



SANTA CLARA
COUNTY PARKS

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Fall
Winter
2010

*Your pocket
guide to outdoor
adventures and
great family fun
in the fabulous
parks of Santa
Clara County!*



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Almaden Quicksilver
21785 Almaden Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

**Almaden Quicksilver
Mining Museum**
21350 Almaden Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

Alviso Marina
Mill 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 Heritage
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
200 Malech Rd.
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

Motorcycle
300 Metcalf Rd.
San Jose, CA 95138

Mt. Madonna
7850 Pole Line Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076

Penitencia Creek
Jaskson Ave. & Maybury Rd.
San Jose, CA 95132

Rancho San Antonio
22500 Cristo Rey Dr.
Cupertino, CA 95014

Sanborn
16055 Sanborn Rd.
Saratoga, CA 95070

Santa Teresa
260 Bernal Rd.
San Jose, CA 95119

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



Discover

...how many great places there are to explore right here in Santa Clara County – your own big backyard! Take a look inside to discover the wide variety of natural, historical, cultural, recreational and educational opportunities for your family, friends and you.



Provide, protect and preserve regional parklands for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

Mission of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

The Santa Clara County Park system is composed of urban and mountain parks which have a wealth of trails, lakes, streams, and open space environments. It is one of the most diverse recreational areas in all of California. Our natural environments range 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.

Santa Clara County acquired its first parkland in 1924, purchasing 400 acres near Cupertino which became Stevens Creek County Park. In 1956, the Department of Parks and Recreation was formed. Currently, the regional parks system has expanded to 29 parks encompassing over 46,000 acres.

Go outside and play



Camp. It's your nature.

Save gas, save time – a wilderness experience is only minutes away. Visit us and camp in a redwood forest. Dine alfresco in a rolling, oak-studded grassland. Or nap away an afternoon next to a sparkling creek. The best part of all... the price is just right. Camping is available

at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch, Joseph D. Grant, Mt. Madonna, Sanborn, and Uvas Canyon County Parks. Reserve your campsite today, call (408) 355-2201 or visit www.gooutsideandplay.org.

Key to symbols



Healthy Trails Challenge Hike.

See description under “all year” programs.



Reservations required. See program description for appropriate phone number.



Online reservations available. Go to Parkhere.org, select “park activities calendar” link. Find program/class in calendar, click on registration link.



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.



Bring a bike in good working condition. Helmets required.



Well-behaved and socialized dogs allowed, Must be controlled on a leash (6 ft. maximum).



Equestrian Ride. Breast collars, lead ropes required. Riders under 18, helmets required. Experienced riders only. **No horse rentals.**



Bring own canoe/kayak, life jackets and 2 glow sticks for each person; call for additional information and restrictions.



Feature movie shown as part of program.



\$6 vehicle fee to enter park.



Photography program.



Volunteer Project. Ages 15 and under must have an adult accompany them.

Dogs & Pets: Most areas in the County Park System are open to leashed dogs. Off-leash dog parks are conveniently located for your enjoyment at three locations – Los Gatos Creek, Ed Levin, and Hellyer County Parks. Common areas where dogs are not permitted include playgrounds, interpretive facilities, and a few designated trails. Please check park maps or our website, www.parkhere.org, for more information on dog access. Areas that are prohibited to dogs entirely will have a “no dog” sign clearly posted. If you don’t see a sign, keep your dog leashed and Go Outside and Play!

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, you may call the number listed with questions or concerns. For temporary trail closure information due to wet weather, please call (408) 344-2200, press 7



Join

us to explore a Santa Clara County park's wildlife, habitats, Ohlone cultural history and resource protection. Jr. Rangers hike, play games and do activities to nurture a budding relationship with nature.

The spring and fall programs each run 4 weeks, meeting once a week for 2 hours. This free program is limited to the first 20 applicants for each participating park.

**Are you 9 –11 years old?
Become a Junior Ranger**

Free!

At a Typical Wildlife Session:

- Meet at Park Visitor Center
- Identify local wildlife by examining animal pelts
- Explore Park to find animal signs such as tracks & scat
- Examine owl pellet contents
- Play Web of Life and other outdoor games
- Discuss how animals become endangered and extinct
- Learn about how conservation efforts succeed

At an Overnight Campout:

- Meet Junior Rangers from other Parks
- Eat good food in the great outdoors
- Explore nature through hikes and games
- Take a night hike
- Make and eat s'mores around a campfire
- Learn how to pitch a tent
- Sleep under the stars

For registration information and placement on a mailing list call Santa Clara County Parks Interpretive Program Office, (408) 846-5632 or visit www.parkhere.org and click on "For Kids"



make friends



learn



create



discover

Hiking Safety 101...

things to know before you go!

Hiking in the fall and winter can be very enjoyable, breathing the crisp cool air or viewing water features that are often dry during the summer months. There are, however, a few things to think about before you set out on a day hike. Fall and winter days are shorter, so start your adventure earlier in the day so you have enough time to hike back before it gets dark. The weather is cooler and chance of rain is increased, so be prepared by dressing in layers, checking the weather forecast, and having extra clothes in the car in case you get wet.



Some other tips to help ensure you have a great time and stay safe:

- Avoid hiking alone. If you do, let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back.
- Use a trail map and plan your route, making sure you have enough time to go the distance.
- Leave a copy of the map on your dash with your hiking route highlighted, just in case someone needs to look for you.
- Take a flashlight and extra batteries.
- Take extra water and snacks.
- Take your cell phone (for emergency help try to make calls from hill tops).
- Take a whistle in case you get lost – it is easier to blow a whistle than yell.



All year



Fieldtrip and Classroom Programs



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. Call (408) 846-5622 for a brochure, or check the parks website at www.parkhere.org and follow the "For Teachers" link.



Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park

Explore the lifestyle of Santa Clara County's native Ohlone Indians at this cultural history park. View authentic petroglyphs and artifacts from thousands of years ago. The site's exhibits and self-guiding interpretive trail are open daily from 8am to sunset. Tours available for groups of 10 or more by reservation. Call (408) 323-0107 for information.



History Tours of Almaden Quicksilver County Park



Step back in time as you visit historic sites and experience what life was like back in the mining heyday. Van tours leave from the Hacienda park entrance at 9am and return after a brown-bag lunch in the park. Bring water and lunch. Tour costs \$7 per person. Reservations required. Call (408) 323-1107 for tour dates.

Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Historic Ranch

A visit to the Ranch immerses you in the realities of living and working on a family ranch in the late 1800s-early 1900s. Visit exhibits in the restored ranch house, barn and along the interpretive trail to the famous Santa Teresa Spring. Park trails open daily from 8am to sunset. House and barn exhibits open Fridays and Saturdays, or by reservation. Call (408) 226-5453 for hours and information.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed in County Parks! Become an official park Trailwatch member, assist with resource management projects, become a Docent at one of our historic sites, participate in creek clean-up efforts, lead outdoor recreation programs... the list goes on! Call (408) 355-2254 or email volunteer@prk.sccgov.org for volunteer opportunities and information, or check the parks website at www.parkhere.org.



Healthy Trails – Your Path to Fitness, Fun and Adventure

Healthy Trails is a fitness challenge for people of all ages and skill levels. The program challenges people to walk,

roll, ride or run on featured Santa Clara County Park trails contained in a trails guidebook. Healthy Trails is presented by the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department and is free to the public because of the generous support of the following partners, Kaiser Permanente San Jose, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department – Nutrition and Wellness and Steps to a Healthier Santa Clara County. To register now for Healthy Trails or for more information, please visit www.parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2201.





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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Geologic Time – Slowly But Surely
Uvas Canyon County Park • 9:00am-11:00am



Discover the hidden beauty of Uvas Canyon and how diverse habitats have combined to produce a thriving community of plants and animals. Take an easy 2-mile hike to learn how this beautiful landscape really rocks! Meet at the day-use parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and water. (408) 842-2341

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Medieval Combat Class



Vasona County Park • 10:00am-12:00pm

Come check out this fun and exciting outdoor recreation activity where you will learn about medieval style fighting! Learn blocks and attacks with SAFE foam weapons (provided). Meet at the Gateway Parking lot. Wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothing. Open to ages 15 and up. Reservations Required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Bicycling is for the Birds — Alviso Marina
County Park • 8:00am-11:00am



If you want to see waterfowl in the South Bay, then yes, biking is for the birds...and for you! Join a Park Ranger on a 10-mile ride on the levees of Alviso to explore the baylands and the birds. Meet at the marina parking lot with a bike, helmet, water, snacks and binoculars. Reservations required. (408) 262-6980

History Walk

Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm



Join a park historian on this leisurely walk to explore the historical features of the park from Indian days to the recent past. Meet at the Ranch House. Due to recent earthquake damage, tours inside the house may not be available at this time. (408) 274-6121

Sunset Tricks and Explorations Dog Hike
Grant County Park • 6:30pm-8:30pm



Bring your dog out for a sunset adventure. Explore stories and legends featuring nature's canines and test your dog's agility on a dog course. Meet at the Rose Garden Group Area by the Ranch House with sturdy hiking shoes, flashlight, layered clothing and leashed dog. (408) 274-6121

Star Party

Grant County Park • 8:00pm-11:00pm



Take a look into the night sky with members of the Halls Valley Astronomical Group (hallsvalley.org) and Friends of Grant County Park. Telescopes are provided, but you are welcome to bring one. Entrance gate closes at 10:00pm. Meet at Halley Hill. (408) 274-6121

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Dog Days of Summer — Hellyer
County Park • 10:00am-12:00pm



Take an easy 1-mile stroll with a Park Ranger to learn the "tricks of the trade" for safely exploring parks with your dog. End your morning at the Hellyer Dog Park, where your canine companions can romp unleashed with their new 4-legged friends. Meet at the Ranger Office. Bring a leash, water, sturdy walking shoes and sun protection. Reservations required. (408) 225-0225

Nature Walk With a Ranger

Sanborn County Park • 10:00am-12:00pm



Explore the forest plants and animals on a moderate 2-mile hike with a Park Ranger. Meet at the Park Office with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and water. (408) 867-9959

Habitat Hike — Calero County Park's
Rancho San Vicente • 8:30am -10:30am



Come on a moderate 2-mile hike to explore the grassland and serpentine surroundings of this future parkland. Meet at the Calero Reservoir parking lot, then caravan together to the adjacent Rancho San Vicente property. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and water. Note: This hike is in a "closed area" not yet open for public access. Restrooms not available except at meeting location. (408) 268-3883

Bug Out Night — Santa Teresa
County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch
7:30pm-10:30pm



Join experts for a show and tell about orthoptera (grasshoppers and crickets). Taste an exotic treat from central Mexico and hear interesting stories about these strange looking creatures. Afterwards, munch on popcorn while watching the big-bug classic movie "The Beginning of the End". Reservations required. (408) 226-5453

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Recalling Rover in the Real World
Coyote Creek Parkway • 9:00am-10:00am



Nannette Morgan will teach you and your dog the finer points of sharing the trails with other users and ways to get out of trouble in certain situations. Dogs must be on leash and must be current on vaccinations. Meet at the Park Ranger Office at the end of Malaguerra Ave. in Morgan Hill. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

History Tour by Van — Almaden Quicksilver
County Park • 9:00am-1:30pm



Step back in time and experience what life was like back in the mining heyday. Ride by van to various historic sites and enjoy a brown-bag lunch in the park. Tour costs \$7 per person. Children must be over 6 years and 60lbs. Meet at the Hacienda parking lot. Bring water, lunch and sun protection. Reservations required. (408) 323-1107

Stand Up Paddle Boarding Class
Vasona Lake County Park
10:00am-11:00am



Join Neil Pearlberg from SUPclass.com to learn about the fun sport of Stand Up Paddle boarding. Discover the benefits of building strength through balance and resistance. Meet at the Vasona Boat Launch area. Wear comfortable clothes and a bathing suit (recommended). Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240

www.parkhere.org



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, continued

Raptors in the Wind Hike

Santa Teresa County Park • 4:00pm-6:00pm

Join a Park Ranger on a 2-mile hike to explore our local winged hunters in the sky. Learn about a raptor's role in the environment and how to easily identify these hawks, falcons and eagles. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy hiking shoes. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Pueblo Group Area. (408) 225-0225



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Healthy Trails Equestrian Ride

Grant County Park • 10:00am-1:30pm

Join us with your horse to explore the Bay Area Ridge Trail and see spectacular views of the valley below. We will ride approximately 9 miles at a relaxed pace. Meet at the Equestrian Camp area. Bring your own horse and equipment – no rentals provided. Don't forget the sunblock, helmet, snacks and a camera. Registration required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



Stevens Creek History Hike

**Stevens Creek County Park
12:00pm-2:00pm**

Learn about the first people to live on this land and explore how the scenery has and has not changed over the years. Look at historical maps and photos that help tell the stories of change and hike about 2 miles to look at various park features. Meet at the Park Office with sun protection, sturdy hiking shoes and water. (408) 867-3654



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Sunset/Moonlight Hike

Lexington County Park • 7:00pm-8:30pm

Join park staff on a 3-mile sunset and moonlit adventure to explore the adaptations of our nocturnal wild neighbors. Meet at the Lexington Dam parking lot. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing, water and a flashlight. Reservations required. (408) 356-2729



Full Moon Hike

Calero County Park • 7:00pm-9:00pm

Explore the park under the rising full moon. Discover the process of how the moon changes throughout the month and why the moon rises and sets at different times during the year. Meet at the Calero Park Office with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing and water. Bug spray recommended. (408) 268-3883



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, continued

Full Moon Paddle

Anderson Lake County Park • 7:30pm-10:00pm

Discover local history and nature on a moonlight paddle tour of Anderson Lake. Experienced paddlers only, no instruction or equipment provided. Meet at the launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and 2 glow sticks per person. Reservations required. (408) 846-5632



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Healthy Trails Hike

Santa Teresa County Park • 9:00am-11:00am

Join Docent Cait Hutnik on a moderately challenging 2.5-mile hike along the Fortini Trail. See beautiful views of the Santa Teresa Hills, Calero Reservoir and the Almaden Valley. Meet at the Fortini Trailhead parking lot. Bring comfortable shoes, a hat, sunscreen, water, snack, and camera. (408) 355-2240



Coastal Clean Up Volunteer Day

**Multiple County Park Locations
9:00am-12:00pm**

Coastal Clean Up Day is the largest volunteer trash pick up event in California. The event focuses on removing as much trash, debris, and recyclables out of our water ways. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves and sunscreen and bring their own pick-up sticks. We will provide trash bags, extra gloves, water and refreshments. Hundreds of volunteers are needed for this project – rain or shine. Pre-registration required, call for locations and information. (408) 355-2254.



**Roles of a Ranger — Coyote Lake-
Harvey Bear Ranch County Park
1:00pm-2:00pm**

Park Rangers wear many "hats" and have a wide variety of responsibilities. Earn your Jr. Ranger sticker by learning all about this important job and all of its tools of the trade. Meet at the campground amphitheater. (408) 842-7800



After the Fire Hike

Mt. Madonna County Park • 5:00pm-6:00pm

Explore how park resources are recovering two years after the Whitehurst Fire. Hike with a Park Ranger along an easy 1.5-mile section of fire line. Learn about ongoing after-burn monitoring and how fires affect the habitat. Meet at the Giant Twins Trailhead with sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 842-2341



Family Friendly Moonlit Hike

**Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch
County Park • 7:30pm-9:00pm**

Enjoy a beautiful outing under the moon and stars on the paved Martin Murphy Trail (2-mile loop) with Docent Jennifer Snedeker. Watch for wildlife, identify overhead constellations and discover many secrets of this historic and ecological area. Meet at the San Martin Ave. parking lot with comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Biking, Birding and Breakfast

Vasona County Park • 8:00am-11:00am

Join a Park Ranger for an early morning strenuous bike ride on the Los Gatos Creek Trail to observe and identify birds. Bring something to share and stay for a breakfast social at the end of the ride. Adults only please, not suited for children. Meet at the Boat Center with a bike, helmet and water. Reservations required. (408) 354-2608





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Introduction to Photography Class
Santa Teresa County Park's
Historic Bernal Ranch
9:30am-12:30pm**

Join Docent Ron Horii for a free outdoor photography workshop. Learn how to choose and use a camera, take better outdoor pictures, compose a photo, plus more! Class begins with an indoor slideshow, then goes outside for demonstrations and a walk around the historic area to take pictures. Bring a camera – any kind will do! Open to ages 14 and up – limit 20 participants. Meet at the Bernal Ranch barn on Manila Drive at Camino Verde in San Jose. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



**Trail Day Volunteer Project
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch
County Park • 9:00am-1:00pm**

Come help park staff with new trail construction and maintenance projects. Gloves, tools, water and snacks will be provided. Bring a refillable water bottle, hiking shoes, long pants, long-sleeve shirt and sun protection. 50 volunteers are needed for this project – rain or shine. Meet at the Coyote Lake Campground overflow parking lot. Pre-registration required. (408) 355-2254.



**History Walk
Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm**

Join a park historian on this leisurely walk to explore the historical features of the park from Indian days to the recent past. Meet at the Ranch House. Due to recent earthquake damage, tours inside the house may not be available at this time. (408) 274-6121



**Star Party
Grant County Park • 8:00pm-11:00pm**

Take a look into the night sky with members of the Halls Valley Astronomical Group (hallsvalley.org) and Friends of Grant County Park. Telescopes are provided, but you are welcome to bring one. Entrance gate closes at 10:00pm. Meet at Halley Hill. (408) 274-6121



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

**Healthy Trails Toddler Trek
Almaden Quicksilver County Park
4:30pm-6:00pm**

Join a Docent from strollerhikes.com on this easy 2.6-mile hike geared for young children. Backpack carriers are best for hiking this park to visit historic sites. Meet at the Wood Rd. parking lot. Bring water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Ranger-led Hike — Calero County Park's
Rancho San Vicente • 9:00am-11:00am**

Take a strenuous 2-mile hike with a Park Ranger to explore this future parkland. Learn about the history of the rancho property and explore plants and wildlife living here. Meet at the Calero Reservoir parking lot, then caravan together to the adjacent Rancho San Vicente property. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and water. Note: This hike is in a “closed area” not yet open for public access. Restrooms not available except at meeting location. (408) 268-3883



**Nighttime Photography Class
Almaden Quicksilver County Park
6:30pm-9:30pm**

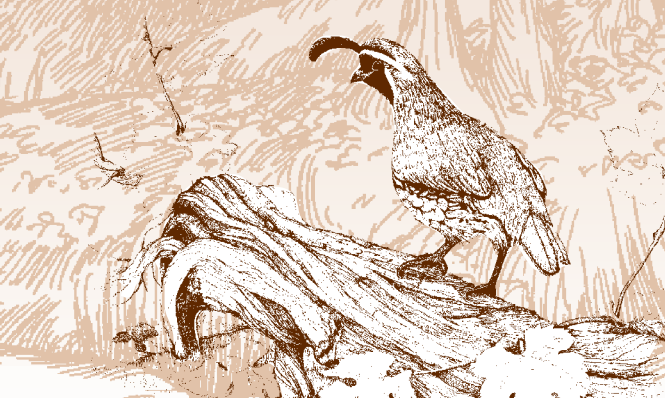
Bring your camera, tripod, shutter release and curiosity for an adventure into the night with Docent Marty Reinders and a Park Ranger. Learn about long exposure, star photography, lighting tricks and more! Meet at the Hacienda parking lot, then take a van ride up to English Camp. Bring comfortable shoes, insect repellent, and flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

**Healthy Trails Stroller Hike
Ed Levin County Park
4:30pm-6:00pm**

Join a Park Docent from Strollerhikes.com on this easy 1-mile hike around Spring Valley Pond to explore the habitats and roles of fish, ducks and zooplankton in the pond. Geared for young children, backpack carriers are best for hiking this park. Meet at parking lot by the Ranger office. Bring water, snacks and comfortable shoes. (408) 355-2240





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

History Tour by Van — Almaden Quicksilver County Park • 9:00am-1:30pm

Step back in time and experience what life was like back in the mining heyday. Ride by van to various historic sites and enjoy a brown-bag lunch in the park. Meet at the Quicksilver Museum. Bring water, lunch and sun protection. Tour costs \$7 per person. Children must be over 6 years and 60lbs. Reservations required. (408) 323-1107

Basic Orienteering Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park • 9:00am-12:00pm

Discover the increasingly popular sport of orienteering. Learn to use a compass, understand map symbols and confidently explore nature while taking a 3-mile hike with a Park Ranger. Meet at the Mendoza parking lot on Roop Rd. Reservations required. (408) 842-7800

Amah Mutsun Heritage Day Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park • 11:00am-3:00pm

Join members of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Coastanoan/Ohlone Indians for a special day of historical and cultural presentations. Park visitors will also be able to participate in a variety of hands-on activities. Chitactac-Adams is located at the intersection of Watsonville and Burchell Roads in Gilroy. (408) 323-0107

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Dog Park Safety & Dog Stress Signals Hellyer County Park • 9:30am-10:45am

Learn to recognize the stress signals and body language of dogs. Discuss what "good" doggy play and "not so good" doggy play looks like to help avoid conflicts. This is a people-only workshop, no dogs allowed during class time. Meet at the Hellyer Dog Park Parking lot. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Healthy Trails Toddler Trek Santa Teresa County Park 4:30pm-6:00pm

Join Strollerhikes.com Debbie Frazier on a moderate 2.5-mile hike geared towards families with young children. Enjoy historical sites along the way. Meet at the Fortini Trailhead Parking Lot. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

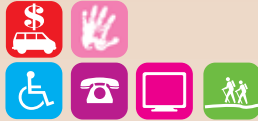
Healthy Trails Challenge Hike Ed Levin County Park 9:00am-12:00pm

Challenge yourself to complete this moderately strenuous 3.5-mile hike along the Tularcitos, Calera Creek and Agua Caliente trails with Docent Cait Hutnik. Meet at parking lot after Sandy Wool Lake. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



Family Friendly Moonlit Hike Vasona County Park 6:30pm-8:00pm

Join Docent Jennifer Snedeker for an easy 1.5-mile outing under the moon and stars on the paved Los Gatos Creek Trail. Watch for wildlife that comes out at dark, identify overhead constellations and discover many secrets of the night. Meet at the playground parking lot. Bring comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Halloween Haunt Ed Levin County Park • 5:00pm-8:00pm

Join park staff for a night of spooky family fun! Play ghostly games, carve a free pumpkin, eat s'mores around a glowing campfire and take a creepy hike around the pond. Costumes and all ages welcome. Food will be available for purchase. Meet at the Ranger office. Bring a canned food item to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. (408) 262-6980



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Tarantula Invasion Motorcycle County Park • 12:00pm-2:00pm

Why did the tarantula cross the trail? Come find out! Explore the life of tarantulas during the height of their mating and migration season. Meet at the Park Office. (408) 226-5223



Spider Night — Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch 7:30pm-10:30pm

Reserve your space for this annual crowd-pleaser and learn everything you need to know about arachnids, including our local California brown tarantula. View cages and cages of creepy crawlers and handle if you dare. Hear spider poems and folklore followed by popcorn, lemonade and the classic big-bug movie "Tarantula". Reservations required. (408) 226-5453



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Healthy Trails Toddler Trek Calero County Park • 4:30pm-6:00pm

Join strollerhikes.com docent Debbie Frazier on an easy 3-mile hike geared for families with young children. This hike features Los Cerritos Pond and the chance to view a variety of birds and wildlife. Meet at the Calero day-use parking lot. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

REI Ridge Trail Service Day Volunteer Project — Santa Teresa County Park • 9:00am-1:00pm

This annual event includes projects to improve the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The Stiles Ranch at Santa Teresa Park is part of this year's efforts. Gloves, tools, water and snacks will be provided. Bring a refillable water bottle, hiking shoes, long pants, long-sleeve shirt and sun protection. 40 volunteers are needed for this project – rain or shine. Parking is limited-carpooling encouraged. Pre-registration required. (408) 355-2254.



Star Party Grant County Park • 6:30pm-10:30pm

Take a look into the night sky with members of the Halls Valley Astronomical Group (hallsvalley.org) and Friends of Grant County Park. Telescopes are provided, but you are welcome to bring one. Entrance gate closes at 8:30pm. Meet at Telescope Row. (408) 274-6121



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Introduction to Geocaching Class Santa Teresa County Park 8:45am-12:00pm

Join Docent Sam Drake on an adventure to learn about geocaching and seek out several caches along the Fortini, Mine and Stile Ranch Trails. GPS units provided. Meet at the Fortini Trailhead off of San Vicente Ave. Wear comfortable shoes and bring sun protection and water. Reservations required. Call or register online at parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



Rock Soup — Coyote Lake- Harvey Bear Ranch County Park 9:00am-12:00pm

Discover the ingredients that make up the park's "rock soup". Discover what kinds of rocks we have and how they got here through this exploration of local geology. Meet at the Visitor Center with your typical day-hike gear, sun protection and water. (408) 842-7800



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Lost in Space Night — Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch 7:30pm-10:30pm

Join park staff and astronomers from the San Jose Astronomical Society to explore the night sky through computer-guided telescopes. Munch on popcorn while watching old TV episodes of "Lost in Space" – Danger Will Robinson, Danger! Reservations required. (408) 226-5453



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Family Friendly Moonlit Hike Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park 5:30pm-7:00pm

Enjoy a beautiful outing under the moon and stars on the paved Martin Murphy Trail (2-mile loop) with Docent Jennifer Snedeker. Watch for wildlife, identify overhead constellations and discover many secrets of this historic and ecological area. Meet at the San Martin Ave. parking lot with comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Healthy Trails Equestrian Ride Calero County Park 10:00am-1:00pm

Join Docent Janice Frazier on a 3-mile relaxed-pace ride to see breathtaking views of the Santa Clara County and surrounding Santa Cruz Mountain Range. Meet at the Calero equestrian staging area. Must bring your own horse and equipment- no rentals are available. Don't forget your helmet, snacks, sun protection and a camera. Registration required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240





THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Healthy Trails Toddler Trek

Uvas Canyon County Park • 4:30pm-6:00pm

Join strollerkikes.com Docent Debbie Frazier on a 1-mile hike around the Waterfall Loop Trail. Bring your backpack child carriers for an adventure geared for families with young children. View gorgeous waterfalls, historic water systems and a former homestead site at Myrtle Flats. Meet at the day use parking lot. Bring water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike

Uvas Canyon County Park

9:00am-12:00pm

Join Docent Cait Hutnik on this 1-mile hike along the Waterfall Loop Trail. Enjoy this well shaded trail with views of Swanson Creek and beautiful waterfalls. Meet at the Uvas day use parking lot. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



Star Party

Grant County Park • 5:30pm-10:30pm

Take a look into the night sky with members of the Halls Valley Astronomical Group (hallsvalley.org) and Friends of Grant County Park. Telescopes are provided, but you are welcome to bring one. Entrance gate closes at 6:30pm. Meet at Telescope Row. (408) 274-6121



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Yuletide Festivities at the Casa Grande • 12:00pm-4:00pm (Fridays-Sundays except Christmas Day)

Take a visit back in time for a real holiday treat at the Casa Grande. Enjoy the afternoon in a beautiful Victorian setting while learning about local history in the Quicksilver Museum. Purchase holiday gifts and local crafts from our unique gift shop. Sip hot spiced cider, munch on delicious cookies and enjoy the holiday décor in this exquisite historic building. (408) 323-1107



SATURDAY DECEMBER 11

Visit Santa at the Ranch

Santa Teresa County Park's

Historic Bernal Ranch 1:30pm-3:00pm

For the 6th year in a row Santa will bring his "Ho, Ho, Ho" to the ranch to hear Christmas wishes inside the 19th century parlor decorated for an old fashioned Victorian Christmas. Parents can get that perfect photo of their kids sitting on Santa's knee without waiting in mall lines. (408) 226-5453



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Family Friendly Moonlit Hike

Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear

Ranch County Park

5:30pm-7:00pm

Enjoy a beautiful outing under the moon and stars on the paved Martin Murphy Trail (2-mile loop) with Docent Jennifer Snedeker. Watch for wildlife, identify overhead constellations and discover many secrets of this historic and ecological area. Meet at the San Martin Ave. parking lot with comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

**Healthy Trails Challenge Hike
Stevens Creek County Park
9:00am-1:00pm**



Join Docent Cait Hutnik on this moderately challenging 5.8-mile hike along the beautiful Tony Look Trail. Enjoy scenic views of the Stevens Creek Reservoir and look for a variety of exciting wildlife. Meet at the Chestnut parking lot. Bring comfortable shoes, sun protection, water, snacks and camera. Note: Trails may be closed due to rain, call before you go. (408) 355-2240



**Family Friendly Moonlit Hike
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear
Ranch County Park
5:30pm-7:00pm**



Enjoy a beautiful outing under the moon and stars on the paved Martin Murphy Trail (2-mile loop) with Docent Jennifer Snedeker. Watch for wildlife, identify overhead constellations and discover many secrets of this historic and ecological area. Meet at the San Martin Ave. parking lot with comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Healthy Trails Challenge Hike
Almaden Quicksilver County Park
9:00am-1:00pm**



Join Docent Cait Hutnik on a moderately strenuous 4.5-mile hike along Wood Road, Castillero, and Mine Hill Trails. Enjoy beautiful views, wildlife and old mining sites as you travel through this historic area. Meet at the Wood Road parking lot. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring sun protection, snacks, water and a camera. (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12



**Healthy Trails Valentine Hike
Uvas Canyon County Park
9:30am-12:00pm**



Bring your family, friends and loved ones on a 1-mile pre-Valentine's Day hike with Docent Ken Halsey. Hike through beautiful Uvas Canyon and along the gorgeous Waterfall Loop Trail. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring sun protection, water and snacks. Meet at the Uvas Canyon day use parking lot. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org. (408) 355-2240

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**Healthy Trails Toddler Trek
Penitencia Creek County Park
4:30pm-6:00pm**



A strollerhikes.com Docent will lead you on a 4.5-mile hike geared for young children along the paved Penitencia Creek Trail. Pass playgrounds, playfields and unique native plant gardens. Meet at the corner of Jackson and Mabury Streets in San Jose. (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19



**Family Friendly Moonlit Hike
Vasona County Park
6:00pm-7:30pm**



Join Docent Jennifer Snedeker for an easy 1.5-mile outing under the moon and stars on the paved Los Gatos Creek Trail. Watch for wildlife that comes out at dark, identify overhead constellations and discover many secrets of the night. Meet at the playground parking lot. Bring comfortable walking shoes and a flashlight. Reservations required. Call or register online at Parkhere.org (408) 355-2240

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Healthy Trails Toddler Trek
Ed Levin County Park • 4:30pm-6:00pm**



A strollerhikes.com Docent will lead you on a 1-mile easy walk around the Spring Valley and Los Coches Ridge Trails. Backpack carriers are recommended for this adventure for families with young children. (408) 355-2240

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COMFY CAMPING
AT ONE OF THE
COUNTY'S MOST
MAJESTIC PARKS



A yurt is a circular, domed, tent-like shelter with a wooden floor, 10 foot ceiling and canvas sides.

It's sturdier than a tent and much more comfortable – offering bunk beds with mattresses, fold out futons, locking doors, and a wrap around deck!

Your family or group of friends can be indoors for eating, playing games, relaxing or sleeping. An outdoor picnic table, fire ring, outside food locker are at your site; free nearby showers are available. It's a convenient venue for a local vacation or special events like birthdays and anniversaries. It's less expensive than a hotel, much easier than a tent and you still get to enjoy the great outdoors!

3 SIZES, 3 COSTS FIT ANY BUDGET

Yurt Size	Capacity	Peak* / Off Season
16' diameter	6 adults	\$50 night / \$35 night
20' diameter	8 adults	\$70 night / \$55 night
24' diameter	10 adults	\$90 night / \$75 night

*Peak season is Mar. 1–Oct. 31

HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO BRING!

- Flashlight and battery operated lantern
- Sleeping bags/pillows
- Cooler with food & beverages
- Camp stove and cooking utensils (BBQ pit available)
- Firewood & matches (red flag days limit fires)
- Towel/Toiletries
- Lawn Chairs
- Camera

Layered clothing is recommended, mornings can be cool and some-times foggy. Bring rain gear January through March and don't forget to pack good walking shoes.



Stay tuned, County Parks intends to expand Yurt camping into our other parks in the near future!

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