

***P**rovide, 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  
COUNTY PARKS**

**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**  
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**  
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

**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



# Play Here!

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



*Spring  
Summer  
2012*



Join us online!



*How about a fun, FREE  
quest for the whole family!  
See page 3!*





# 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.

**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 nearly 46,000 acres.

*parkhere.org*



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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.

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## Key to symbols



**Healthy Trails Challenge Hike.**  
See description under "all year" programs.



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



Online reservations. Go to [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org), select "on-line calendar" and find program



**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 dogs allowed. Must be controlled on a 6' max. leash.



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



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



Feature movie shown as part of program.



\$6 vehicle fee to enter park.



Photography program.



Are you ready for  
a new challenge?

# Healthy Trails



**Sign up for Healthy Trails,  
your path to fitness,  
fun and adventure!**

**Healthy Trails 2nd Edition  
available now.**

**Healthy Trails 3rd Edition  
coming June 23, 2012 to  
Festival in the Park!**

Healthy Trails is a FREE fitness challenge providing a fun and adventurous way to exercise, get fit and connect with nature as you explore miles and miles of spectacular Santa Clara County park trails. Plan your own adventures or check the calendar for Healthy Trails guided hikes, bike rides, dog walks, stroller hikes, and more.



Healthy Trails is provided in  
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## How does the Healthy Trails Challenge work?

- First, you must become a registered participant. Everyone can sign up: children, adults of all ages, organized groups, companies, school classes and more! Over 14,500 people of all ages and abilities have already joined.
- Read through the Healthy Trails Guidebook (provided when you register) and select trails according to your ability and interest – from easy to strenuous, short to long, there is something for everyone.
- Walk, ride, run or roll on at least 5 different trails.
- Fill out and submit the Healthy Trails Log and Evaluation (provided in guidebook).
- Earn FREE gifts for signing up and for successfully completing the Healthy Trails Challenge.
- Keep it going! Once you finish your first five trails, you can start right in on your second five. Those who finish five additional trails and submit a second log and evaluation will receive yet another gift. Re-registration is required, phone only 408-355-2268.
- Sign up for Healthy Trails 3rd Edition at Festival in the Park, Hellyer County Park, Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 11am to 4pm or register online at [parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org). Click on Healthy Trails, then on the registration link. You may also register by phone at (408) 355-2268.

## Wildflowers Wildflowers abound in your County Parks!



Many Santa Clara County Parks offer easy access to acres of blooming wildflowers. The parks feature meadows, redwood groves, oaks, riparian zones, coastal ridges and rare serpentine grasslands, each with their own inherent and diverse wildflower beauty.

Magnificent carpets of bright California Poppies stretch as far as the eye can see. Be sure to catch them on a sunny day, as they close up when it's too cloudy or dark. Blooms are visible from roads and parking lots, but a hike will bring the poppies up close and personal and offer a glimpse of wildlife as well.

Fantastic displays of wildflowers are common in **Grant County Park** with the peak occurring in late April and early May, when Blue-eyed Grass, Bluedicks, Johnny Jump-ups, Checker Bloom, California Poppies, Fiddlenecks, blue and white Lupine, and Popcorn Flowers sprawl through the grass along the **San Felipe, Corral, Brush, Dutch Flat and Halls Valley Trails**.



In **Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch Park**, plan your hike to include the southern end of the **Calaveras Trail**, which will take you past fields of flowers that thrive in the nutrient-poor serpentine soil. Poppies and Popcorn Flowers line the steep hillside above the canyon along the Coyote Ridge Trail.

One of the best places to see a wide range of flowers is along serpentine ridges. In the spring, you can often see over 25 different species in bloom within 100 yards!

The Most Beautiful Jewelflower, a rare flower found on serpentine soils, can be found on **Coyote Peak, Rocky Ridge and the Stile Ranch Trails** in **Santa Teresa County Park**. This tiny gem of a flower is one of the most beautiful members of the Mustard Family. Serpentine rocks protrude from the grassland providing perfect conditions for a riot of springtime flowers.



**Almaden Quicksilver County Park** is famous for grand displays of wildflowers. In spring, you'll find Manroot, Shooting Stars, Monkey Flowers, Mule-ear Sunflowers, Woodland Star, Milkmaids, and Miner's Lettuce on the left side of the **Mine Hill Trail**.

During the months of March, April and May, the back country of **Calero County Park** offers a spectacular display of wildflowers. Look for poppies along the **Javelina Loop Trail** and Checker Bloom, Chinese Houses and Owl Clover along the **Pena Trail**.

We have an amazing variety of wildflowers. Although the most spectacular displays occur in spring, there is always something to see. Check the calendar and join us for a wildflower hike!





# April



## MONDAY, APRIL 2

**Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek • Ed Levin • 9am-11am**  
Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent on a mildly rugged hike on the Tularcitos, Calera Creek and Aqua Caliente Trails. Meet at the dog park. The outing is geared for families with young children. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and a stroller or backpack carrier. (408) 355-2240

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7



### Introduction to Photography

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10am-1pm

Join a Docent for a 3.7-mile photography hike on the spectacular Mummy Mountain Trail. Learn outdoor photography techniques and take pictures of the wildflowers, sunny meadows, shady forests, unusual rock formations, and breathtaking views. Bring a camera, sturdy hiking shoes, snacks, water and sun protection. Meet at the Mendoza parking lot on Roop Rd. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.



#### Healthy Trails Bilingual (Spanish) Challenge Hike Santa Teresa • 10am-Noon

Join us on a moderately challenging 2.5-mile hike on the Fortini/Mine/Stile Ranch Trails (loop). See Beautiful Valley Vista views of Santa Teresa Hills, Calero Lake and Almaden Valley. Meet at the Stile Ranch entrance. (408) 355-2294



#### Pre-Easter Dog Walk • Vasona • 11am-Noon

Bring your dog out for a leisurely pre-Easter hike to explore the park with a Ranger. Meet at the Boat Center parking lot. (408) 356-2729



### Family Moonlit Hike

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 7:30pm-9pm

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. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.



## SUNDAY, APRIL 8

### Wildflowers of the Serpentine Realm Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-Noon

Take a moderate 5-mile hike to explore one of the rarest habitats in the world. See spectacular wildflowers and possibly even an endangered butterfly. Meet at the dam parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, camera, water and lunch. (408) 842-7800



### Old Fashioned Easter, Grant, 1pm-3pm

Join us for an afternoon egg hunt, crafts, games and a chance to find the golden egg. Meet at the Ranch House. Egg hunt starts promptly at 1pm—don't forget your Easter basket! (408) 274-6121



## THURSDAY, APRIL 12



### Healthy Trails Stroller Hike and Toddler Trek Santa Teresa • 4:30pm-6pm

Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent on a moderate hike geared towards families with small children. Enjoy many historical sites along the way. Meet at the Fortini Trail Head parking lot. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



## SATURDAY, APRIL 14



### Power To The Petal • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 11am-1pm

Hike with a Park Ranger to explore a bounty of wildflowers and discover why this unique environment provides critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at Calero Reservoir, then carpool to the trail nearby. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and sun protection. Bring lunch and water. Note: This is a guided hike in a "closed area", not normally open to the public. Restrooms not available except at reservoir. (408) 268-3883



### Flourishing Flowers • Grant • 11am-2pm

Learn to identify wildflowers on this easy hike with a Ranger. Discover which ones are poisonous and which ones have medicinal value. Meet at the Stockman's parking lot with hiking shoes, sun protection water and lunch. (408) 274-6121





## SUNDAY, APRIL 15



### Wildflower Hike • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-1:30pm

Join a Park Docent on a 3-mile hike to enjoy spring wildflowers and learn how the rolling serpentine grasslands provide critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at Calero Reservoir, then carpool to the trail nearby. Bring sun protection, water, camera, sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing. Note: This is a guided hike in a "closed area" not yet open for public access, group travels together. Restrooms not available except at reservoir. **Register online or call (408) 355-2240.**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21



### Wildflower Scavenger Hunt • Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-Noon

Join Docents and friends of the New Almaden Quicksilver County Park Association on a wildflower scavenger hunt through various stations along the Wood Road Trail. Meet at the Wood Road entrance off Hicks Rd. **Register online or call (408) 355-2240.**



### Gone Fishing 101 – Beginner Tips From a Ranger Stevens Creek • 10am-Noon

Discover some beginning fishing tips that will help make you a more successful angler. This is an indoor session for ages 12 and up just getting started. Meet at the Park Office to learn about basic equipment, rules and regulations, and local "hot spots". No equipment necessary. Reservations required. **(408) 867-3654**



### Star Party • Grant • 8pm-11pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star gazing fun. Knowledgeable volunteers will provide you with a chance to look through high-powered telescopes and ask questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill, across from campsite 22. Park entrance gate closes at 9pm. **(408) 274-6121**

## SUNDAY, APRIL 22



### Wildflowers: Shade & Sun

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-Noon

View spectacular wildflowers as you take a 4-mile hike through cathedral-like oak forests and savannah-like grasslands. Meet at the RV campground parking area. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water, snacks, camera and magnifying lens. **(408) 842-7800**



### Wildflowers Galore! • Santa Teresa • 10am-Noon

Take a 3-mile hike to explore endangered species of the serpentine habitat and learn why certain soils and rocky mixtures produce the most beautiful and abundant wildflower displays. Meet at the Pueblo group area with hiking shoes, sun protection and water. **(408) 225-0225**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 28



### Healthy Trails Challenge Hike • Mt. Madonna • 9am-1pm

Join a Park Docent on a 3.6-mile moderate hike on the Ridge, Tie Camp and Merry-Go-Round Trails. Hike through diverse habitats and enjoy spectacular views. Meet at the Sprig Day Use parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water, snacks, and a camera. **(408) 355-2240**

### Henry Miller as He Lived • Mt. Madonna • 10am-Noon

Come on up to the place that Henry Miller, the "Cattle King", called home. Explore the historic ruins and discover why this place is so special. Meet at the Ranger office with comfortable walking shoes, sun protection and water for a 1.5-mile easy hike. **(408) 842-2341**

### History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Join a park historian on a leisurely walk to learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House with walking shoes and water. **(408) 274-6121**

## SUNDAY, APRIL 29



### History Hike: "History Through A Changed Landscape"

#### Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-2pm

Take a 4-mile hike and travel through time with a Park Interpreter. Learn about the mining history that has helped shape the landscape of this historic park. Meet at the Wood Rd. entrance off Hicks Rd. with a bag lunch, water, sun/rain protection, and sturdy hiking shoes. Not recommended for children under 5. **(408) 918-7774**



# Volunteer

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

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department offers a broad range of volunteer opportunities. Sign up today! Go to [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) and follow the "Volunteer Here" link or call the Parks Volunteer Program Office at (408) 355-2254.

## ***Volunteer Benefits***

- Meet new friends
- Learn rewarding new skills
- Enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done
- Receive County Parks Volunteer newsletter
- Receive invitations to upcoming volunteer events, training sessions, and recognition events.
- and much more!

*Volunteers ages 16 and 17 must fill out the volunteer application, have a parent sign it, and bring it with them on the day of the event.*

*Volunteers ages 15 and under must also have a parent or guardian over the age of 18 accompany them for the duration of the event.*

## ***Adopt-a-Trail***

Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers, after completing Department training, take care of a trail, or section of trail, within a County Park. Adopt-a-Trail volunteers conduct trail brushing/pruning, litter/debris removal, routine trail tread/drainage clearing, and major trail problem reporting. Participants who agree to participate for one-year receive in-park signage acknowledging their commitment.

## ***Camp & Site Hosts***

County Parks has an on-going need for Camp & Site Host volunteers. Hosts receive a full-utility campsite



in exchange for 20-hours per week of volunteer service. Duties may include site security, camp/restroom maintenance and assisting park staff with educational programs. Per State law, fingerprinting for this position is required.

## ***Trail Crew Lead Volunteers***

We're always looking for some good people who would like to be highly skilled trail "hot-shot" group members. Trail Crew Leads are provided with in-depth trail-building and maintenance training, then assist park staff with major trail projects. Trail Crew Leads also oversee adopt-a-trail groups and Trail Day events for scheduled trail projects. Per State law, fingerprinting for this position is required.

## ***Trail Watch***

County Parks is looking for hikers, bikers and horseback riders who use, or would like to use, park trails and want to help Park Ranger staff by patrolling, providing visitor information, providing basic services in emergencies, and correcting or reporting park violations. All candidates must complete a 16-hour training academy and a training hike/ride prior to being activated. Volunteers are asked to provide a minimum of 48-hours of service annually once active. Uniforms are provided to all volunteers.

## ***Docents***

Docents are needed on an on-going basis to assist Park Staff in conducting educational and recreational programs and help operate park visitor centers throughout County Parks. As a Docent, you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of Interpretive and Outdoor Recreation programs.



## ***Individual Volunteer Projects***

Perfect for scout troops or Eagle Scouts, corporate volunteers, school groups, individuals, or any other group looking to help out! If our ongoing programs or annual events don't fit your schedule or aren't exactly what you are looking for, we can still find something for you! We'll see what we can do to accommodate you or your group and make the project beneficial for everyone involved!

## ***Monthly Volunteer Projects***

To find out more information or register for one of the volunteer events below, go to [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) and follow the "Volunteer Here" link.

## ***SATURDAY, APRIL 21***

### **Earth Day – Trail Work and Dedication Ceremony Coyote Lake • 9am- 1pm**

Help our expert Trail Crew with trail maintenance and construction. You will work on the Ed Wilson Trail at Coyote Lake Park. The event includes a brief dedication ceremony to recognize the completion of our trails system at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Park! Volunteers meet at the parking lot on the dam. The park address is 10840 Coyote Lake Rd., Gilroy, CA. No special skills are required but the work may be moderately strenuous. Tools, work gloves and snacks are provided; please bring your own water bottle. Sturdy hiking shoes, long pants, long sleeve shirt and sun or rain protection are recommended.

## ***SATURDAY, MAY 19***

### **National River Cleanup Day Various Parks • 9am-Noon**

Millions of tons of trash end up in our nation's rivers and streams every year. National River Cleanup™ is the most popular and successful stream cleanup



program in the country. For more information on specific cleanup sites throughout Santa Clara County, visit [cleanacreek.org](http://cleanacreek.org). The cleanup day is a great way to fulfill your community service requirements. Individuals, clubs and classes are welcome and encouraged to participate in our cleanup events. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, sturdy shoes, gloves and sunscreen.

## ***SATURDAY, JUNE 2***

### **National Trails Day Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-1pm**

Come help our County Parks Trail Crew with new trail construction, tread work and brushing. June 3 celebrates the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day. We will work on the New Almaden Trail. Volunteers meet at the Mockingbird Lane parking lot. Pre-registration is mandatory. No special skills are required but the work may be moderately strenuous. Tools, work gloves and snacks are provided; please bring your own water bottle. Sturdy hiking shoes, long pants, long sleeve shirt and sun or rain protection are highly recommended.

## ***SATURDAY, JUNE 23***

### **Festival in the Park Hellyer • 8am-6pm**

Festival in the Park is a free, family-oriented event created to inspire people to take charge of their health through fitness, fun and adventure. Last year's festival was attended by more than 5,000 people and featured over 150 exhibitors. County Parks needs volunteer assistance in the areas of visitor and exhibitor hospitality, exhibit set-up and teardown, amusement ride attendants, and general cleanup. You may sign up for one or more of the following shifts: 8am-Noon, 10am-2pm, or Noon-4pm. When registering please indicate which shift(s) you want to work.





## FRIDAY, MAY 4



### **Moonlight Meanderings • Ed Levin • 7:30pm-10:30pm**

Take a hike into the night with a Ranger as your guide to see the sights, sniff the smells and hear the sounds of the park by moonlight. Kids age 10 and over welcome. Meet in parking lot by the Dog Park with sturdy hiking shoes, flashlights, layered clothing and water. Reservations required. (408) 262-6980

## SATURDAY, MAY 5



### **Coyote Creek Nature Walk**

#### **Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-10:30am**

Take an easy walk with a Ranger to look for wildflowers, plants and wildlife along the Coyote Creek Trail. Meet at the park office at end of Malaguerra Ave. in Morgan Hill. Bring comfortable walking shoes, water and sun protection. (408) 779-3634



### **A Jogging Safari • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-11am**

Take a 6.5-mile nature jog with a Park Ranger and get in shape while exploring nature's beauty. See spectacular valley views and discover interesting facts about plants and animals found in the park. Meet at the RV campground with jogging apparel, sturdy running shoes and water. (408) 842-7800



### **Family Yoga in the Park • Vasona • 10am-11am**

Enjoy healthy family fun through individual and group yoga poses and exercises, creative breathing, and relaxing connection time. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and meet at the parking lot near the fishing pier. Reservations required.



Register online or call (408) 355-2240.



### **Family Fun Hike • Lexington Reservoir • 11am-Noon**

Get a little exercise as you explore the sights and sounds of spring on a 1-mile hike with a Ranger. Meet at the launch ramp parking lot. (408) 356-2729



## SUNDAY, MAY 6



### **Wildflower Hike • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-1:30pm**

Join a Park Docent on a 3-mile hike to enjoy spring wildflowers and learn how the rolling serpentine grasslands provide critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at Calero Reservoir, then carpool to the trail nearby. Bring sun protection, water, camera, sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing. Note: This is a guided hike in a "closed area" not yet open for public access. Restrooms not available except at reservoir. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.



## MONDAY, MAY 7

### **Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek • Ed Levin • 9am-11am**

Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent on a mildly rugged hike on the Tularcitos, Calera Creek and Aqua Caliente Trails. Meet at the dog park. The outing is geared for families with young children. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and a stroller or backpack carrier. (408) 355-2240

## THURSDAY, MAY 10



### **Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek • Calero • 4:30pm-6pm**

Join a leader from Strollerhikes.com on a hike along the Figueroa trail. This hike is geared for families with young children. Backpacks and carriers are recommended, but jogging strollers do well if you don't mind a few hills. Meet at the parking area next to the park office. (408) 355-2240

## SATURDAY, MAY 12



### **Family Yoga in the Park • Vasona • 10am-11am**

Enjoy healthy family fun through individual and group yoga poses and exercises, creative breathing, and relaxing connection time. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and meet at the parking lot near the fishing pier. Reservations required. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.

### **Healthy Trails Bilingual (Spanish) Challenge Hike**

#### **Coyote Creek Parkway • 10am-Noon**

Join us on an easy 6-mile (out & back) hike along the Coyote Creek Trail. See abundant wildlife as we hike along riparian habitat under the shaded canopy. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Malaguerra Ave. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2294

### **Come on Kids Let's Hike! • Calero • 10am-Noon**

Take a 2-mile moderate hike with a Park Ranger to explore nature and look for wildlife. Meet at the Calero Park Office with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water and snacks. (408) 268-3883

### **Stevens Creek History Hike • Stevens Creek • Noon-2pm**

Learn about the first people to live on this land and explore how the scenery has evolved over the years. Use historical maps and photos to help tell the stories of change. Hike about 1.5 miles to look at various park features. Meet at the Park Office with sun protection, sturdy hiking shoes and water. Reservations required. (408) 867-3654

### **Hula Hoop Fitness Class • Hellyer • 2pm-3pm**

No longer just child's play, hula hoop has evolved into a fun form of fitness! Join us for a low impact yet energizing class using adult-size hoops. Learn the basics of moving the hoop around the torso as well as incorporating your feet and arms. Meet on the lawn by Cottonwood Lake. Reservations required. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.





## SUNDAY, MAY 13



### Walk Amongst the Redwoods • Villa Montalvo • 9am-11:30am

Explore the redwood forest plants, trees and wildlife on a 4-mile hike with a Ranger on the trails above Villa Montalvo. Meet at parking lot #4 with sturdy hiking shoes, water, and layered clothing. (408) 356-2729



### Rock Soup • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-Noon

Explore the Calaveras Fault with a Park Ranger and discover how our geologic landscape came to be. Explore the ingredients that make up the park's "rock soup". Meet at the Mendoza parking lot on Roop Rd. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, snacks and water. (408) 842-7800



## SATURDAY, MAY 19



### History Tour by Van • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-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 bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy in the park. Children must be over 6 years and 60 lbs. Meet at the Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum. Bring water, lunch and sun protection. Reservations required. Cost is \$5 per person. (408) 918-7773



### Healthy Trails Challenge Hike

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-2pm

Join a Park Docent on a long but gratifying 10-mile hike along the Coyote Ridge Harvey Bear and Calaveras trails. See abundant wildlife and coast live oak habitats. Meet at the Mendoza parking lot. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 355-2240



### What an Animal! • Mt. Madonna • 10am-Noon

Discover some of the wild animals that share our park lands. Play games, feel animal pelts, and explore the Redwood Grove with a Ranger. Meet at Redwood Grove picnic area. Bring hiking shoes, layered clothes, insect repellent, water and snacks. (408) 842-2341



### Frog and Lizard Night



#### Santa Teresa's Historic Bernal Ranch • 7:30pm-10pm

Join aquarium experts and herpetologists to learn about local salamanders, frogs, lizards, and how to set up successful pollywog aquariums. First families to make reservations can take home a tadpole with small tank. After the program, stay for popcorn, lemonade and the campy horror movie "Creature from the Black Lagoon." Reservations required. (408) 226-5453



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## SUNDAY, MAY 20



### Tailgate Time! • Hellyer • 1pm-2pm

Meet a Ranger and some wildlife friends at the playground. Discover who lives in the park and what you can do to help protect their homes. (408) 225-0225



### Living History

#### Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum • 1pm-3pm

Come visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden Mine managers. Costumed Docents will be on hand to guide you through Victorian period rooms and museum exhibits. Children will be able to participate in a craft activity to take home. (408) 918-7775



## THURSDAY, MAY 24



### Backpacking Bambinos: Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek Stevens Creek • 4:30pm-6pm

Take your babies and toddlers on a 5.8-mile hike with a Strollerhikes.com Docent. Infant carriers or backpacks are recommended for this adventure, joggers are not. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring sun protection, water, and snacks. Meet at the Chestnut parking lot. (408) 355-2240



## FRIDAY, MAY 25



### Starry Night Hike • Ed Levin • 8pm-10:30pm

Satisfy your curiosity about the skies above on this 2.5 hour hike with a Ranger. Gain new insights about the Earth's relationship to its celestial neighbors and learn about some of the constellations above. Meet at the parking lot near the Dog Park with sturdy hiking shoes, water, flashlight and binoculars if you have them. (408) 262-6980

## SATURDAY, MAY 26



### Living with Wildlife-Raptors • Sanborn • 10am-Noon

Join a Park Ranger on a short hike to look for winged hunters in the sky. Learn about a raptor's role in the environment and how to easily identify hawks, falcons and eagles. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy hiking shoes. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Meet at the park office. (408) 867-9959



### Watersheds and Wildlife Hike • Uvas Canyon • 10am-Noon

Discover the beauty of this hidden canyon and see how diverse habitats have combined to produce a thriving community of plants and animals. Meet at the day-use parking lot. Bring hiking shoes, sunscreen and water. (408) 842-2341



### History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Join a park historian on a leisurely walk to learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House with walking shoes and water. (408) 274-6121







## SATURDAY, MAY 26 continued



### Wash Day & Old Time Games

#### Santa Teresa's Historic Bernal Ranch • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Come out for a fun-filled afternoon. Experience Granny's "weekly affliction" and play games from 100 years ago. The historic ranch is located at the corner of Camino Verde and Manila Dr. in San Jose. **(408) 226-5453**

## SUNDAY, MAY 27



### A Taste of Kayaking • Vasona Lake • 9am-12:15pm

Park Docent Shirley Reekie will show and tell first-time kayakers all about this fun-loving sport. Choose from two sessions, 9am-10:30am or 10:45am-12:15pm. Must be age 12 or older and able to swim. All equipment is provided. Space is limited. **Register online** or call **(408) 355-2240**.



## Join

**Are you 9-11 years old?**  
**Become a Jr. Ranger and join us to explore wildlife, habitats and history...**

# FREE!

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

**We've got an option for you!**

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**. Follow the "for kids" and

"Jr. Ranger" links. Printed guides are available in limited quantities. Call **(408) 846-5632** for information.



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 1



### Moonlight Hike • Lexington Reservoir • 8pm-10pm

Take a 4-mile 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**



## SATURDAY, JUNE 2



### Safe Biking Adventures • Hellyer/Coyote Creek Trail • 10am-Noon

Make your biking adventures safe and fun by learning about proper equipment, hazards, rider courtesy and park resources. Take a 10-12 mile round-trip ride with a Ranger along the Coyote Creek Trail. Meet at the Hellyer Park Visitor Center with your bike, helmet, sun protection and water. **(408) 225-0225**



### Healthy Trails Bilingual (Spanish) Challenge Hike Hellyer • 10am-Noon

Join us on an easy 6-mile (out & back) hike along the Coyote Creek Trail. See abundant wildlife and scenic creek-side views. Meet at the parking lot on Silver Creek Valley Blvd. Exit 101 at Blossom Hill Rd., go east on Blossom hill/ Silver Creek, lot will be on the left. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. **(408) 355-2294**



## SUNDAY, JUNE 3



### Wildflower Hike • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-1:30pm

Join a Park Docent on a 3-mile hike to enjoy spring wildflowers and learn how the rolling serpentine grasslands provide critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at Calero Reservoir, then carpool to the trail nearby. Bring sun protection, water, camera, sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing. Note: This is a guided hike in a "closed area" not yet open for public access. Restrooms not available except at reservoir. **Register online** or call **(408) 355-2240**.



### Introduction to Geocaching • Santa Teresa • 1pm-4pm

Join a Docent on a beginner's geocaching adventure to find 6-7 hidden caches on the Fortini Trail. GPS units will be provided. Meet at the Fortini Trailhead. Bring sun protection, water, snacks and sturdy hiking shoes. Reservations required. **Register online** or call **(408) 355-2240**.







## SUNDAY, JUNE 3 continued



### Full Moon Paddle • Stevens Creek • 8pm-10:30pm

Discover history and nature on a paddle tour of Stevens Creek Reservoir. Experienced paddlers only, no instruction or equipment is provided. Meet at the reservoir launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and 2 glow sticks per person. Reservations required. (408) 846-5622



## MONDAY, JUNE 4

### Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek • Ed Levin • 9am-11am

Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent on a mildly-rugged hike on the Tularcitos, Calera Creek and Aqua Caliente Trails. Meet at the dog park. This outing is geared for families with young children. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and a stroller or backpack carrier. (408) 355-2240



## TUESDAY, JUNE 5

### Transit of Venus • Ed Levin • 3pm-6pm

Now is the last chance to see Venus transit the Sun unless you plan to live another 105 years! Learn how this simple scientific observation has led to all kinds of discoveries. Meet on the Sandy Wool lawn for safe viewing of the Sun and fun activities for families. (408) 262-6980



## SATURDAY, JUNE 9

### The Incredible Edible Acorn • Uvas Canyon • 9am-10:30am

Ever wondered if an acorn has purpose in your world? Come find out in this fun program with a Ranger. After learning about local oak trees, get treated to acorn pancakes with mint jelly. Meet at the amphitheater. Reservations required. (408) 779-9232



### History Tour by Van/Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-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 bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy in the park. Tour includes an easy hike of approximately 3 miles. Children must be over 6 years and 60 lbs. Meet at the Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum. Bring water, lunch and sun protection. Reservations required. Cost is \$5 per person. (408) 918-7773



### Come on Kids Let's Hike! • Calero • 10am-Noon

Take a 2-mile moderate hike with a Ranger to explore nature and look for wildlife. Meet at the Calero Park Office with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water and snacks. (408) 268-3883



### Living with Wildlife • Sanborn • 10am-Noon

Take a 2-mile hike through the Redwoods and learn about living with wildlife such as mountain lions, bobcats and coyotes. Discover what "normal" animal behavior is, what wildlife needs to survive and what to do if you have an encounter. Meet at the Ranger office with sturdy hiking shoes, water and snacks. (408) 867-9959

## SUNDAY, JUNE 10



### What's that snake? • Hellyer • 1pm-2pm

Come to the Hellyer Visitor Center to learn about our most misunderstood reptile neighbors. Explore the amazing attributes and roles of snakes in our ecosystem and safely meet some live snake neighbors. (408) 225-0225



## THURSDAY, JUNE 14

### Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek

#### Alviso Marina • 4:30pm-6pm

Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent for an easy 1-mile adventure on the Alviso Slough Loop Trail with your kids! Enjoy the shore birds and cool breezes as you explore the baylands. Meet in the marina parking lot with sun protection, water, and snacks. (408) 355-2240



## SATURDAY, JUNE 16

### Healthy Trails Challenge Hike • Ed Levin • 9am-Noon

Join a Park Docent on a moderately challenging 2.3-mile hike on Spring Valley and Los Coches Trails. Travel through multiple habitats, look for wildlife and see breathtaking views of the San Francisco Bay and surrounding mountains. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water, snacks and a camera. Meet at the Spring Valley Pond parking lot. (408) 355-2240



### Predator! • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-Noon

Come look for creatures that eat other creatures – COOL! Discover what adaptations our local predators have that make them successful hunters. Meet at the RV campground parking area with hiking shoes, sun protection, water and snacks. (408) 842-7800



### History Hike: "History Through a Changed Landscape"

#### Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-2pm

Take a 4-mile hike and travel through time with a Park Interpreter. Learn about the mining history that has helped shape the landscape of this historic park. Meet at the Wood Rd. entrance off Hicks Rd. with a bag lunch, water, sun/rain protection, and sturdy hiking shoes. Not recommended for children under 5. (408) 918-7774

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20



### Summer Solstice Twilight Hike • Calero • 5:30pm-7:30pm

Join a park Docent for a 2.8-mile twilight hike through the foothills to see soap root plants in bloom. A "twilight bloomer," soap root is a valuable nectar source for insects and hummingbirds, providing an energy boost at day's end. Learn of the many ways native Ohlone used this versatile plant. Meet next to the Calero park office. Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.





### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 continued



#### Summer Solstice Hike • Ed Levin • 7pm-9:30pm

Celebrate the official beginning of summer and the longest day of the year on a 3.5-mile sunset hike with a Ranger. Discover the "reasons for the seasons" and learn about ancient solstice rituals. Meet at Sandy Wool parking lot by the dog park with hiking shoes, flashlight, snacks and water. (408) 262-6980



### SATURDAY, JUNE 23



#### Festival in the Park • Hellyer • 11am-4pm

Join us for this 6th annual health, wellness and safety fair! This year's exhibits and activities will include those aimed at helping communities and families become better prepared for emergencies and natural disasters. Food available for purchase. FREE admission, information, health and recreation opportunities, entertainment and FUN! (408) 355-2240



#### History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 24

#### The Whitehurst Fire—4 years later • Mt. Madonna • 9am-10:30am

Hike along the Whitehurst fire line with a Ranger to explore how fires affect the land and how a forest environment bounces back after a large fire. Meet at the Giant Twins Trailhead. Bring hiking shoes and water. (408) 842-2341



#### Living History

Come visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden Mine managers. Costumed Docents will be on hand to guide you through Victorian period rooms and museum exhibits. Children will be able to participate in a craft activity to take home. (408) 918-7775

### SATURDAY, JUNE 30



#### Nature Foray Hike • Sanborn • 10am-Noon

Explore local plants and animals in this leisurely 1.5-mile hike along park trails. Look for signs of animal life and learn to identify local forest plants. Meet at the Ranger office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, water and snacks. (408) 867-9959



#### Play Like A Miner

Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum • 11am-2pm Join museum staff and volunteers for a fun-filled afternoon of kid-friendly activities and adventures that reflect the life and hard work of cinnabar miners and New Almaden's historic mining community. (408) 918-7773



#### Bats Over Calero • Calero • 6pm-9:30pm

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where wellness meets FUN!

**Hellyer County Park,  
Saturday June 23 • 11am-4pm**

Admission is FREE, parking and shuttle rides are FREE. Festival parking is ONLY at Silver Creek Sportsplex 800 Embedded Way.

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**Take charge of your health, fitness and living a healthier lifestyle**

Hellyer County Park is located at 985 Hellyer Avenue, San Jose. For more information call (408) 355-2240.





# July

## EVERY SATURDAY IN JULY



### Vasona Vibrations • Vasona • 5pm-7pm

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## SUNDAY, JULY 1



### Full Moon Hike • Grant • 8pm-10pm

Join a Ranger on an easy hike in Halls Valley to seek out nighttime adventures in nature. Participate in activities and enjoy views of Lick Observatory and the moon as it crests Mt. Hamilton. Meet at the Stockman's parking lot with hiking shoes, flashlight and water. No dogs please. (408) 274-6121



### Full Moon Paddle • Lexington Reservoir • 8pm-10:30pm

Discover history and nature on a paddle tour of Lexington Reservoir. Experienced paddlers only, no instruction or equipment is provided. Meet at the reservoir launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and 2 glow sticks per person. Reservations required. (408) 846-5622



### A Walk in the Dark Night Hike • Anderson Lake • 8:45pm-10:45pm

Take a 1.5-mile hike above and along the lake to explore the sights and sounds of nature at night. Meet at the parking lot on top of the dam. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing and a flashlight. (408) 779-3634



## MONDAY, JULY 2



### Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek • Ed Levin • 9-11am

Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent on a mildly-rugged hike on the Tulareitos, Calera Creek and Aqua Caliente Trails. Meet at the dog park. This outing is geared for families with young children. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and a stroller or backpack carrier. (408) 355-2240



## FRIDAY, JULY 6



### In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-11pm

Meet at the playground and enjoy a night under the stars with family and friends. Watch a short film about County Parks and then a family-friendly FREE feature movie on a giant blow-up screen. Bring a flashlight and low lawn chair or blanket. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food vendors available. (408) 225-0225



## SATURDAY, JULY 7



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

Families and friends are invited to a special day of hands-on activities, demonstrations and traditional crafts at this celebration of the native Ohlone People who once lived at this ancient village site. (408) 918-7772



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## SUNDAY, JULY 8



### Biking and Birding • Vasona/Los Gatos Creek Trail • 8am-11:30am

Bike the entire Los Gatos Creek Trail from Los Gatos to Willow Glen (18 miles). Observe the diverse community of birds that live along the creek and take frequent stops to observe and discuss bird behavior. Bring a bike, helmet, water, snacks, camera and binoculars. Meet at the Boat Center parking lot. Reservations required. (408) 356-2729



## SATURDAY, JULY 14



### Majestic Redwood Hike • Mt. Madonna • 9am-11am

Join a Park Ranger for a breathtaking 2-mile hike through beautiful, towering coastal redwood groves. View historic logging areas and look into the future as we tackle issues related to the survival of these majestic trees. Meet at the Park Office with sturdy hiking shoes, layered clothing, water and snacks. (408) 842-2341



### From the Ohlones to the Murphys

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-Noon

Take a hiking and van tour back in time to explore the history of the area from the time of the Ohlone People to the pioneering Murphy family. Adults only, meet at the Bear Ranch lot off of San Martin Ave. Reservations required. (408) 842-7800



### Take a Ride with a Ranger • Vasona • 9am-1pm

Learn about proper mountain bike equipment, safety, and trail etiquette, then take a strenuous roundtrip ride with a Ranger from Vasona to Lexington and up into the trail system above the reservoir and back. Stop along the way to rest, discuss some local history and take in the fantastic views. Meet at the Ranger office. (408) 356-2729



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Take a 2-mile hike through the Redwoods and learn about living with wildlife such as mountain lions, bobcats and coyotes. Discover what "normal" animal behavior is, what wildlife needs to survive and what to do if you have an encounter. Meet at the Ranger office with sturdy hiking shoes, water and snacks. (408) 867-9959







### SATURDAY, JULY 14 continued



#### Wildlife Hike • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 4pm -7:30pm

Join a Park Docent for a moderate 3-mile out-and-back hike to enjoy wildlife and discover how the rolling serpentine grasslands provide critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at Calero Reservoir, then carpool to the trail nearby. Bring sun protection, water, camera, sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing. Note: This is a guided hike in a "closed area" not yet open for public access. Restrooms not available except at reservoir. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.

### FRIDAY, JULY 20



#### Fire: Friend and Foe • Ed Levin • 7:30pm-8:30pm

Learn about fire's impact on California, both past and present. Explore how fire and man's treatment of wildfire affects California's landscape. Meet at the Spring Valley Picnic Area by the park office. (408) 262-6980

### SATURDAY, JULY 21



#### Discovering Wildlife • Uvas Reservoir • 8am-9:30am

Take an easy walk around Uvas Reservoir with a Ranger to explore some of the wildlife that make this place home. Meet at the reservoir parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes. (408) 842-2341



#### Healthy Trails Challenge Hike • Alviso Marina • 9am-Noon

Join a Park Docent on this easy 1-mile hike around the Alviso Slough Loop Trail. Enjoy beautiful bay views and bird watching. Meet at the Marina parking lot. (408) 355-2240



#### History Tour by Van • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-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 bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy in the park. Children must be over 6 years and 60 lbs. Meet at the Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum. Bring water, lunch and sun protection. Reservations required. Cost is \$5 per person. (408) 918-7773



#### Stevens Creek History Hike • Stevens Creek • Noon-2pm

Learn about the first people to live on this land and explore how the scenery has evolved over the years. Use historical maps and photos to help tell the stories of change. Hike about 1.5 miles to look at various park features. Meet at the Park Office with sun protection, sturdy hiking shoes and water. Reservations required. (408) 867-3654



#### Wash Day & Old Time Games

#### Santa Teresa's Historic Bernal Ranch • 1:30pm-3:30pm

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### SATURDAY, JULY 21 continued



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### SUNDAY, JULY 22



#### Dog Days of Summer • Hellyer • 10am-Noon

Take a moderate 1-mile stroll with a Ranger to learn how to safely explore parks with your dog. End your morning at the Dog Park so your canine companions can romp unleashed with their new 4-legged friends. Meet at the Visitor Center. Bring a leash, water, sturdy walking shoes and sun protection. Reservations required. (408) 225-0225



### THURSDAY, JULY 26



#### Safety in the Wilderness Hike • Ed Levin • 7pm-9:30pm

You have life insurance, auto insurance...how about hiking insurance? Get it here! Learn how to be safe and get prepared to fully enjoy hiking adventures on this 3-mile hike with a Ranger. Meet at the Sandy Wool parking lot by the dog park with hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp and water. (408) 262-6980

### SATURDAY, JULY 28



#### A Biking Safari • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-11:30am

Take a 6.5-mile strenuous mountain bike ride through the beautiful hills and learn about local plants and wildlife. Meet at the Mendoza Parking lot on Roop Rd. Bring a bike, helmet, water and snacks. (408) 842-7800



#### Hawk Walk • Grant • 11am-2:30pm

Take a moderate walk with a Ranger to look for hawks, falcons and golden eagles. See them soar above the hills and find out why they fly like they do. Meet at the Hotel Trailhead, left end of Stockman's parking lot. Bring sturdy walking shoes, sun protection and water. (408) 274-6121



#### Family Fandango • Santa Teresa's Historic Bernal Ranch • 5pm-8pm

Come celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay, early Spanish-speaking colonists, and English-speaking ranch families who all settled in this area over time. The evening's focus is family fun through demonstrations and activities that highlight 1770-1870 California. The Ranch is located at the corner of Camino Verde and Manila Dr. in San Jose. (408) 846-5632





## SATURDAY, JULY 28 continued



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## SUNDAY, JULY 29



### History Hike: "History Through A Changed landscape"

#### Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-2pm

Take a 4-mile hike and travel through time with a Park Interpreter. Learn about the mining history that has helped shape the landscape of this historic park. Meet at the Wood Rd. entrance off Hicks Rd. with a bag lunch, water, sun/rain protection, and sturdy hiking shoes. Not recommended for children under 5. (408) 918-7774



# Dog Days

### 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, [parkhere.org](http://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!

[parkhere.org](http://parkhere.org)



# Aug.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1



### Full Moon Paddle • Coyote Lake • 7:30pm-10pm

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3



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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 11



### History Hike: "History Through A Changed Landscape" Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-2pm

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### Sunset Tricks & Exploration Hike • Grant • 6:30pm-8:30pm

Bring your dog out for a sunset adventure! Have a safe and enjoyable time as you find out about the native canines that live in the park. Test your dog's agility on a special dog course and enjoy the sunset on this 1.5-mile hike. Meet at the Rose Garden group area next to the Ranch House. Bring water and a leash for your dog. (408) 274-6121



### The Difference Is Like Night and Day • Mt. Madonna • 7:30pm-10pm

Join a Ranger and her canine companion on a nighttime adventure in the forest. Take a glimpse into the nocturnal world and discover how some animals thrive in the darkness. Meet at the Redwood Grove picnic area with sturdy hiking shoes, insect repellent, water and snacks. (408) 842-2341



### Micro-Zoology Night

#### Santa Teresa's Historic Bernal Ranch • 7:30pm-10pm

Join experts for a show and tell about microscopic creatures. Look at life under a drop of water. Afterwards, munch on popcorn while watching the microbe gone mad movie "The Blob." Reservations required. (408) 226-5453



### The Sky Is Falling, Or Is It? • Calero • 8:30pm-11:30pm

Come spend an evening under the shooting stars! Learn about Perseus (a Greek hero of mythology) and stay after to watch the Perseid Meteor Shower. Reservations required. (408) 268-3883



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 17



### In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-11pm

Meet at the playground and enjoy a night under the stars with family and friends. Watch a short film about County Parks and then a family-friendly FREE feature movie on a giant blow-up screen. Bring a flashlight and low lawn chair or blanket. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food vendors available. (408) 225-0225



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 18



### Healthy Trails Challenge Hike • Grant • 9am-11:30am

Join a Park Docent on an easy 2.6-mile hike through the riparian corridor of Halls Valley and along San Felipe Creek. Meet at the Stockman's picnic area with sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water, snacks and a camera. (408) 355-2240



### History Tour by Van/Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 9am-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 bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy in the park. Tour includes an easy hike of approximately 3 miles. Children must be over 6 years and 60 lbs. Meet at the Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum. Bring water, lunch and sun protection. Reservations required. Cost is \$5 per person. (408) 918-7773



### Nature Foray Hike • Sanborn • 10am-Noon

Explore local plants and animals in this leisurely 1.5-mile hike along park trails. Look for signs of animal life and learn to identify local forest plants. Meet at the Ranger office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, water and snacks. (408) 867-9959



### History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Join a park historian on a leisurely walk to learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House with walking shoes and water. (408) 274-6121



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### Star Party • Grant • 8:30pm-11pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star gazing fun. Knowledgeable volunteers will provide you with a chance to look through high-powered telescopes and ask questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill, across from campsite 22. Park entrance gate closes at 10pm. (408) 274-6121

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 19



### Geocache Adventure in the Park

#### Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 8am-Noon

Discover hidden treasures on a 4-mile hike around Mummy Mountain using GPS technology. Meet at the campfire center by RV campground. Bring handheld GPS units, sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, water and snacks. (408) 842-7800







## THURSDAY, AUGUST 23



### Healthy Trails Stroller Hike & Toddler Trek Alviso Marina • 4:30pm-6pm

Join a Strollerhikes.com Docent for a hike on an easy 1-mile adventure along the Alviso Slough Loop Trail with your kids! Enjoy the shore birds and cool breezes as you explore the baylands. Meet in the marina parking lot with sun protection, water, and snacks. (408) 355-2240



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 25



### Climate Change Hike • Ed Levin • 9:30am-Noon

Discover how our climate is changing on this semi-strenuous hike with a Ranger. Learn what you can observe now and what might be in store for the future. Meet at the Sandy Wool parking lot by the dog park with hiking shoes, sun protection, water and snacks. (408) 262-6980



### Living with Wildlife-Raptors • Sanborn • 10am-Noon

Join a Ranger on a short hike to discuss and look for winged hunters in the sky. Learn about a raptor's role in the environment and how to easily identify hawks, falcons and eagles. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy hiking shoes. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Meet at the park office. (408) 867-9959



### Hula Hoop Fitness Class • Hellyer • 2pm-3pm

No longer just child's play, hula hoop has evolved into a fun form of fitness! Join us for a low impact yet energizing class using adult-size hoops. Learn the basics of moving the hoop around the torso as well as incorporating your feet and arms. Meet at the West Cottonwood Parking lot. Reservations required. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.



### Wildlife Hike • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 4pm-7:30pm

Join a Park Docent on a 3-mile hike to enjoy panoramic views and discover how these rolling serpentine grasslands provide critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at Calero Reservoir, then carpool to the trail nearby. Bring sun protection, water, camera, sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing. Note: This is a guided hike in a "closed area" not yet open for public access, group travels together. Restrooms not available except at reservoir. Register online or call (408) 355-2240.



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 30



### Safety in the Wilderness Hike • Ed Levin • 7pm-9:30pm

You have life insurance, auto insurance...how about hiking insurance? Get it here! Learn how to be safe and get prepared to fully enjoy hiking adventures on this 3-mile hike with a Ranger. Meet at the Sandy Wool parking lot by the dog park with hiking shoes, flashlight or headlamp and water. (408) 262-6980



### Full Moon Paddle • Calero • 7pm-9:30pm

Discover history and nature on a paddle tour of Calero Reservoir. Experienced paddlers only, no instruction or equipment is provided. Meet at the reservoir launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and 2 glow sticks per person. Reservations required. (408) 846-5622



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# History

**Step back in time and explore your rich cultural history at one of these park sites!**



Santa Teresa

## Casa Grande and the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

Come visit the newly renovated Casa Grande and New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum! Step back in time as you explore exhibits that 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. 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. The museum is open to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays year-round. Group tours are available daily by reservation. Admission and tours are free. Call (408) 323-1107 for hours and information.

## Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch

A visit to the Ranch immerses you in the realities of living and working on a family farm or ranch 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 to 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 to sunset daily. Tours and school programs are available by reservation. Call (408) 226-5453 for information.

## Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park

Explore the life and ways of Santa Clara County's native Ohlone Indians 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 Ohlone village along Uvas Creek. The site's exhibits and interpretive trail are open daily from 8am to sunset. Tours are available for groups of 10 or more by reservation. Call (408) 918-7772 for information.

*Special events and family programs are scheduled year-round at these sites, so check the calendar! Admission and programs are free unless otherwise noted. School field trip programs are aligned with the content standards for California public schools. Dogs (except service dogs) are not allowed at these County Park historic or archaeological sites.*



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