, February 29



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.



Questions? (408) 918-7770



Mysteries of the Cosmos • Ed R. Levin • 7:00pm-8:30pm

Explore the mysteries of the cosmos from a County Park at night!



Discover night phenomena with your family and friends in group activities designed to ignite your curiosity. Ages 9-14 and up. Rain cancels.

Reservations required (408) 918-7779

March

Friday, March 6



Cattle in Calero • Calero • 2:00pm-3:00pm

Learn about cattle and how they are benefiting our County Park system. Discuss tips on how to share the trails and stay safe on your trail adventures. Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot.

Questions? (408) 535-4070



Saturday, March 7



The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:00pm-2:00pm

Explore our agricultural history at Santa Clara County's newest park. Meet at the visitor center to see the Cottle family items, then take a short walk to learn about the rich family history. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



Wonder Women • Santa Teresa • 2:00pm-3:30pm

Get inspired by the heroines of Bernal Ranch for International Women's Day! Meet at the Bernal Ranch.

Reservations (408) 226-5453



The Revolving Door • Martial Cottle • 6:00pm-7:00pm

Enjoy an evening sunset walk at Martial Cottle Park as we explore how vital wildlife corridors are to the health and survival of wildlife. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4062



Saturday, March 14



Junior Rifle Program • Field Sports • 8:30am-11:30am

Youth ages 10-20 learn firearm safety and basic marksmanship skills under the supervision of qualified trainers from the San Jose Zouaves Rifle Club. All equipment is provided. Parent or guardian consent forms required. No reservations needed unless bringing groups of 10 or more. Wear long pants, long sleeve shirts and closed toed shoes.

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Wildlife Detective • Calero • 10:00am-11:00am

Have you ever wanted to be a Wildlife Detective? Come join a Park Ranger at Calero County Park and learn about clues that animals leave behind. Meet at the Calero Park Office parking lot.

Questions? (408) 535-4070



Sunday, March 15



South Bay Fishing in the City • Ed R. Levin • 8:00am-12:00pm

This is a free learn-to-fish event for children ages 5-15 with expert instruction and all necessary equipment. On-site registration from 8-10am for first 150 children; parental supervision required. Meet at Sandy Wool Lake.



Questions? (408) 355-2240

Saturday, March 21



Park Partners Open House-Martial Cottle • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00am

Explore the gardens, attend a workshop or tour the Master Gardeners Parcel. Learn from youth 4-H members about their livestock animals. Purchase and learn to plant native drought-tolerant trees at the Our City Forest Parcel.



Questions? (408) 535-4060



The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:00pm-2:00pm

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Questions? (408) 535-4060

Saturday, March 28



Mysteries of the Cosmos • Joseph D. Grant • 8:30pm-10:00pm

Explore the mysteries of the cosmos from a County Park at night! Discover night phenomena with your family and friends in group activities designed to ignite your curiosity. Ages 9-14 and up. Rain cancels.



Reservations required (408) 918-7779

Sunday, March 29



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.



Questions? (408) 918-7770

Spring Preview

Events are subject to change. Check the website calendar at parkhere.org for current program information & updates.

Saturday, April 4



Wildflower Scavenger Hunt • Almaden Quicksilver • 12:00pm-3:00pm

Join the New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association on a wildflower scavenger hunt through various stations along the Wood Road Trail. Meet in the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Road. **Reservations online or (408) 355-2240**

Sunday, April 5



South Bay Fishing in the City • Ed R. Levin • 8:00am-12:00pm

This is a free learn-to-fish event for children ages 5-15 with expert instruction and all necessary equipment. On-site registration from 8-10am for first 150 children; parental supervision required. Meet at Sandy Wool Lake.

Questions? (408) 355-2240

Saturday, April 18 and April 25



Wildflower Hike and Scavenger Hunt • Joseph D. Grant • 12:00pm-1:00pm

Join a Park Ranger on a wildflower scavenger hunt and a hike through the woods. Meet at the Halley Hall Observatory Area. **Reservations (408) 274-6121**

Saturday, April 18



Mysteries of the Cosmos • Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch • 8:30pm-10:00pm

Explore the mysteries of the cosmos from a County Park at night! Discover night phenomena with your family and friends in group activities designed to ignite your curiosity. Ages 9-14 and up. Rain cancels. **Reservations required (408) 918-7779**

Saturday, April 25



Quicksilver History Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9:00am-12:00pm

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4 mile hike. Meet at the Wood Road entrance parking lot.

Questions? (408) 918-7770

Sunday, April 26



Mad Hatter's Tea Party Living History Day

Almaden Quicksilver • 11:00am-3:00pm

Learn about the Victorian Era at Casa Grande while participating in activities from the 1880s with costumed staff and docents. There will be demonstrations, crafts, and guided tours of the museum. Fun for the whole family.

Questions? (408) 918-7770

Historic Sites

Step back in time and explore Santa Clara County's rich cultural history at one of these educational sites!

Casa Grande and the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

Casa Grande, located within Santa Clara County's only National Landmark Historic District, preserves the history of California's first and richest mine, and provides a glimpse of life in this historic community over 150 years ago. Museum exhibits illustrate how and why cinnabar, the ore of mercury, was mined at New Almaden. Discover how cinnabar and mercury were used by people, how mining technology changed over time, and how this site contributed to the success of the California Gold Rush.

NEW WINTER HOURS:

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 10am-4pm.

Tours offered daily at 1pm.

Museum is closed Monday-Thursday.

\$2 per person suggested donation.

(408) 918-7770

Martial Cottle

The County's first agricultural park evokes Santa Clara County's rich farming history as the "Valley of the Heart's Delight." Amenities include a paved multi-use perimeter trail, picnic areas, grassy fields, visitor center, and a Discovery Farm play area.

(408) 535-4060



*For information about guided tours and school programs at these historic sites, go to **parkhere.org** and click on the **EDUCATION** tab.*



Santa Teresa's Historic Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch

A visit to the Ranch immerses you in the realities of living and working on a family farm in the late 1800s-early 1900s. Explore exhibits and the restored ranch house and barns to discover how families lived and worked long ago. Take a walk along the interpretive trail to the famous Santa Teresa Spring and learn how the ranch lands changed over time.

House and barn exhibits are open to walk-in visitors Fridays and Saturdays from 11am-5pm. The park is open for self-guided exploration from 8am-sunset daily.

(408) 226-5453



Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park

Explore the life and ways of Santa Clara County's indigenous people at this cultural history park. View authentic petroglyphs and artifacts from thousands of years ago. Take a walk back into prehistory as you explore the interpretive trail and learn how nature sustained an Indian village along Uvas Creek for centuries.

The site's exhibits and interpretive trail are open daily from 8am to sunset.



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Check the calendar for special events and family programs at these sites.

School fieldtrip programs are aligned with content standards for California public schools.

Dogs (except service dogs) are not allowed.



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Almaden Quicksilver

21785 Almaden Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

**Casa Grande/New Almaden
Quicksilver Mining Museum**

21350 Almaden Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

Alviso Marina

1195 Hope St.
Alviso, CA 95002

Anderson Lake (Park Office)

19245 Malaguerra Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Anderson Lake

18390 Cochrane Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch

372 Manila Dr.
San Jose, CA 95119

Calero

23205 McKean Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

Chitactac-Adams

10001 Watsonville Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020

Chesbro Reservoir

17655 Oak Glen Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch

10840 Coyote Lake Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020

Ed Levin

3100 Calaveras Rd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Field Sports Park

9580 Malech Road
San Jose, CA 95013

Hellyer

985 Hellyer Ave.
San Jose, CA 95111

Joseph D. Grant

18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd.
San Jose, CA 95140

Lexington Reservoir

17770 Alma Bridge Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Los Gatos Creek

1250 Dell Ave.
Campbell, CA 95008

Martial Cottle

5283 Snell Ave.
San Jose, CA 95136

Motorcycle

300 Metcalf Rd.
San Jose, CA 95138

Mt. Madonna

7850 Pole Line Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076

Penitencia Creek

Jackson Ave. & Mabury Rd.
San Jose, CA 95132

Rancho San Antonio

22500 Cristo Rey Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014

Santa Teresa

260 Bernal Rd.
San Jose, CA 95119

Sanborn

16055 Sanborn Rd.
Saratoga, CA 95070

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298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032
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Stevens Creek

11401 Stevens Canyon Rd.
Cupertino, CA 95014

Uvas Canyon

8515 Croy Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Uvas Reservoir

4200 Uvas Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Vasona

333 Blossom Hill Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Villa Montalvo

15400 Montalvo Rd.
Saratoga, CA 95070

