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# Envision

... the future of  
County Parks

**The planning process to update the Santa Clara County Parks Department's Strategic Plan is underway. This strategic planning effort is called 'Our Parks Our Future,' and builds on the exceptional work of the Department's first Strategic Plan nearly 15 years ago.**

Visit [www.ourfutureparks.org](http://www.ourfutureparks.org) to learn more about the strategic planning efforts to manage and improve your Santa Clara County Parks over the next two decades.

**[ourfutureparks.org](http://www.ourfutureparks.org)**







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Check online calendar at [parkhere.org](http://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 [ADAcordinator@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:ADAcordinator@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](http://www.HPHPBayArea.org).



**Reservations required.** See program description for appropriate phone number.



**Online reservation available.**  
Go to [parkhere.org](http://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](http://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](http://parkhere.org) and click on the "Volunteer" tab, call the volunteer program office at **(408) 918-4930**, or email [volunteer@prk.sccgov.org](mailto: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...

*"Troop 290 has had a long, fruitful relationship with the County Parks: from canoeing and orienteering, to short day hikes and longer backpacking practice hikes. The opportunity to volunteer for trail work or community service gives the scouts a chance to see how working as a team can make such a big difference in the community."*

*Ian McFadyen, Assistant Scoutmaster on behalf of Troop 290*



### Upcoming volunteer opportunities

- **Visitor Center Host** (ongoing)  
Be the friendly face of the park and assist visitors with directions and information about the park. Positions available at: Anderson, Hellyer, Vasona, Almaden Quicksilver, and Martial Cottle Park (see pages 15-16 for park locations)
- **Interpretive Docent** (ongoing)  
Help us share the natural and cultural history of our County Parks by volunteering as a school programs docent. Docents lead field trip activities indoors and outdoors and should be available weekday mornings throughout the school year. Positions available at: Chitactac-Adams, Martial Cottle, New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum (see pages 15-16 for park locations)
- **Special Event volunteers**
  - September 19**  
Coastal Cleanup Day (multiple sites)
  - October 7**  
Martial Cottle Park Harvest Festival
  - October 8**  
Alviso Day on the Bay
  - December**  
Fantasy of Lights

*What's happening in your  
Santa Clara County Parks*

# What's up



## Classes offered at Motorcycle Park

**Motorcycle Park • 300 Metcalf Road, San Jose**

For all classes, riders must provide their own motorcycles/ATVs and helmets. For more details and class schedules, call the Motorcycle Park office at **(408) 226-5223**.



## Dirt Bike School

**Learn the basics** of riding an off-highway motorcycle from a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor. This is 6-hour course greatly improves the skills of a beginner rider.

## Get an ATV Certificate

**Have an ATV?** Learn how to ride safely from a qualified ATV Safety Institute Instructor. This 6-hour course fulfills the California requirement for ATV riders under age 17.



## Pianos in Parks

**Bach to Nature!**  
**Look for Pianos in Parks**  
**September**

Pianos will return to Santa Clara County Parks for a new and exciting program. There is no cost to play and everyone is welcome to enjoy the blend of music and nature. Reservations for exclusive piano play will be available through Parks Reservations. Information will be posted on **ParkHere.org**.







## The Magnificent 7 Challenge *Are you ready?*



**#PixInParks**  
**Seven Magnificent Adventures**  
**THE CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!**

*"The Santa Clara County Parks system is an often overlooked gem. The seven hikes in the Pix in Parks Challenge not only provide a good introduction to the entire system, but also a great way to get in shape while enjoying our beautiful open spaces."*

*Supervisor Ken Yeager, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors*

The **2017 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 2018.



## Chitactac Family Day

Chitactac-Adams Heritage  
 10001 Watsonville Road, Gilroy  
**Saturday, September 9 • 10am-2pm**

**Discover the heritage of people who once lived at this ancient village site.**  
 Learn to make traditional crafts and participate in unique activities.

# Harvest Festival



**Saturday  
October 7th  
10am-3pm**

**Parking \$6**

Limited parking,  
public transportation  
is encouraged.

**Martial Cottle Park  
5283 Snell Avenue, San Jose**

**Come celebrate the legacy and significance  
of our valley's rich agricultural heritage  
at this fun day on the farm!**

Family friendly activities, healthy food and fresh produce  
for sale, music and much more. Volunteers needed,  
check [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org) for details.



## Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival

**Alviso Marina County Park**

**11 95 Hope Street, Alviso**

**Sunday • October 8th • 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 2017 **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](http://sccgov.org/dayonthebay).



## Holiday Living History Days

Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

Nov. 18 • 11am-3pm & Feb. 11 • 11am-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.

19th Annual  
*Fantasy of Lights*

For Walk-thru or Drive-thru tickets  
or more information visit— [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org)

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

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# September

## EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER



### The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:30pm-2:30pm

Explore Santa Clara County's agricultural history. Meet at the visitor center to see items used on the farm in the 1890s, then take a short walk to learn about the park's current farming practices and partners.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



### Nature Walk by the Bay • Alviso Marina • 10:00am-12:00pm

Take a gentle walk around the Marina's flat dirt trails and enjoy the local weather and bayside wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities. Meet in the parking lot near the restroom.

Questions? (408) 355-2240



### Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

Join park staff for a walking tour to learn about ranch history and organic farming at the park. Afterwards, play at the Discovery Farm or shop for organic produce at the Farm Stand. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Questions? (408) 535-4060



### Pawsitive Dog Hike • Mt. Madonna • 7:00pm-9:00pm

Join a Park Ranger and her canine partner on an evening hike through the redwood forest. Meet at the Redwood Grove Picnic Area with water, snacks, insect repellent, sturdy shoes, layered clothing, and your leashed dog.

Questions? (408) 842-2341



## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4



### What's in a Park Ranger's Truck? • Calero Reservoir • 5:00pm-6:00pm

Discover what critical resources Park Rangers provide. Explore and use some of the equipment in a Ranger's truck. Meet by the reservoir launch ramp.

Questions? (408) 535-4070

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5



### Moonlight Paddle • Calero Reservoir • 7:00pm-9:30pm

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.

Requirements and reservations (408) 846-5622



## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



### Dog Nights of Summer • Anderson Lake • 7:00pm-9:00pm

Take a sunset/full moon dog-friendly hike with a Park Ranger to learn basic first aid, trail etiquette, and the history of the area. Meet in the overflow parking lot at the top of the dam.

Reservations (408) 918-7980



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



### Howling at the Moon • Anderson Lake • 7:30pm-9:30pm

Adventure out on a short moonlight hike above the lake. Hike to a nearby pond and back to check out the night sounds and sights. Meet in the parking lot above the launch ramp. Dress in layers, hiking shoes, and bring a flashlight with red lens.

**Questions? (408) 918-7980**

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



### Hike the Magnificent Seven! • Villa Montalvo • 9:00am-11:00am

Complete the #PixInParks challenge with a guided hike on one of our magnificent 7 trails! This month's hike is on the #Lookout Trail. Find your photographic destination and enjoy scenic views overlooking Silicon Valley. Meet at Lot 4 with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water, and snacks.

**Questions? (408) 355-2240**



### Story time with a Ranger

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

Explore tales and adventures of nature through short stories, fun activities, and a short walk with a Park Ranger.

Meet at the visitor center at the end of Malaguerra Ave.

**Questions? (408) 918-7980**



### Chitactac Family Day • Chitactac Adams • 10:00am-2:00pm

Discover the heritage of the people who once lived at this ancient village site along Uvas Creek. Learn to make traditional crafts and participate in unique activities and demonstrations.

**Questions? (408) 918-7770**



### Where There's Water, There's Wildlife • Mt. Madonna • 1:00pm-3:00pm

Come on a hike to discover local wildlife and learn about the intricate relationship between water and all living things. Meet at the Blackhawk Trailhead.

**Questions? (408) 842-2341**



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



### A Dogs Life on the Farm (Dog Hike) • Martial Cottle • 6:30pm-8:30pm

Join a Park Ranger on a sunset dog hike around the agricultural fields of the park. Learn about what organic farming is and why it exists here. Find out what role dogs played on the Cottle Ranch. Meet outside the Visitor Center.

Bring water for you and your pet.

**Questions? (408) 535-4060**







## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



### **Bike Safety for Young Riders • Penitencia Creek • 9:30am-10:30am**

Young bike riders will learn about basic bike safety on trails and roads. Helmets provided for free. Space is limited to 12 youth ages 8-12; parents welcome and encouraged to attend. Meet at Jackson and Maybury near the park restroom with a bike.

**Reservations (408) 262-6980**



### **DIY Lawn Conversion Workshop • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm**

Learn from Our City Forest and Master Gardeners how to convert your water-thirsty lawn into a drought-tolerant dreamscape. There will be a talk, Q&A, and a step-by-step demonstration. Stick around to help install plants in a native garden. Meet at the Master Gardener's Pavilion with a notebook, reusable water bottle, sun protection and close-toed shoes. Suggested donation of \$5-\$10.

**Reservations by email to [abby@ourcityforest.org](mailto:abby@ourcityforest.org) or at [ourcityforest.org/martialcottle](http://ourcityforest.org/martialcottle)**



### **Nature's Night Life • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 7:30pm-9:00pm**

As you're ending your day, many animals are just starting theirs. Join a Park Ranger on a night hike to learn about some of the nocturnal animals that live around you. Meet at the RV Campground Amphitheater with water, a flashlight, bug spray, and layered clothes.

**Reservations (408) 842-7800**



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



### **Photography for Children**

#### **Anderson Lake/Coyote Creek Parkway • 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Use a digital camera to tell a story, record an event, and take photos you'll be proud of. Learn basic composition tips before taking an easy walk in the park to practice your skills. Meet at the visitor center at the end of Malagueria Ave with a digital (not phone) camera.

**Reservations (408) 918-7980**



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22



### **The Great Tarantula Crawl**

#### **Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Join a Park Ranger on a scenic hike along the Mummy Mountain Trail to learn about tarantula migration and why these eight-legged wonders are on the move. If you're lucky, you may spot one, two, or a bunch of tarantulas! Meet in the Mendoza lot on Roop Rd. with water, bug spray, a flashlight, and layered clothes.

**Reservations (408) 842-7800**



### **Movie Night at the Lake • Anderson Lake • 8:00pm-10:30pm**

Come enjoy a night under the stars with family and friends. Learn about wildlife in the park, then watch a family-friendly feature movie on a big screen. Meet in the parking lot at the top of the dam. Bring a flashlight and low lawn chair or blanket.

**Questions? (408) 918-7980**







## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



### **Bike Safety for Young Riders • Penitencia Creek • 9:30am-10:30am**

Young bike riders will learn about basic bike safety on trails and roads. Helmets provided for free. Space is limited to 12 youth ages 8-12; parents welcome and encouraged to attend. Meet at Jackson and Maybury near the park restroom with a bike.

**Reservations (408) 262-6980**



### **Star Party • Joseph D. Grant • 7:30pm-11:00pm**

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical group for a night of star gazing. You'll have a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and ask questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill across from campsite #22.

**Questions? (408) 274-6121**

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29



### **The Great Tarantula Crawl**

#### **Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Join a Park Ranger on a scenic hike along the Mummy Mountain trail to learn about tarantula migration and why these eight-legged wonders are on the move. If you're lucky, you may spot one, two, or a bunch of tarantulas! Meet at the Mendoza parking lot off of Roop Rd. with bug spray, a flashlight, and layered clothing.

**Reservations (408) 842-7800**



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30



### **Bike Safety for Young Riders • Penitencia Creek • 9:30am-10:30am**

Young bike riders will learn about basic bike safety on trails and roads. Helmets provided for free. Space is limited to 12 youth ages 8-12; parents welcome and encouraged to attend. Meet at Jackson and Maybury near the park restroom with a bike.

**Reservations (408) 262-6980**



### **Wildlife Detective • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10:00am-11:00am**

Have you ever wanted to be a wildlife detective? Join park staff to examine clues that animals leave behind. Explore the natural wonders of Coyote Lake on a short hike to use your detective skills. Meet at the RV Campground Amphitheater.

**Reservations (408) 842-7800**



### **Introduction to Photography**

#### **Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 11:00am-2:00pm**

Join a Docent for a FREE outdoor photography workshop. Learn how to choose and use a camera, how to take better outdoor pictures and about photo composition. Workshop begins with an indoor slideshow, followed by demonstrations and a walk around the ranch.

**Reservations online or at (408) 355-2201**



# October



## EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER



### The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:30pm-2:30pm

Explore Santa Clara County's agricultural history. Meet at the visitor center to see items used on the farm in the 1890s, then take a short walk to learn about the park's current farming practices and partners.

**Questions? (408) 535-4060**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7



### Master Gardeners Fall Garden Market • Martial Cottle • 9:00am-2:00pm

Check out Master Gardeners' huge plant sale, educational talks on growing garlic, succulents, cool season veggies, and California Native plants, information tables and children's activities! Bring flats or boxes for plant purchases.

**More details [mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu](http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu)**



### Nature Walk by the Bay • Alviso Marina • 10:00am-12:00pm

Take a gentle walk around the Marina's flat dirt trails and enjoy the local weather and bayside wildlife. We'll keep the pace slow for all ages and abilities. Meet in the parking lot near the restroom.

**Questions? (408) 355-2240**



### Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm

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**Questions? (408) 535-4060**



### Harvest 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, healthy food and fresh produce for sale, music and much more. Volunteers needed, check [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org) for details.

**Questions? (408) 535-4060**



### Green Faire, Pop-Up Nursery & Native Plant Workshop

#### Martial Cottle • 10:00am-2:30pm

Join Our City Forest for face painting, games, tree tours, and eco-friendly crafts and activities. This kicks off the first Saturdays Pop-Up Nursery where you can purchase native and drought-tolerant plants sourced from Our City Forest's Community Nursery.

**Questions? (408) 998-7337**



### Wag'n Trails Dog Hike • Mt. Madonna • 4:00pm-6:00pm

Join a Park Ranger and her canine companion on an evening hike to explore the trails through a redwood habitat with your dog. Meet at the Hilltop Group Picnic Area.

**Questions? (408) 842-2341**





## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8



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

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 a community bike ride.

**Questions? (408) 299-5030**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14



### 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? Explore nature and recreation at the Visitor Center while being trained in hands-only CPR and basic first aid by Park Rangers. All practice equipment is provided; space is limited.

**Reservations online or at (408) 355-2201**



### Edible & Native Plant Talk and Demonstration

#### Martial Cottle • 10:30am-11:30am

Learn California native plant names and the ways Native Americans used them for food and medicinal purposes. Our City Forest's native plant specialist will give a tour of the plants on site and provide ideas for visitors to take home to their own gardens. Suggested donation \$5.

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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15



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## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, continued**



### **Hike the Magnificent Seven! • Stevens Creek • 10:00am-1:00pm**

Complete the #PixInParks challenge with a guided hike on one of our magnificent 7 trails! This month's hike is on the #TonyLook Trail. Find your photographic destination and enjoy scenic views overlooking the reservoir. Meet at the Madrone Picnic Area with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water, and snacks.  
**Questions? (408) 355-2240**



### **Pawsome Dog Hike • Mt. Madonna • 3:30pm-5:00pm**

Join a Park Ranger and her canine partner on a hike through the redwood forest. Meet at the Redwood Grove Picnic Area with water, snacks, insect repellent, sturdy shoes, layered clothing, and your leashed dog.  
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### **Star Party • Joseph D. Grant • 6:00pm-11:00pm**

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical group for a night of star gazing. You'll have a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and ask questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill across from campsite #22.  
**Questions? (408) 274-6121**

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**



### **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 off Hicks Road. Bring water and a snack.  
**Questions? (408) 918-7770**

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**



### **Edible & Native Plant Talk and Demonstration Martial Cottle • 10:30am-11:30am**

Learn California native plant names and the ways Native Americans used them for food and medicinal purposes. Our City Forest's native plant specialist will give a tour of the plants on site and provide ideas for visitors to take home to their own gardens. Suggested donation \$5.

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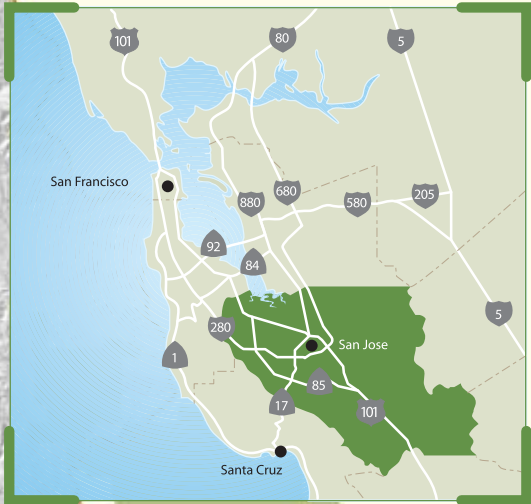
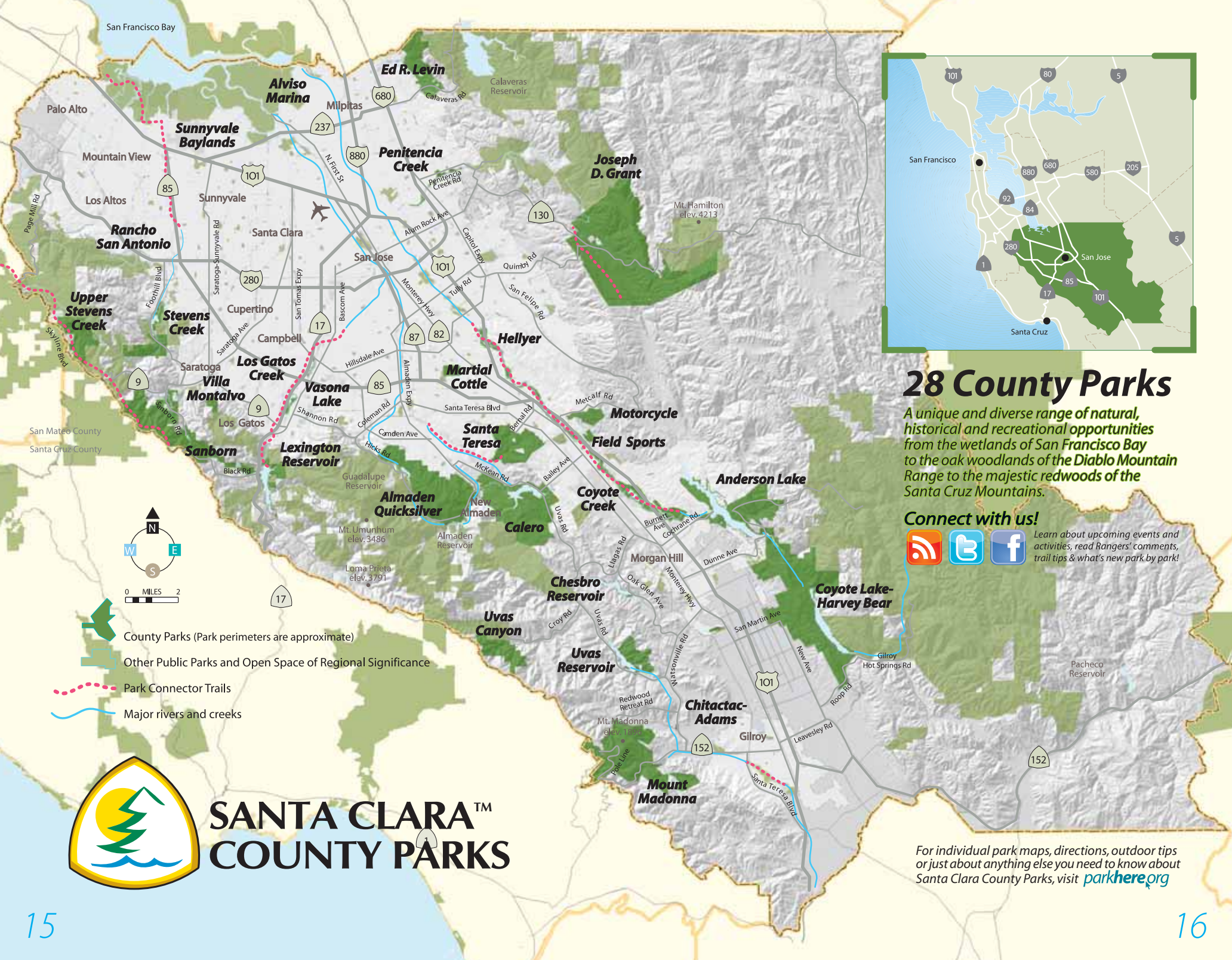


### **Microscopic Monsters Science and Movie Night Santa Teresa/Bernal Ranch • 7:30pm-10:30pm**

Explore the science of microscopy. View the freakish world of unseen micro-monsters (amoebas, paramecia and other such tiny horrors) swimming and hunting within a drop of pond water. Stay to watch the sci-fi classic "The Blob" about an extraterrestrial amoeba. It's a fun family Halloween happening for all ages and abilities.  
**Reservations (408) 226-5453**







## 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!



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For individual park maps, directions, outdoor tips or just about anything else you need to know about Santa Clara County Parks, visit [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org)



# 19th Annual Fantasy of Lights

Online tickets available in  
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# November



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**Questions? (408) 535-4060**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4



**The Legends and Myths of the Prairie Wolf  
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10:00am-11:00am**  
One of the most adaptable mammals in the world, the coyote is widespread in range, mythology, and folklore. Learn why the coyote is such a successful survivor and the topic of so many stories. Meet at the RV Campground Amphitheater.  
**Reservations (408) 842-7800**



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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11



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**Hike the Magnificent Seven! • Joseph D. Grant • 2:30pm-5:00pm**  
Complete the #PixInParks challenge with a guided hike on one of our magnificent 7 trails! This month's walk is on the #BarnTrail. Find your photographic destination and learn about local history. Meet at the Stockman's Picnic Area parking lot with water, sun protection, and snacks.  
**Questions? (408) 355-2240**





## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18



### Holiday Living History Day

**Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 11:00am-3:00pm**

Come visit the 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.

**Questions? (408) 918-7770**



### Star Party • Joseph D. Grant • 5:30pm-10:00pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical group for a night of star gazing.

You'll have a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and ask questions about the night sky. Meet at Telescope Row.

**Questions? (408) 274-6121**

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25



### Edible & Native Plant Talks with Demonstration

**Martial Cottle • 10:30am-11:30am**

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# 19th Annual Fantasy of Lights

Online tickets available in  
November at [ParkHere.org](http://ParkHere.org)

## December



### EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN DECEMBER



#### **The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:30pm-2:30pm**

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**Questions? (408) 535-4060**



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2



#### **Nature Walk by the Bay • Alviso Marina • 10:00am-12:00pm**

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#### **Healthy Parks, Healthy People Walk • Martial Cottle • 10:00am-12:00pm**

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**Questions? (408) 998-7337**



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3



#### **Redwood Nature Hike • Sanborn • 9:00am-11:00am**

Join park staff on a moderate 2-mile loop hike through the young redwood forest. Explore and discover the variety of plants and wildlife that populate this habitat. Meet at the Sequoia parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing, and water.

**Reservations (408) 867-9959**



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9



#### **Edible & Native Plant Talks with Demonstration**

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16



### 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 off Hicks Road. Bring water and a snack.

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**Can't do a scheduled Jr. Ranger Program?**

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Earn your official Jr. Park Ranger patch by completing activities in the Jr. Ranger Discovery Guide on your own. Download the Discovery Guide at [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org).

Printed guides are available in limited quantity and may be requested by email at [interp@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:interp@prk.sccgov.org).





# January



## EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN JANUARY



### **The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:30pm-2:30pm**

Explore Santa Clara County's agricultural history. Meet at the visitor center to see items used on the farm in the 1890s, then take a short walk to learn about the park's current farming practices and partners.

**Questions? (408) 535-4060**



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6



### **History Bike Ride • Vasona • 9:00am-11:00am**

Join a Park Ranger on an 11-mile mountain bike ride through history.

Ride along the scenic Los Gatos Creek Trail, continue to Lexington Reservoir, and climb St. Joseph's Hill (900 foot climb). Helmet and properly functioning mountain bike required. Meet in the Pier parking lot.

**Questions? (408) 356-2729**



### **Nature Walk by the Bay • Alviso Marina • 10:00am-12:00pm**

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**Questions? (408) 998-7337**



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20



### **History Bike Ride • Vasona • 9:00am-11:00am**

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**Questions? (408) 356-2729**



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**Questions? (408) 918-7770**



### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26



#### **Youth Night Scavenger Hunt • Calero • 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Discover night phenomena with your family and friends through team activities designed to ignite curiosity in youth ages 9-14+. Dress for cool weather, rain cancels. Meet near park office.

**Reservations (408) 918-7779**



### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27



#### **History Bike Ride • Vasona • 9:00am-11:00am**

Join a Park Ranger on an 11-mile mountain bike ride through history. Ride along the scenic Los Gatos Creek Trail, continue to Lexington Reservoir, and climb St. Joseph's Hill (900 foot climb). Helmet and properly functioning mountain bike required. Meet in the Pier parking lot.

**Questions? (408) 356-2729**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31



#### **Sunset/Moonlight Hike • Stevens Creek Reservoir • 5:30pm-8:00pm**

Join park staff on a strenuous 4-mile sunset/moonlit adventure to explore nocturnal adaptations of our wildlife neighbors. Meet at the reservoir parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing, water, and a flashlight.

**Reservations (408) 867-3654**



## Field Trip & Class 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 (see page 29 & 30.)

Some educational materials are available for loan to teachers and community leaders. Check the parks website at **parkhere.org** Click on **EDUCATION** tab for more information or call **(408) 918-7770**.



# February



## EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY



### The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:30pm-2:30pm

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**Questions? (408) 535-4060**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3



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**Questions? (408) 998-7337**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10



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**Questions? (408) 356-2729**

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11



### Victorian Valentine Living History Day Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 11:00am-3:00pm

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

**Questions? (408) 918-7770**



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17



### History Bike Ride • Vasona • 9:00am-11:00am

Join a Park Ranger on an 11-mile mountain bike ride through history. Ride along the scenic Los Gatos Creek Trail, continue to Lexington Reservoir, and climb St. Joseph's Hill (900 foot climb). Helmet and properly functioning mountain bike required. Meet in the Pier parking lot.

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### 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? Explore nature and recreation at the Visitor Center while being trained in hands-only CPR and basic first aid by Park Rangers. All practice equipment is provided; space is limited.

**Reservations online or at (408) 355-2201**



## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23



### Youth Night Scavenger Hunt

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 7:00pm-8:30pm

Discover night phenomena with your family and friends through team activities designed to ignite curiosity in youth ages 9-14+. Dress for cool weather, rain cancels. Meet at the Mendoza lot off of Roop Rd.

**Reservations (408) 918-7779**



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24



### History Bike Ride • Vasona • 9:00am-11:00am

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**Questions? (408) 356-2729**

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25



### The Trails and You: What to Know Before You Go

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 1:00pm-3:00pm

Learn how to explore trails in your community safely while having fun and enjoying the natural beauty parks have to offer. Gain knowledge about shared-use trails and regulations that help protect trail users and park resources. This is a drop-in event at the Mendoza lot on Roop Rd.

**Questions? (408) 842-7800**





# 2018 Preview

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## March



### EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN MARCH



#### **The Martial Cottle Park Experience • Martial Cottle • 1:30pm-2:30pm**

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**Questions? (408) 535-4060**



### SATURDAY, MARCH 3



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## SATURDAY, MARCH 10



### Wildlife Detective • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10:00am-11:00am

Have you ever wanted to be a wildlife detective? Join park staff to examine clues that animals leave behind. Explore the natural wonders of Coyote Lake on a short hike to use your detective skills.

Meet at the RV Campground Amphitheater.

**Reservations (408) 842-7800**



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**Reservations (408) 918-7779**



## SUNDAY, MARCH 18



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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](http://www.HPHPBayArea.org).



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## April



### EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN APRIL



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**Questions? (408) 535-4060**



### SATURDAY, APRIL 7



#### **Chitactac Family Day**

#### **Chitactac Adams • Check website calendar for time**

Discover the heritage of the people who once lived at this ancient village site along Uvas Creek. Learn to make traditional crafts and participate in unique activities and demonstrations.

**Questions? (408) 918-7770**



#### **Bike Safety for Young Riders • Penitencia Creek • 9:30am-10:30am**

Young bike riders will learn about basic bike safety on trails and roads. Helmets provided for free. Space is limited to 12 youth ages 8-12; parents welcome and encouraged to attend. Meet at Jackson and Maybury near the park restroom with a bike.

**Reservations (408) 262-6980**



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### SUNDAY, APRIL 8



#### **Cougar Country • Calero • 10:00am-2:00pm**

Come learn about the habits and life cycle of a mountain lion. Explore how humans and wildlife interact and share our park lands. Meet at the Rancho San Vicente parking lot on McKean Rd.

**Questions? (408) 535-4070**



### SATURDAY, APRIL 14



**Master Gardeners Spring Garden Market • Martial Cottle • 9:00am-2:00pm**  
Check out Master Gardeners' huge plant sale, educational talks, information tables, children's activities, and more! Arrive early to get your choice of heirloom tomatoes and peppers. Bring flats or boxes for transporting plants.  
**Full details can be found at [mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu](http://mgsantaclara.ucanr.edu).**



**Wildflower Scavenger Hunt • Almaden Quicksilver • 12:00pm-3:00pm**  
Join Friends of the New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association on a wildflower scavenger hunt through various stations along the Wood Road Trail. Meet in the Wood Rd. parking lot off of Hicks Rd.  
**Reservations online or at (408) 355-2201**



### FRIDAY, APRIL 20



**Youth Night Scavenger Hunt  
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 8:30pm-10:00pm**

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**Reservations (408) 918-7779**



### SATURDAY, APRIL 21



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**Questions? (408) 918-7770**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22



**Discover the Leave No Trace Principles  
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 12:00pm-1:00pm**

Meet at the Visitor Center to discover the seven Leave No Trace principles with a Park Ranger. Learn about outdoor etiquette and discover what ten essential items to have in your day pack when enjoying an outing the park.  
**Questions? (408) 842-7800**



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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 donation requested.

**(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](http://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.*



*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*



**SANTA CLARA™  
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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. & 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

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