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What's happening in your
Santa Clara County Parks

What's New



Join us
on a

Salt Marsh Safari!

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

The ninety-minute boat tour through Alviso Slough offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes while getting up close and personal with the salt marshes and salt ponds of South San Francisco Bay. Discover the region's natural history, shifting shorelines, and how wetlands protect your community from the effects of a changing climate. Participants must be at least 8 years old. Public and school tours are available August-October 2018, then again March-October 2019.

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.



COYOTE LAKE

Come see the newly remodeled Coyote Lake Visitor Center!

Habitat dioramas are filled with local plants, trees, and taxidermy wildlife including a mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, and lots of local birds. Terrariums and aquariums feature live snakes and fish. A crawl-through burrow provides a glimpse into the lives of our underground wild neighbors. Interactive exhibits offer fun and educational opportunities for all ages and abilities. For hours and questions, call (408) 842-7800.



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

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 please contact our ADA Coordinator, at ADAcoordinator@prk.sccgov.org or call (408) 355-2200. Please contact us at least 72 hours before the scheduled program or event so we have time to assess your request and assist you.

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.

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Key to symbols



Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Bay Area
For information about HPHP partners and events, go to www.HPHPBayArea.org.



Reservations required. See program description for appropriate phone number.



Online reservation available.
Go to parkhere.org and see events calendar.



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 canoe/kayak, life jackets and 2 glow sticks per person; call for information and restrictions.



\$6 vehicle fee to enter park.



Photography program.
Bring a camera/not cell phone.



Feature movie shown as part of program. Check parkhere.org for movie dates, locations and titles.



Astronomy program.

Become a Volunteer and play an important role in protecting and enhancing your parklands.

Volunteer



Having a vision of the future is just the start: BE the CHANGE, SEE the CHANGE, volunteer with your County Parks!

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

Don't take it from us, take it from our volunteers...

"When I do Trail Watch patrol, I enjoy the solitude of nature while assisting visitors and helping Rangers keep the park in top condition. Volunteering as a Visitor Center Host is an invigorating experience for anyone who is interested in helping others develop a deeper appreciation for the wildlife that surrounds us. As a volunteer, I have the privilege of making visitors feel welcome at our County Parks and interacting with them as they explore nature and feed their natural curiosity that begins as a toddler and lasts through adulthood. I am truly grateful to be able to make a difference."

Sigrid Wehner
Trail Watch Volunteer and Visitor Center Host

Upcoming volunteer opportunities

- **Visitor Center Host** (ongoing)
Be the friendly face of the park and assist visitors with directions and information. Positions available at: Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum, Anderson, Calero, Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear (*new*), Hellyer, Martial Cottle, Sanborn, Vasona (*new*), and the Bernal Ranch.
- **Interpretive Docent** (ongoing)
Help us share the natural and cultural history of our 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. Positions available at: Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum, Chitactac-Adams, Martial Cottle Park, and the Bernal Ranch.
- **Special Volunteer Events & Trainings**
 - September 6 & 7**
Interpretive Docent/Visitor Center Host Training (Casa Grande)
 - September 8** - CPR/First Aid Training for Volunteers (Casa Grande)
 - September 15** - CA Coastal Cleanup Day (Various Parks)
 - October 6** - Martial Cottle Harvest Festival (Martial Cottle Park)
 - October 7**
Day on the Bay (Alviso)



What's happening in your
Santa Clara County Parks

What's up?



County Parks offer a variety of educational programs for schools and community groups. Explore nature with park staff or take a guided tour back in time at one of our historic sites (see page 29 & 30).

Field Trip Programs

Some educational materials are available for loan to teachers and community leaders. Check the parks website at parkhere.org. Click on the **EDUCATION** tab for more information or email education@prk.sccgov.org.

The Magnificent 7 Challenge Are you ready?



#PixInParks
Seven Magnificent Adventures
THE CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!

With 28 regional parks encompassing 52,000 acres, Santa Clara County Parks is full of hidden hiking gems. Make a change by getting out of your routine and try a new trail (or seven).

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

The **2018 PixInParks** challenge ends on December 1st, so get moving on those trails and earn your shirt! Check **Parkhere.org** for a new challenge with 7 new trails launching in January 2019.



Fourth Annual Harvest Festival



**Come celebrate
our valley's rich
agriculture history!**
Saturday, Oct. 6
10am to 3pm

- Local Arts, Crafts & Foods
- Meet Farm Animals Up-close
- Urban Forest Demonstration
- Vintage Auto & Farm Equipment
- Jacobs Farm Tours & Wagon Rides
- Master Gardener Market & Workshops
- Kids Activities & Crafts
- Fresh Organic Produce
- Pumpkin Patch
- Solar Viewing
- Live Music & more!

Free Admission!
(\$6 Parking)
Bike or take public transit



**SANTA CLARA
COUNTY PARKS**



5283 Snell Avenue, San Jose

Visit Parkhere.org for more info
or volunteer opportunities



COUNTY SUPERVISOR
Mike Wasserman
DISTRICT 3





Day on the Bay

Multicultural Festival

Alviso Marina County Park

1195 Hope Street, Alviso

Sunday • October 7 • 10:00am to 3:00pm

Supervisor Dave Cortese and the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department are teaming up once again for the 8th 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 2nd 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 2018 **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**.



La Fuente

Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch

Saturday • October 27 • 12pm to 4pm

Bernal Ranch is "La Fuente" or "The Origin" for family histories, local economy, and a growing new community. Join us to celebrate the different histories of "Santa Teresa Spring," the original water source of thriving communities from the past to present day. **Questions? (408) 226-5453**



Living History Days

Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

Dec. 8 • 12pm-3pm & Feb. 10 • 12pm-3pm

21350 Almaden Road, San Jose

Come visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden mine managers, all decorated for the holidays. Costumed docents will guide you through the historic home. Children can participate in holiday craft activities.

**Online tickets
available in November.**

*20th
Annual*

Fantasy of Lights

Walk-thru

December 1 & 2, 4pm-9pm

Drive-thru

December 4-24, 26-30 6pm-10pm

**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



SEPTEMBER 1, 2, 3, 8, 15, 21, 29

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

Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the park's history, farming practices, and partners. Explore a surprise topic rotated each week.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks

Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

New to hiking? Join us for an easy, one-mile stroll along the Marina's salt ponds and trails with a bilingual (Spanish-English) guide. Enjoy the local weather and bay-side wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities. Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**



Tule Elk, The Story of Their Comeback • Anderson Lake • 5pm-7pm Learn about tule elk and their epic journey back from the brink of extinction. Look for a local elk herd in its native habitat and listen for their sounds on a guided tour with a Ranger. Meeting location to be determined based on herd location. Bring binoculars and wear hiking shoes.

Reservations (408) 918-7981



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Santa Teresa • 7:30pm-10:30pm

Enjoy a night under the stars with family and friends. Come early to learn about wildlife before the featured FREE family-friendly movie (tentatively LEGO Ninjago). Meet at the Pueblo Group Area with a blanket or low-back chair and flashlight.

Questions? (408) 225-0225

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5



What's It Wednesday • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am & 5pm-6pm

The park's historical collection includes some items familiar to us today, and some not so familiar. Discover a different Cottle family item each month. Learn what it is and discover how it relates to our lives now.

Meet at the Visitor Center. **Questions? (408) 535-4060**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Santa Teresa • 7:30pm-10:30pm

Enjoy a night under the stars with family and friends. Come early to learn about wildlife before the featured FREE family-friendly movie (tentatively Wreck-It Ralph). Meet at the Pueblo Group Area with a blanket or low-back chair and flashlight. **Questions? (408) 225-0225**



Night Sky Exploration • Joseph D. Grant • 7:45pm-8:45pm

Explore the night sky and learn to identify stars, planets and constellations with a Park Ranger. Meet at the Halley Hill observation area with layered clothes and red-lens flashlight. **Questions? (408) 274-6121**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



Take a Ride With a Ranger • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-12am

Mountain biking can be your ticket to adventure and discovery. Learn bike handling skills and history of the park. Meet at the Hacienda parking lot.

Questions? (408) 535-4070



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, continued

Storytime with a Park Ranger

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

Explore nature through short stories, adventures, and activities with a Park Ranger. Meet at the Visitor Center at the end of Malaguerra Ave. with clothing for an easy hike or craft project. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**

When Nature Bites Back • Ed R. Levin • 10am-12pm

The wild world of parks has numerous wonders to explore, but in the event of an accident are you prepared? Discover nature and recreation while being trained in hands-only CPR and basic first aid. All practice equipment is provided. Meet at the Fire Department building across from the Park Office.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2201

The Life and Times of Henry Miller • Mt. Madonna • 10am-11am

Henry Miller's youth, work ethic and passion for land shaped his destiny as he became known as the "Cattle King". Meet at the Visitor Center for a short hike to explore Miller's hilltop retreat and legacy.

Questions? (408) 842-2341

Growing Artichokes in your Garden • Martial Cottle • 11am-11:45am

Grow artichokes as an ornamental but think twice before letting it go to flower. Master Gardener Alice will talk about how to successfully grow and enjoy this delightful thistle, from when, where, and how to plant and harvest them. Meet at the Master Gardeners Parcel 15 min. early with a notebook, closed-toed shoes, layered clothing, water and sun protection.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

Ranch House Tour • Joseph D. Grant • 1:30pm-2:30pm

Explore park history and past inhabitants with a Ranger on a tour of the iconic Grant Ranch House. **Reservations (408) 274-6121**

A Dog's Life on the Farm (Dog Hike) • Martial Cottle • 7pm-9pm

Join a Ranger on a sunset hike around the park's agricultural fields to learn about organic farming and why it exists here. Find out what role dogs played on the Cottle Ranch. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

Young bike riders (ages 8-12) learn about basic bike safety on trails and roads. Helmets provided for free. Parents welcome and encouraged to attend. Meet at east end of Stockman's parking lot by the Hotel Trail (look for Ranger truck). Bring a bike. **Reservations (408) 274-6121**

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Reservations (408) 918-7981



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

Take a guided tour of the historic villa followed by a hike on park trails to a breathtaking view. Learn about Senator Phelan and local history. Bring hiking shoes, snacks, water and sun protection. Villa tour \$20 per person. **Reservations (408) 961-5858 or online at montalvoarts.org/programs/villa_grounds_tours**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



Movie Night at the Lake • Anderson Lake • 8:30pm-11pm

Enjoy a night under the stars with family and friends. Come early to learn about wildlife before the featured FREE family-friendly movie. Meet at the boat parking lot at top of the dam with snacks, a blanket or low-back chair and flashlight. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



Stop and Sniff Around • Anderson Lake • 10am-12pm

Bring your canine friend along on a hike to sniff out the evidence of other animals around the park. Get some exercise as we explore animals tracks and scat along the trail. Meet in the boat parking lot at top of the dam. **Questions? (408) 918-7985**



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

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**



Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

Join park staff for a bilingual (Spanish) walking tour of the park to explore the ranch's history and farming practices. Spend time afterward playing at the Discovery Farm or picking up fresh, organic produce at the Farm Stand. Meet at the Visitor Center. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**



Succulent Designs in Containers • Martial Cottle • 10:30am-12pm

A Master Gardener will demonstrate planting various succulent arrangements, selecting compatible plants, soil mixture, watering and light requirements, and how to rejuvenate an overgrown container. Wear closed-toed shoes, layered clothing and sun protection. A refillable water bottle, notebook and writing tools are recommended. Meet at the Master Gardener Parcel - please arrive 15 minutes early. **Questions? mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu**



A New Leash On Life Dog Hike • Mt. Madonna • 7pm-8:30pm

Explore nature at night on trails amongst the redwoods with your canine companion and fellow dog owners. Meet at the park office with insect repellent, layered clothing, flashlight and sturdy footwear. **Questions? (408) 842-2341**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



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

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4-mile hike leaving from the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Rd. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Moonlight Hike • Joseph D. Grant • 7:45pm-9:45pm

Discover the nighttime natural world of nocturnal animals! Find out what's awake while you're asleep! Meet at the Hotel Trailhead by the Stockman's Parking Lot with a red lens flashlight and layered clothes.

Questions? (408) 274-6121

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22



Hike the Magnificent Seven! • Santa Teresa • 9am-12pm

Join park staff for a moderate 2.5-mile #PixInParks hike. Explore nature, see spectacular views, and find your destination point. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and sun protection. Bring water and snacks. Meet at the Stile Ranch Trailhead at the end of Fortini Road, off McKean Road.

Questions? (408) 355-2240



The Natural History of Coyote Creek

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-11am

Enjoy a quiet walk along the creek. Discover abundant life under the shady canopy of water-loving trees. Topics range from the Native American presence to early cultivation of vineyards and orchards. Meet at the Visitor Center with binoculars. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**



Moonlight Paddle • 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 provided. Meet at launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket (PFD) and 2 glow sticks per person. \$6 vehicle fee, \$4 vessel inspection fee. Limited space, reservations open Aug. 25-Sept. 21. **Reservations online or (408) 918-7771**



Howling at the Moon • Anderson Lake • 7pm-9pm

Adventure out on a short moonlight hike above Anderson Lake. Hike to a nearby pond and back to check out the night sounds and sights. Meet at the boat parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing and a flashlight with a red lens. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



Mountain Lions & Bobcats • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-11am

Stop by parks booth for information about the local wild cats who share the environment with us. Meet at the Hacienda parking lot.

Questions? (408) 918-7772



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29



A Taste of Archery • Santa Teresa • 8am-10am

Join the Black Mountain Bowmen to learn how to shoot a compound or recurve bow, fletch arrows and make a bow string. Ages 6 and up with parent. \$5 participation fee. A mandatory safety class and equipment are provided by Predator's Archery. Bring water and sun protection.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2201



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, continued

The Impact of Fire • Joseph D. Grant • 10am-12pm

15 of California's 20 largest wildfires have occurred since the year 2000. See for yourself the benefits of prescribed burns and learn what you can do to steward resilient landscapes. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. Meet near the Stockman's Group Area. **Questions? (408) 918-7779**



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30



Intro to Outdoor Photography • Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 12pm-2pm

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 Ranch house with a camera. **Reservations online or (408) 355-2201**



Boating Safety 101 • Calero • 12pm-2pm

Learn the importance of safety while having fun on the water. A Park Ranger will be on hand to answer questions and assist with equipment safety inspections. This is a drop-in event at the Launch Ramp.

Questions? (408) 268-3883



**HEALTHY
PARKS
HEALTHY
PEOPLE
BAY AREA**

Santa Clara County Parks has joined a collaborative effort with over 40 other parks, community and health organizations to help improve the health and well-being of all Bay Area residents through regular use and enjoyment of parks.

For more information about **Healthy Parks, Healthy People:** Bay Area partners and events, go to **www.HPHPBayArea.org**.



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October



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6



Raptor Migration • Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 10am-12pm

Learn about raptor migration while observing this annual event in the field during peak migration season. Activities include raptor specimen examination and comparison activities between animal migration and human immigration. Recommended age 9+ years. Meet by the chicken coop. Bring binoculars if you have them. **Questions? (408) 226-5453**



Harvest Festival • Martial Cottle • 10am-3pm

See page 5 for more information. **Questions? (408) 535-4060**



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Arboretum Tour • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am

Learn about the urban forest in Silicon Valley. Why are trees important for city dwellers? What kind of benefits do they provide? Tour the arboretum, with a tree specialist, and learn how to care for trees and help beautify the site. Meet at the Our City Forest parcel. Wear long pants and closed toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and snacks.

Questions? treecarevolunteers@ourcityforest.org



Pop-Up Nursery • Martial Cottle • 10am-3pm

Native and drought-tolerant plants sourced from our community nursery will be available for purchase and you can learn the best way to plant a tree or shrub. Meet at the Our City Forest parcel. Bring cash or card to purchase plants.

Questions? treecarevolunteers@ourcityforest.org



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, continued

Edible & Native Plant Talk • Martial Cottle • 11am-12pm

Learn California native plant names and the ways plants were used for food and medicinal purposes. A native plant specialist will give a tour of the plants on site and provide ideas for visitors to take home to their own gardens. Meet at the Our City Forest Parcel with long pants and closed toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and snacks.

Reservations martialcottle@ourcityforest.org



DIY Lawn Conversion Workshop • Martial Cottle • 1pm-2pm

Learn how to convert your water-thirsty lawn into a drought-tolerant dreamscape. Watch a demonstration on how to convert your lawn yourself. Plants from the native garden for sale. Meet at the Our City Forest Parcel with long pants and closed toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and snacks.

Questions? martialcottle@ourcityforest.org



Ranch House Tour • Joseph D. Grant • 1:30pm-2:30pm

Explore park history and past inhabitants with a Ranger on a tour of the iconic Grant Ranch House. **Reservations (408) 274-6121**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7



Day on the Bay • Alviso Marina • 10am-2pm

See page 6 for more information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13



The Natural History of Coyote Creek

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-11am

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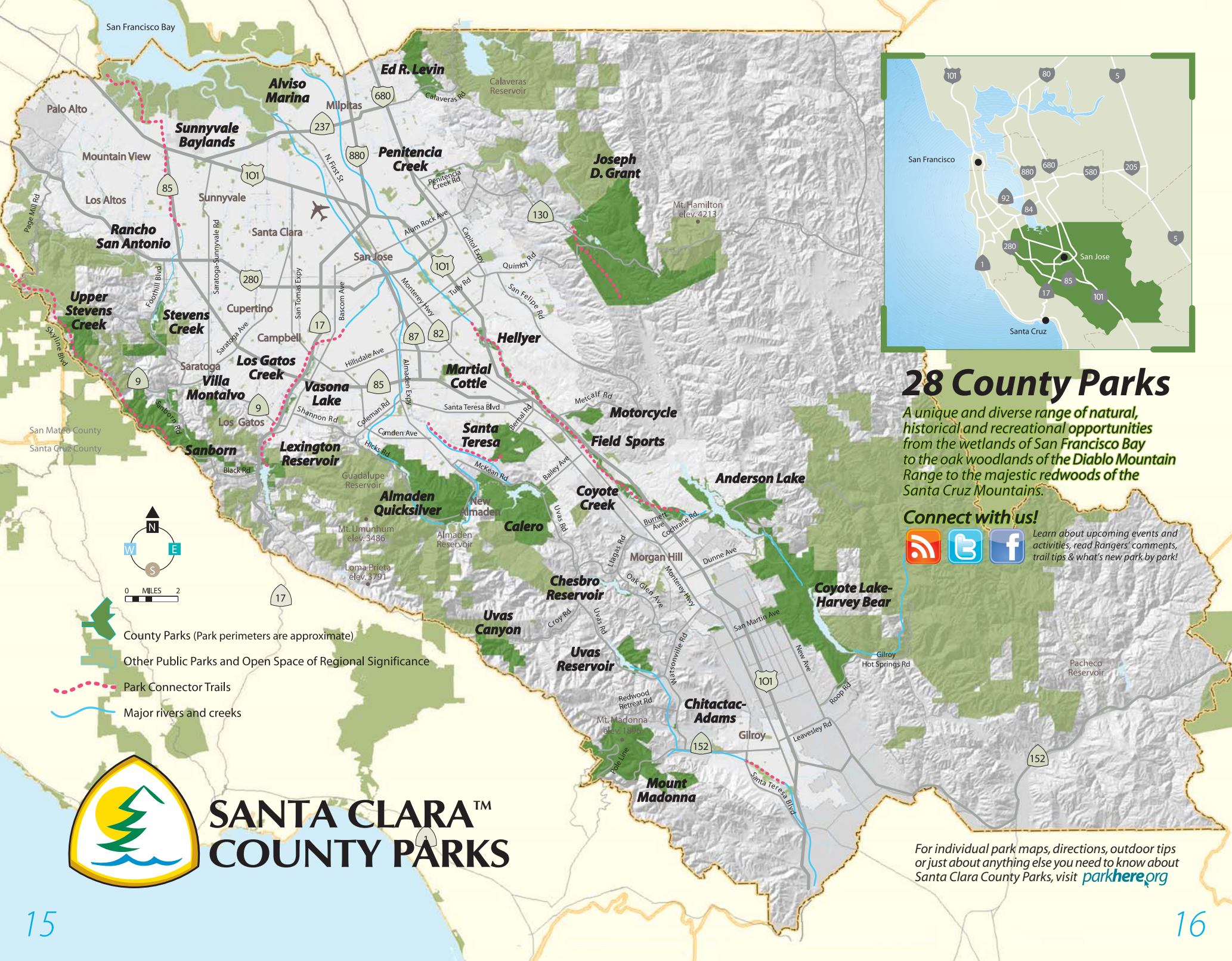
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Reservations online or (408) 355-2201



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 13, continued

Planting and Caring for Garden Bulbs • Martial Cottle • 10am-11:30am

Fall bulb catalogs are in the mail and planting time is just around the corner. Come join a Master Gardener to learn about planting bulbs in your garden and the various ways to use them in your landscape. Meet at the Master Gardener Parcel 15 minutes early. Wear closed-toed shoes, layered clothing and sun protection. A refillable water bottle, notebook and writing implements are recommended. **Questions? mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14



Mountain Lions & Bobcats • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-11am

Stop by the parks booth for information about the local wild cats who share the environment with us. Meet at the Hacienda parking lot.

Questions? (408) 918-7772



Outdoor Photography • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 1pm-3pm

Is it a beautiful day in the park and you wish to capture these moments with your camera? Shooting outdoors in the bright sun can result in not so pleasant photos. Come learn how to capture those moments like you see them. Meet at the Visitor Center with a digital (not phone) camera.

Questions? (408) 918-7980

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20



Water Birds of Grant Lake • Joseph D. Grant • 8am-9am

Explore the world of freshwater ducks, herons and bald eagles with a Park Ranger. Meet at the parking lot by Grant Lake across from the main park entrance with binoculars and a camera. **Questions? (408) 274-6121**



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

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4-mile hike leaving from the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Rd. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**



Raptor Migration • Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 10am-12pm

Learn about raptor migration while observing this annual event in the field during peak migration season. Activities include raptor specimen examination and comparison activities between animal migration and human immigration. Recommended age 9+ years. Meet by the chicken coop. Bring binoculars if you have them. **Questions? (408) 226-5453**



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

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**



Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

Join park staff for a bilingual (Spanish) walking tour of the park to explore the ranch's history and farming practices. Spend time afterward playing at the Discovery Farm or picking up fresh, organic produce at the Farm Stand. Meet at the Visitor Center. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, continued

Edible & Native Plant Talk • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am

Learn California native plant names and how plants were used for food and medicinal purposes. A native plant specialist will give a tour of the plants on site and provide ideas for how you can use them in your home gardens. Meet at the Our City Forest Parcel wearing long pants, closed-toed shoes and sun protection. **Reservations martialcottle@ourcityforest.org**



Home Rainwater Collection and Rain Gardens Workshop Martial Cottle • 11am-12am

The rainy season is about to start! Come discuss home rainwater collection systems and how to construct your own simple system. Learn about Rain Gardens, which are another way to retain rainwater. Arrive 15 minutes early to the Master Garner Parcel. Wear closed-toed shoes, layered clothing and sun protection. A refillable water bottle, notebook and writing implements are recommended. **Questions? mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu**



DIY Lawn Conversion Workshop • Martial Cottle • 11am-12pm

Learn how to convert your water-thirsty lawn into a drought-tolerant dreamscape. Native plants available for purchase for your native garden. Meet at the Our City Forest Parcel. Wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and a snack. **Questions? martialcottle@ourcityforest.org**



Holiday Craft Day • Martial Cottle • 12pm-2pm

Come join us at the visitor center for a fall craft that will be fun for the whole family. Meet at the Visitor Center. **Questions? (408) 535-4060**



Howling at the Moon • Anderson Lake • 6:15pm-8:15pm

Adventure out on a moonlight hike on trails above the lake. Hike to a nearby pond and back to check out the night sounds and sights. Meet at the boat parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing and a flashlight with red lens. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21



Hike the Magnificent Seven! • Mt. Madonna • 10am-11:30am

Join park staff to explore nature and history along the trails and Miller Site ruins while you find your #PixInParks destination point. Meet at the Miller Trail parking lot just past the park office. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and sun protection. Bring water and snacks. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**



Howling at the Moon • Anderson Lake • 6:15pm-8:15pm

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27



La Fuente • Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 12pm-4pm

See page 6 for more information. **Questions? (408) 226-5453**



Moonlight Hike • Joseph D. Grant • 7pm-9pm

Discover the world that nocturnal animals experience each night in the park! Find out what's awake while you're asleep! Meet at the Hotel Trailhead at Stockman's parking lot with layered clothing and a flashlight with red lens. **Questions? (408) 274-6121**



20th Annual Fantasy of Lights

Online tickets available at
ParkHere.org

November



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24

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

Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the park's history, farming practices, and partners. Explore a surprise topic rotated each week.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3



Raptor Migration • Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 10am-12pm

Learn about raptor migration while observing this annual event in the field during peak migration season. Activities include raptor specimen examination and comparison activities between animal migration and human immigration. Recommended age 9+ years. Meet by the chicken coop. Bring binoculars if you have them. **Questions? (408) 226-5453**



Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

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Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7



What's It Wednesday • Martial Cottle • 5pm-6pm

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Questions? (408) 535-4060

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10



The Impact of Fire • Joseph D. Grant • 10am-12pm

15 of California's 20 largest wildfires have occurred since the year 2000. See for yourself the benefits of prescribed burns and learn what you can do to steward resilient landscapes. Appropriate for ages 12 and up. Meet near the Stockman's Group Area. **Questions? (408) 918-7779**

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joseph d. grant county park






SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4-mile hike leaving from the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Rd. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**



Pop-Up Nursery • Martial Cottle • 10am-3pm

Native and drought-tolerant plants sourced from our community nursery will be available for purchase and you can learn the best way to plant a tree or shrub. Meet at the Our City Forest parcel. Bring cash or card to purchase plants.

Questions? email: treecarevolunteers@ourcityforest.org



Composting Workshop • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

Learn from Master Composters how to build compost piles and worm bins at home and then how to apply the resulting material on your landscapes and gardens. Discounted home composting bins available for purchase or order. Meet at the Compost Education Demonstration site. Look for posted signs. Bring closed-toe shoes, layers, water, a notepad and pen.

Reservations cesantaclaru.ucanr.edu



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

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Questions? (408) 535-4060



Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

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Arboretum Tour • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am

Learn about the urban forest in Silicon Valley. Why are trees important for city dwellers? What kind of benefits do they provide? Tour the arboretum, with a tree specialist, and learn how to care for trees and help beautify the site. Meet at the Our City Forest parcel. Wear long pants and closed toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and snacks.

Questions? treecarevolunteers@ourcityforest.org



Howling at the Moon • Anderson Lake • 4:45pm-6:45pm

Adventure out on a short moonlight hike above Anderson Lake. Hike to a nearby pond and back to check out the night sounds and sights. Meet at the boat parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing and a flashlight with a red lens. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18



Howling at the Moon • Anderson Lake • 4:45pm-6:45pm

Adventure out on a short moonlight hike above Anderson Lake. Hike to a nearby pond and back to check out the night sounds and sights. Meet at the boat parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing and a flashlight with a red lens. **Questions? (408) 918-7980**

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December



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the park's history, farming practices, and partners. Explore a surprise topic rotated each week.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks

Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

New to hiking? Join us for an easy, one-mile stroll along the Marina's salt ponds and trails with a bilingual (Spanish-English) guide. Enjoy the local weather and bayside wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities. Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. Questions? (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 AND 2

Fantasy of Lights Walk-Thru Nights • Vasona

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

DECEMBER 4-30

Fantasy of Lights Drive-Thru Nights • Vasona

See page 7 for more information. Closed Dec. 25.

Questions? (408) 355-2255

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

What's It Wednesday • Martial Cottle • 5pm-6pm

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Meet at the Visitor Center. Questions? (408) 535-4060

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Living History Day • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-3pm

Visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden mine managers. Tour the Victorian-era rooms with costumed docents and participate in a seasonal craft activity to take home. Questions? (408) 918-7770

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Holiday Craft Day • Martial Cottle • 10am-2pm

Come make a seed packet ornament and holiday card. Stay to explore the exhibits and history or play at the Discovery Farm. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

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

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Questions? (408) 535-4060



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, continued

DIY Lawn Conversion Workshop • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am

Learn how to convert your water-thirsty lawn into a drought-tolerant dreamscape. Watch a demonstration on how to convert your lawn yourself. Plants from the native garden for sale. Meet at the Our City Forest Parcel with long pants and closed toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and snacks.

Questions? martialcottle@ourcityforest.org



Pop-Up Nursery • Martial Cottle • 10am-3pm

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Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

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Questions? (408) 355-2240



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22



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

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4-mile hike leaving from the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Rd. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**

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January



SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 12, 19, 26

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

Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the park's history, farming practices, and partners. Explore a surprise topic rotated each week.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2



What's It Wednesday • Martial Cottle • 5pm-6pm

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Questions? (408) 535-4060

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3



Mysteries of the Cosmos • Calero • 5:30pm-7pm

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+. Reservations required, rain cancels.

Reservations (408) 918-7779

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5



Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

New to hiking? Join us for an easy, one-mile stroll along the Marina's salt ponds and trails with a bilingual (Spanish-English) guide. Enjoy the local weather and bayside wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities.

Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18



Lunar New Year Night Hike • Santa Teresa • 6pm-8pm

The moon brings people from all over the planet together for celebrations. Join us for a reflective night hike celebrating the moon in each of our lives.

Recommended 9+ years. Meet at the chicken coop with a large mouth cup and water or tea. **Reservations (408) 226-5453**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19



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

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4-mile hike leaving from the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Rd. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**



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

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Questions? (408) 535-4060



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, continued

Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

Join park staff for a bilingual (Spanish) walking tour of Martial Cottle Park and learn about the ranch's history and organic farming at the park. Spend time afterward playing at the Discovery Farm or visiting the Farm Stand. Meet at the Visitor Center. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**

Edible & Native Plant Talk • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am

Learn California native plant names and the ways plants were used for food and medicinal purposes. A native plant specialist will give a tour of the plants on site and provide ideas for visitors to take home to their own gardens. Meet at the Our City Forest Parcel with long pants and closed toed shoes. Bring a pad of paper, pen, water and snacks.

Reservations at martialcottle@ourcityforest.org

Pop-Up Nursery • Martial Cottle • 10am-3pm

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February



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16, 23

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

Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about the park's history, farming practices, and partners. Explore a surprise topic rotated each week.

Questions? (408) 535-4060

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2



Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

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Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9



Mysteries of the Cosmos • Ed R. Levin • 7pm-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+. Meet at the Tularcitos Trailhead. Reservations required, rain cancels. **Reservations (408) 918-7779**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10



Living History Day • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-3pm

Visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden mine managers. Tour the Victorian-era rooms with costumed docents and participate in a seasonal craft activity to take home. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16



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

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

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, continued

Arboretum Tour • Martial Cottle • 10am-11am

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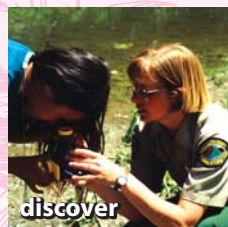
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For registration information go to parkhere.org or email interp@prk.sccgov.org.

2019 Preview

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

March



SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

New to hiking? Join us for an easy, one-mile stroll along the Marina's salt ponds and trails with a bilingual (Spanish-English) guide. Enjoy the local weather and bayside wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities. Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

What's It Wednesday • Martial Cottle • 5pm-6pm

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Mysteries of the Cosmos • Joseph D. Grant • 7pm-8:30pm

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

Explore what remains of the once-bustling mining operations in the hills above New Almaden on this 4-mile hike leaving from the Wood Road parking lot off of Hicks Rd. **Questions? (408) 918-7770**



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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Nature Journaling Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-11am

Enjoy a leisurely hike while learning how to nature/travel journal and create memories that will last. Bring your own sketch pad and writing implements if you have them. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sunscreen, hat, water, and something light to sit on when we stop to sketch. Meet at the Wood Rd. lot off of Hicks Road. **Reservations (408) 918-7770**

2019 Preview

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April



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

What's It Wednesday • Martial Cottle • 5pm-6pm

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Introduction to Hiking in Parks Alviso Marina • 10am-12pm

New to hiking? Join us for an easy, one-mile stroll along the Marina's salt ponds and trails with a bilingual (Spanish-English) guide. Enjoy the local weather and bayside wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities. Meet at the picnic tables near the restroom. **Questions? (408) 355-2240**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13



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

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 Hicks Road.

Reservations online or (408) 355-2201



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

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+. Reservations required, rain cancels. Meet at the Mendoza park entrance on Roop Rd. **Reservations (408) 918-7779**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20



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

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Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10am-12pm

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

Historic 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. Visit antique furnished rooms that reflect how Casa Grande served as an exquisite home to mine managers and their families.

The museum is open
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 12pm-4pm;
Saturday and Sunday: 10am-4pm.
\$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 in and around the restored ranch house and barns to discover how families lived and worked. 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 10am-4pm and Saturdays 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.

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

(408) 846-5632



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

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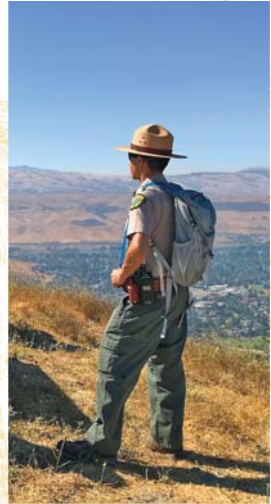
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