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...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.

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

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

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

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Healthy Parks, Healthy People Program (see page 16)



Healthy Trails Challenge Hike or Walk (see page 17)



Reservations required. See program description for appropriate phone number.



Online reservation available.
Go to parkhere.org



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



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



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



Bring a lunch, snack, or dinner as appropriate.



Appropriate for children accompanied by an adult.



All or mostly wheelchair accessible.



Bring a bike in good working condition. Helmets required.



Strenuous Ride: steep hills or long distances. Moderate to vigorous pace.



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



Easy Run: see full program for more information



Strenuous Run: see full program for more information



Feature movie shown as part of program.



\$6 vehicle fee to enter park.



Photography program.

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 parkhere.org and follow the “**Volunteer**” link or call the Parks Volunteer Program Office at **(408) 918-4930** or email volunteer@prk.sccgov.org

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. . .
- Become a Volunteer Leader

Volunteers ages 15 and under must have a parent/guardian present at event.

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.

YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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. Per State law, fingerprinting for this position is required.

Park Volunteer Lead

Park Volunteer Leads are needed to assist Park Staff and the Volunteer Program in providing lead support at volunteer events in areas related to volunteer registration, event record keeping, documentation, roll call and other assignments as directed by Park Staff. Leads would provide event instructions to volunteers, ensure safe keeping of tools and safety of volunteers, and notify Park staff when volunteers are deviating from tasks. Leads can be assigned to specific Park locations or events. Per State Law, fingerprinting for this position is required. In addition, applicants will attend Park Lead Academy & CPR/First Aid training. Uniforms will be provided for this volunteer position.



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. An interview may be required. All candidates must complete a training academy and a first aid/CPR certification course (provided). Volunteers are asked to provide a minimum of 48 hours of service annually once active. Uniforms are provided to all volunteers.

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. What an excellent way of promoting teambuilding....

Work Together and Play Together!

Monthly Volunteer Projects

To find out more information or register for one of the volunteer events below, go to parkhere.org and follow the "Volunteer" link.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Trail Watch Academy
Muriel Wright Center

Trail Day
Sanborn

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Volunteer Program Open House
Muriel Wright Center

SATURDAY, MAY 17

National River Cleanup Day
(various parks)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

South Bay Fishing in the City
Lake Cunningham

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Festival in the Park – Set up
Hellyer

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Festival in the Park
Hellyer

National Trails Day
Sanborn

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Park Beautification Day
Ed Levin

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Park Beautification Day
Ed Levin

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Park Lead Training
Muriel Wright Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Amazing Refuge Race Training
Alviso Marina

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Amazing Refuge Race
Alviso Marina

Trail Watch Academy
Muriel Wright Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Volunteer Program Open House
Alviso Marina



April

EVERY SATURDAY IN APRIL



Natural History Series • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9:30am-11am

Take a leisurely stroll along the nature trail toward the historic Malaguerra Winery property as we discuss topics such as native plants, animals and early agriculture of the area. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7980**



FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Geology Hike • Anderson • 10am-12pm

See and touch ancient basalt and sandstone. Discover the complex geologic history of the Calaveras-Hayward fault areas within the greater Diablo Range. Meet at the boat launch area. **(408) 918-7980**



SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Healthy Parks Healthy People Nature Walk • Alviso Marina • 9am-11am

Take an easy 2-mile nature walk through the wetland marshes of this beautiful bayside park. Explore the fantastic views and unique wildlife that call this park home. Meet at the Marina parking lot. **(408) 355-2240**



Wildflower Scavenger Hunt • Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-12pm

Join 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 Parking lot. **Registration required online or by calling (408) 355-2240**



Star Party • Grant • 7pm-10:30pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star-gazing. Knowledgeable volunteers provide a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and answer questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill (across from campsite #22). Park entrance gates close at 9pm. **(408) 274-6121**



SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Bike Safety for Young Riders • Hellyer • 8:30am-10am

Learn how to safely ride bikes on trails and roadways, then take an easy 4-mile ride along the Coyote Creek Parkway with a Park Ranger. Meet at west Cottonwood parking lot. Suitable for ages 9-12 with parent supervision. **For reservations call (408) 225-0225**



Photographers Day • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-3pm

Enjoy a wealth of photo opportunities as you join a park docent for a leisurely 3.5-mile out-and-back hike through rolling serpentine grasslands with a focus on the park's natural beauty. Meet at the Calero Park office off of McKean Rd. (south of reservoir), then carpool to the trailhead. This is a guided hike in an area not yet open for public access; group stays together; some steep sections; restrooms not available except at meeting location. Pack a lunch, water, camera, hat, layered clothing, and sturdy shoes. **Registration required online or by calling (408) 355-2240**



SUNDAY, APRIL 6, continued



The Ten Essentials – Bilingual Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 10am-12pm

Discover the 10 essentials of hiking and learn what to bring and what to leave at home as you take an easy 1.5 mile hike along the creek trail. Designed for Spanish-speaking families, though everyone welcome. Appropriate for all ages. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7985**



History of Almaden Air Force Station Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 1pm-3pm

Learn about the history of this fascinating site, see key artifacts, and enjoy a slide show of amazing historic photos of the radar station when it was in operation between 1958 and 1980. Presented by Basim Jaber (Historian/Archivist and founder of the USAF 682nd Radar Squadron Veterans Association). **For reservations call (408) 533-8107** or by email at info@almadenafs.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 8



Native Plant Discovery Stroll Anderson Lake/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-12pm

Join a park docent for a leisurely 1.7-mile stroll to discover the rich variety of native trees, shrubs, and plants growing along Coyote Creek. Discover how plants were used by the area's Ohlone Indians and how agriculture introduced by early settlers has changed the landscape. Meet at the Visitor Center at the end of Malaguerra Ave. Dress in layers with sturdy shoes, hat, and water. **(408) 918-7771**

THURSDAY, APRIL 10



Healthy Trails Stroller Hike • Los Gatos Creek • 3pm-4:30pm

Enjoy an easy 2.6-mile loop on the Los Gatos Creek Trail with your toddler. This trail is paved and perfect for children and strollers on a wonderful weekday. Meet at the parking lot off Dell Ave. **(408) 355-2240**



SATURDAY, APRIL 12



Draw It, Don't "Saw" It • Vasona • 9am-11am

Learn basic drawing techniques and practice your skills by drawing natural objects and attractions in the park. Bring your own drawing materials such as paper and sketch pencils. Best for families and kids age 8+. Meet at the boat center lawn. **For reservations call (408) 356-2729**



Wildflower Drawing Class • Santa Teresa • 10am-11:30am

Increase your confidence in drawing and learn some skills to help you draw what you see during wildflower season. Materials are provided, but if you have a sketch pad and set of colored pencils or watercolors, bring them along. Instruction appropriate for ages 8-adult. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. All skill levels welcome. Hat and sunscreen recommended. Rain cancels. Meet at the Fortini Trailhead. Note: There is no restroom at this location. **Registration required online or by calling (408) 355-2240**





SATURDAY, APRIL 12, continued



Power to the Petal • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 11am-2pm

Take a 4-mile hike to explore a bounty of wildflowers and discover why this unique environment provides critical habitat for endangered species. Meet at the Calero Park office, then carpool to the trailhead. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, lunch and water. This is a guided hike in a closed area not normally open to the public; restrooms not available except at meeting location. **(408) 268-3883**



Waterfall Nature Hike • Uvas Canyon • 11am-12:30pm

Take an easy 1-mile hike featuring cultural and natural history of the park. Learn how the soil is like a sponge that slowly releases water throughout the year and enjoy spectacular views of the park's many waterfalls. Meet at the amphitheater. **For reservations call (408) 779-9232**



19th Century in a Bottle

Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 1pm-2:30pm

Almaden author and antique bottle collector Tobin Gilman will provide an historical view of daily life and commerce in San Jose in the 1800's, told through the prism of historic glass bottles from the area. Go back to the earliest days of San Jose as California's first state capitol. **(408) 918-7771**



SUNDAY, APRIL 13



A Taste of Rowing • Lexington Reservoir • 9:30am, 10:30am & 11:30am

First-time rowers are invited to join us and learn all about this challenging yet fun water sport at the Los Gatos Rowing Club. All equipment provided. Three classes to choose from: 9:30-11am, 10:30am-Noon or 11:30am-1pm.



Register online or call (408) 355-2201



Gone Fishing 101 – Beginner Tips From a Ranger Stevens Creek • 10am-12pm

Discover some beginning fishing tips that will help make you a more successful angler. This indoor session is for ages 10 and up. Meet at the Visitor Center to learn about basic equipment, rules and regulations, and local "hot spots". No equipment necessary. **For reservations call (408) 867-3654**



SATURDAY, APRIL 19



A Taste of Archery • Santa Teresa • 8:30am & 10:30am

Join the Black Mountain Bowmen and learn how to shoot a compound or recurve bow, fletch arrows, and make a bow string. A mandatory safety class will be given prior to shooting a bow. Equipment provided by Predator's Archery in Gilroy. Meet at the Santa Teresa Archery Range on Avenida Espana. Families welcome, ages 6-up. Two classes to choose from: 8:30-10am and 10:30-12pm. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



Birding for Kids • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 8:30am-10:30am

Take a short bird spotting walk along Coyote Creek Parkway. Learn tricks on how to identify the most common birds. Meet at the visitor center at the end of Malaguerria Ave. with binoculars if you have them. **(408) 779-3634**



SATURDAY, APRIL 19, continued



Foothill Ramble • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-1:30pm

Take a moderate 5.5-mile loop hike with a park docent from valley floor to ridge-top to enjoy spring wildflowers in a variety of habitats. Meet at the Calero Park office off of McKean Rd. (south of reservoir), then carpool to the trailhead. This is a guided hike in an area not yet open for public access; group stays together; some steep sections; restrooms not available except at meeting location. Pack a lunch and dress in layers with sturdy shoes, hat, and water.

Registration required online or by calling (408) 355-2240



Henry Miller as He Lived • Mt. Madonna • 10am-11:30am

Come 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 station for an easy 1.5-mile hike. **(408) 842-2341**



Take a Hike with a Ranger • Villa Montalvo • 12pm-1pm & 2:30pm-3:30pm

Come to Art Splash 2014 - Villa Montalvo's open house with live music, art, workshops and gourmet food. Meet at Lot #4 to explore the trails and learn the history of the mansion. Parking is \$10 at Villa Montalvo. More info at www.montalvoarts.org/events/artsplash_2014. **(408) 354-3943**



History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Take a leisurely walk to see historical features of the park and learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End your walk with a tour of the Grant Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House. **(408) 274-6121**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20



April Showers and Wildflowers

Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-12pm

Enjoy scenic views and spectacular spring wildflowers as you hike 4 miles through majestic oak forests and savannah-like grasslands. Meet at the launch ramp parking lot with sturdy hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun protection, and camera. **(408) 842-7800**



Birding at Alviso • Alviso Marina • 9am-11am

Join this family-friendly mid-morning hike around the Don Edwards Bay Refuge in Alviso. Learn key identification characteristics of some of the more difficult to identify shorebirds. All skill levels welcome. Meet at the Marina parking lot with binoculars - some loaners provided.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201



History Hike • Stevens Creek • 9am-11am

Learn about the first people to live in this area and how things changed over time as European settlers came and impacted the land. Hike about 2 miles to explore various features and discover how this park's namesake played a pivotal role in the settlement of California. Meet at the visitor center.

For reservations call (408) 867-3654





SUNDAY, APRIL 20, continued



Beginning Photography for Kids Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 10am-1pm

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

For reservations call (408) 918-7980



Old Fashioned Easter Celebration • Grant • 1pm-3pm

Enjoy an afternoon of egg hunts, crafts, games, and a chance to find the golden eggs and win prizes. Meet at the Grant Ranch House and don't forget your Easter basket! **(408) 274-6121**

THURSDAY APRIL 24TH



Intro to Shotgun Sports • Field Sports Park • 5pm-8pm

Learn about firearm safety, etiquette, handling and cleaning as well as shotgun operation and target shooting. Meet at the Trap and Skeet Clubhouse. Must bring your own shotgun. Ammunition and targets provided. \$35 materials fee. Adults only. **For reservations call (408) 463-0769**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26



Native Plant Discovery Walk • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-12pm

Enjoy a leisurely 1.5-mile walk to discover the rich variety of native trees, shrubs, and plants that thrive in the Park's serpentine grasslands and the roles ranching and water conservation have played in the parks history. Meet at the Calero Park office off McKean Rd. (south of reservoir), then carpool to the trailhead. This is a guided walk in an area not yet open for public access; group stays together. **(408) 918-7771**



Power to the Petal • Almaden Quicksilver • 11am-2pm

Take a moderately strenuous 4-mile hike with a Ranger to explore the spring's bounty of wildflowers. Meet at the Hacienda park entrance. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, lunch, and water. **(408) 268-3883**

SUNDAY, APRIL 27



Dog Days of Summer • Hellyer • 9am-10:30am

Enjoy the outdoors on an easy 1-mile group dog walk. Learn about basic dog first aid, dog behaviors, and trail etiquette. Dogs must be on leash, 6ft max. length. End at the dog park for an optional off-leash romp. Meet at the park office. **For reservations call (408) 225-0225**



Geology Hike • Anderson • 10am-12pm

See and touch ancient basalt and sandstone. Discover the complex geologic history of the Calaveras-Hayward fault areas within the greater Diablo Range. Meet at the boat launch area. **(408) 918-7980**



Healthy Trails Hike • Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-2pm

Take a 4.5-mile hike through diverse habitats and enjoy spectacular views near the historic mining camps of New Almaden. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill park entrance with a bag lunch. **(408) 918-7772**





May

EVERY THURSDAY IN MAY



Intro to Shotgun Sports • Field Sports Park • 5pm-8pm

Learn about firearm safety, etiquette, handling and cleaning as well as shotgun operation and target shooting. Meet at the Trap and Skeet Clubhouse. Must bring your own shotgun. Ammunition and targets provided. \$35 materials fee. Adults only. **For reservations call (408) 463-0769**



Getting to Know Your Newly Purchased Handgun Field Sports Park • 5pm-7pm

Learn how to safely operate your new firearm including handling, loading, shooting, and proper maintenance. Meet at the Pistol Range Office with your handgun, ammunition, eye and ear protection. \$15 range fee. Adults only. **For reservations call (408) 463-0652**

EVERY SATURDAY IN MAY



Natural History Series • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9:30am-11am

Take a leisurely stroll along the nature trail toward the historic Malaguerra Winery property as we discuss topics such as native plants, animals and early agriculture of the area. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7980**



SATURDAY, MAY 3



San Jose Zouaves Junior Shooting Program • Field Sports Park • 8am-1pm

Junior shooters age 8-18 will get first-hand experience shooting a variety of firearms under the direct supervision of a certified firearms instructor. Must have parent or guardian present. Meet at the 200 yd. rifle range.

For reservations call (408) 463-0652



Healthy Parks Healthy People Nature Walk • Alviso Marina • 9am-11am

Take an easy 2-mile nature walk through the wetland marshes of this beautiful bayside park. Explore the fantastic views and unique wildlife that call this park home. Meet at the Marina parking lot. **(408) 355-2240**



The Nature of Serpentine • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-12pm

Take a leisurely 1.5 mile walk to enjoy late spring wildflowers and drought-resistant trees, shrubs and plants that thrive in serpentine grasslands. Meet at the Calero Park office off McKean Rd. then carpool to the trail head. Group stays together. **(408) 918-7771**



Wild About Wildlife • Almaden Quicksilver • 10am-11am

Enjoy a brief wildlife program with a Ranger to learn about animals that are successful at keeping hidden but still call the parks home. Meet at the Hacienda parking lot. **(408) 268-3883**



Our Local Star – The Sun • Santa Teresa • 10am-12pm

Explore our celestial centerpiece and discover how it affects all life on Earth, from plants and animals to our technological society. Meet at the Pueblo group area. **For reservations call (408) 225-0225**



SATURDAY, MAY 3, continued



Introduction to Disc Golf: Just a Walk in the Park! • Hellyer • 10am-12pm
Learn about this fun, easy and inexpensive sport with members of the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club. Ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Meet at the La Raza area off Coyote Rd.
Register online or call (408) 355-2201



**Introduction to Photography
Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10am-1pm**

Take a 3.7-mile photography hike on the spectacular Mummy Mountain trail. Learn outdoor photography techniques while enjoying breathtaking views. Meet at the Mendoza Ranch lot on Roop Rd. with a camera.
Register online or call (408) 355-2201



In the Park After Dark Campout • Santa Teresa • 6:30pm through 8am Sunday

Join us for a great opportunity to enjoy the park under the night sky. Evening will include showings of Hunger Games I and II (PG-13). Meet at the Pueblo group area and bring all necessary camping supplies including tent, food, bedding, warm clothes and flashlight. No open fires allowed.

For reservations call (408) 225-0225



Star Party • Grant • 8pm-11pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star-gazing. Knowledgeable volunteers provide a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and answer questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill (across from campsite #22). Park entrance gates close at 10pm. **(408) 274-6121**



SUNDAY, MAY 4



History Hike • Stevens Creek • 9am-11am

Learn about the first people to live in this area and how things changed over time as European settlers came and impacted the land. Hike about 2 miles to explore various features and discover how this park's namesake played a pivotal role in the settlement of California. Meet at the Ranger Station.

For reservations call (408) 867-3654



Living History Day • Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 11am-3pm

Visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden mine managers. Costumed Docents and staff will guide you through Victorian period rooms and museum exhibits. Children may participate in a seasonal craft activity to take home. **(408) 323-1107**

THURSDAY, MAY 8



Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

Here's your chance to try trail running and experience the beauty of the Almaden trails and surrounding valley. Trails are mainly single track with STEEP inclines/declines and are DIFFICULT! You should be in good physical shape to attempt this course. Ages 18 and up. Bring water and dress appropriately for trail running. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill entrance.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201





THURSDAY, MAY 8, continued



Healthy Trails Toddler Trek • Villa Montalvo • 3pm-4:30pm

Explore plants, trees and wildlife on a 2-mile hike through the redwood forest above Villa Montalvo with your toddler. Strollers not recommended.



Meet at parking lot #4. (408) 355-2240

FRIDAY, MAY 9



Late Night Wildlife • Uvas Canyon • 7pm-8:30pm

Discover who's lurking in the dark. Join a Ranger to explore the lives of wildlife that live in the park and how to avoid negative encounters. Meet at the amphitheater. (408) 842-2341

SATURDAY, MAY 10



Big Cat Predators • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10am-11am

Discover behavioral attributes and hunting techniques of our largest big cat predator, the mountain lion. Learn why they are important members of our natural community and how they face challenges in our modern world. Meet at the campground amphitheater. (408) 842-7800



Jackalopes in American Folklore • Motorcycle Park • 12pm-12:30pm

Jackalopes...real or myth? Learn about Jackalopes in American culture and how evolution and adaptation plays a big part in the fascinating story of the wildlife. Meet at the Motorcycle Park office. (408) 226-5223



Wash Day and Old Time Games

Santa Teresa Park's Historic Bernal Ranch • 1pm-3pm

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at the ranch. Experience what granny called her "weekly affliction" and play games from 100 years ago. The ranch is located at the corner of Camino Verde and Manila Dr. in San Jose. (408) 226-5453

SUNDAY, MAY 11



Redwood Nature Hike • Villa Montalvo • 9am-11:30am

Take a moderate 3-mile loop hike to a scenic vista. Explore the plants and animals that populate this young redwood forest above Saratoga. Park in designated parking areas only. Hike leaves from trailhead at lot #4.

For reservations call (408) 356-2729

TUESDAY, MAY 13



Native Plant Discovery Stroll

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-12pm

Enjoy a leisurely 1.7-mile stroll to discover the rich variety of native trees, shrubs, and plants growing along Coyote Creek. Discover how plants were used by the area's Ohlone Indians and how agriculture introduced by early settlers has changed the landscape. Meet at the Visitor Center at the end of Malaguerra Ave. (408) 918-7771



TUESDAY, MAY 13, continued



Exploring Mummy Mountain

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

Enjoy a leisurely hike with a Ranger and his canine companion. Learn some fascinating facts about the land that surrounds us as we search for clues left behind by the creatures that inhabit this beautiful oak woodland. Meet at the Mendoza trailhead with water for you and your pooch, doggie bags and a maximum 6-foot leash. **(408) 842-7800**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14



Survival in your County Parks • Grant • 7pm-9pm

Gain confidence and stay safe by learning which items to take with you when hiking. Learn how to avoid the itch, the suck and the rattle. Meet at Stockman's parking lot with headlamp or flashlight and water. **(408) 274-6121**



THURSDAY, MAY 15

Healthy Trails Run – Start Here • Los Gatos Creek • 11:30am-12pm

This progressive biweekly program is designed for beginners who want to run. Start with a run/walk method and if you follow the program, eventually progress to running! Bring water and dress appropriately. Please leave pets at home. Ages 12 and up. Meet in parking lot. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



SATURDAY, MAY 17



Champions for Parks • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion as we navigate the Martin Murphy Trail in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waiver forms required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the Harvey Bear entrance with running shoes and water.

For reservations call (408) 842-7800



Henry Miller as He Lived • Mt. Madonna • 10am-11:30am

Come 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 station for an easy 1.5-mile hike. **(408) 842-2341**



Myths of the Rattlesnake • Motorcycle Park • 12pm-12:30pm

Rattlesnakes...friend or foe? Discuss the different myths of the rattlesnake and observe live captive rattlesnakes in a safe natural terrarium. Watch a live feeding if you dare! Meet at the park office. **(408) 226-5223**



History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Take a leisurely walk to see historical features of the park and learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Grant Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House. **(408) 274-6121**



SUNDAY, MAY 18



Geocaching at Alviso • Alviso Marina Parks • 9am-11am

Participate in a fun and interactive adventure to search for hidden geocaches (treasures) in the park. Explore "Earth caching" on the refuge by using coordinates to find natural jewels. Great for families and children. GPS units and instruction provided. **Register online or call (408) 355-2240**



Healthy Trails Bilingual Hike

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 10am-12pm

Take an easy 1.5-mile hike along the Coyote Creek Parkway. Discover unique features of this creek environment while enjoying the benefits of being outdoors with your family. Designed for Spanish-speaking families, though everyone is welcome. Meet at the visitor center off Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7985**



Beginning Photography for Kids

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THURSDAY, MAY 22



Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

Here's your chance to try trail running and experience the beauty of the Almaden trails and surrounding valley. Trails are mainly single track with STEEP inclines/declines and are DIFFICULT! You should be in good physical shape to attempt this course. Ages 18 and up. Bring water and dress appropriately for trail running. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill entrance.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201



SATURDAY, MAY 24



Birding for Kids • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 8:30am-10:30am

Take a short bird spotting walk along Coyote Creek Parkway. Learn tricks on how to identify the most common birds. Meet at the visitor center at the end of Malaguerra Ave. with binoculars if you have them. **(408) 779-3634**



Nature Drawing Class • Santa Teresa • 10am-11:30am

Hone your drawing skills while enjoying a pleasant morning at the park. We will focus on drawing plants, rocks, birds, and animals. Materials provided or bring your own. Appropriate for ages 8 to adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All skill levels welcome. Meet at the Pueblo Group Picnic Area.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201





SATURDAY, MAY 24, continued



Nature Foray Hike • Sanborn • 10am-12pm

Explore local plants and animals in this leisurely 1.5-mile hike along park trails. Learn to identify local forest plants and search for banana slugs, newts and signs of other animals. Meet at the Ranger Station.

(408) 867-9959



Take a Ride with a Ranger • Lexington Reservoir • 10am-1pm

Discuss proper bike set up and handling, tune up tips, safety gear and trail etiquette, then hit the trail with a Ranger for a strenuous ride up into the hills. Learn about area history on a well-deserved break before the fantastic descent back to the reservoir. Meet at Lexington Dam with your mountain bike and helmet. **(408) 356-2729**



Sidewalk Astronomy – Sol Searching • Alviso Marina • 11am-1:30pm

Learn how our most important star, Sol, came into being and how it brightens your every day. Astronomers will show you how to safely look at the sun as you learn about its many interesting features. Meet at the Marina parking lot.

(408) 262-6980



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

Meet at the playground to enjoy a free family-friendly movie under the stars. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**



SUNDAY, MAY 25



A Taste of Kayaking • Vasona • 9am & 10:45am

First-time kayakers are invited to join us and learn all about this challenging yet fun water sport at Vasona Lake. All equipment provided. Must be 12 or older and be able to swim. Two classes to choose from: 9-10:30am or 10:45am-12:15pm.

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See and touch ancient basalt and sandstone. Discover the complex geologic history of the Calaveras-Hayward fault areas within the greater Diablo Range. Meet at the boat launch area. **(408) 918-7980**



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THURSDAY, MAY 29

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FRIDAY, MAY 30



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

Learn the history of Villa Montalvo and how it began with a dream by a remarkable man. Hike the trails behind the mansion to a breathtaking scenic overlook of the Santa Clara Valley. Park in designated areas only and meet at parking lot #4. \$10 fee to tour the mansion, payable on day of the hike.
For reservations call (408) 354-3943

SATURDAY, MAY 31



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 enjoy your brown-bag lunch in the park. Tour costs \$10 per person. Children must be over 6 years and 60 lbs. Meet at the Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum. Bring a bag lunch.
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Santa Clara County Parks has joined a collaborative effort with over 30 park, open space and health care agencies to help improve the health and well being of all Bay Area residents through regular use and enjoyment of parks.

- Join us for guided nature walks on the 1st Saturday of each month (except June) at **Alviso Marina**.
- Come to **Festival in the Park** at Hellyer on June 7th for a FREE and fun family event.
- Take a walk with a bilingual (Spanish-English) Park Ranger on the **Coyote Creek Trail** one Sunday a month. (see April 6, May 18, June 1, July 6 and August 3 for more information).
- Sign up for **Healthy Trails** (see next page for details).

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



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Festival in the Park

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

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June

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1



History Ride • Vasona • 9am-11am

Challenge yourself with a 10-mile strenuous bicycle ride along the scenic Los Gatos Creek Trail. Learn the history of the area as we take the 900-foot climb up to St. Joseph's Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Meet at the Pier parking lot with your mountain bike and helmet. **For reservations call (408) 356-2729**



The Nature of Serpentine • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-12pm

Take a leisurely 1.5-mile walk to enjoy late spring wildflowers and drought-resistant trees, shrubs and plants that thrive in the Park's serpentine grasslands. Meet at the Calero Park office off McKean Rd. then carpool to the trail head. Group stays together. **(408) 918-7771**



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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, continued



Hula Hoop Fitness Class • Ed Levin • 2pm-3pm

Hula hooping is no longer just child's play; it has evolved into a fun form of fitness! Learn the basics of moving a hoop around your torso as well as moving your feet, incorporating arms, and perhaps even some off-body moves! Hoops provided, no experience needed. Meet at the Spring Valley Pond.
Register online or call (408) 355-2201



THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Healthy Trails Toddler Trek • Calero • 9am-1pm

Enjoy a 3.5 mile moderate hike on the Los Cerritos and Pena Trails with your toddler. Hike through diverse habitats and enjoy spectacular views of the South Bay Area. Jogging strollers recommended. Meet at the trail head by the park office. **(408) 355-2240**



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Register online or call (408) 355-2201



SATURDAY, JUNE 7



San Jose Zouaves Junior Shooting Program • Field Sports Park • 8am-1pm

Junior shooters age 8-18 will get first-hand experience shooting a variety of firearms under the direct supervision of a certified firearms instructor. Must have parent or guardian present. Meet at the 200 yd. rifle range.
For reservations call (408) 463-0652



Festival in the Park • Hellyer • 11am-3pm

FREE admission, information, health and recreation opportunities, entertainment and FUN! CPR classes, children's activities and fun for all ages. Food available for purchase. See page 10 for more information. **(408) 355-2240**

SUNDAY, JUNE 8



History Ride • Vasona • 9am-11am

Challenge yourself with a 10-mile strenuous bicycle ride along the scenic Los Gatos Creek Trail. Learn the history of the area as we take the 900-foot climb up to St. Joseph's Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Meet at the Pier parking lot with your mountain bike and helmet. **For reservations call (408) 356-2729**



Animal Drawing Class • Hellyer • 10am-11:30am

Mountain Lions, Bobcats, Snakes & Birds! Learn to draw animals from mounted specimens. Practice new skills as you translate observations into realistic drawings. All skill levels and ages 8 and over with a parent welcome. Meet at the visitor center. Drawing materials provided, or bring your own.
Register online or call (408) 355-2201





SUNDAY, JUNE 8, continued



Story Time with a Ranger

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 12:30pm-1:30pm

Explore tales and adventures of the natural world through short stories and participate in fun activities with a Ranger. Meet at the visitor center off Malaguerra Ave. All ages welcome. **(408) 918-7983**



History of Almaden Air Force Station

Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 1pm-3pm

Learn about the history of this fascinating site, see key artifacts, and enjoy a slide show of amazing historic photos of the radar station when it was in operation between 1958 and 1980. Presented by Basim Jaber (Historian/Archivist and founder of the USAF 682nd Radar Squadron Veterans Association).

For reservations call (408) 533-8107 or by email at info@almadenafs.org



The Life and Times of Henry Miller • Mt. Madonna • 5pm-6pm

See the place that Henry Miller, the "Cattle King", called home. Explore historic ruins and discover how this man's work ethic and passion for land shaped his destiny. Meet at Henry Miller trailhead past the park office.

For reservations call (408) 842-2341



THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Healthy Trails Run – Start Here • Los Gatos Creek • 11:30am-12pm

This progressive biweekly program is designed for beginners who want to run. Start with a run/walk method and if you follow the program, eventually progress to running! Bring water and dress appropriately. Please leave pets at home. Ages 12 and up. Meet in parking lot. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



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

You have life insurance and auto insurance...but how about hiking insurance? Become knowledgeable and better prepared to fully enjoy your wilderness adventures. Meet at the Upper Sandy Wool parking lot near the dog park with a headlamp or flashlight. **For reservations call (408) 262-6980**



FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Wildlife Senses Hike • Calero • 6:30pm-9:30pm

Listen to the sounds of the night as we explore the wildlife around us. Learn how our senses compare to animals that live here as we enjoy a 3.5-mile hike after dark. Meet at the Calero park office with a red-lens flashlight.

For reservations call (408) 268-3883



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy Monsters University (G) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**





FRIDAY, JUNE 13, continued



A Walk in the Dark • Anderson • 8:45pm-10:45pm

Take a moderate 1.5-mile walk to a pond at the top of a hill high above Anderson Lake. Listen to the sounds of the night and look for wildlife as you explore their home. Meet in the parking lot at the top of the dam. **(408) 918-7984**



SATURDAY, JUNE 14



Living with Wildlife • Sanborn • 10am-12pm

Take an easy 2-mile hike through the redwoods and learn about living with wildlife. Discover what "normal" animal behavior is, what wildlife needs to survive, and what to do if you have an encounter. Meet at the Ranger station. Best for families and kids age 10+. **(408) 867-9959**



This is Your Water • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10am-12pm

Have you ever given much thought to where water comes from when you turn on your tap? Take a short walk to learn about the long journey our water takes from raindrops to tap water. Meet at the Coyote Lake Dam. **(408) 842-7800**



Play Like A Miner • Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 11am-2pm

Join museum staff and volunteers for a fun-filled afternoon of kid-friendly activities and adventures like gold panning, treasure hunting, and ore mucking. These all reflect what life was like for a hard rock miner in New Almaden. **(408) 918-7773**



History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Take a leisurely walk to see historical features of the park. Learn about the history of Halls Valley from Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Grant Ranch House. Meet at Ranch House. **(408) 274-6121**



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

Learn about fire's impact on California, both past and present. Explore how man's treatment of wildland fire has affected our landscape and what we are doing about it today. Meet at the Spring Valley picnic area with a flashlight. **(408) 262-6980**



Carnivorous Plant Night

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

Learn about fascinating meat-eating flora and take home a Venus fly trap, sundew or pitcher plant for your very own study! Afterward munch on popcorn while watching the man-eating-plant, sci-fi movie Day of the Triffids.

For reservations call (408) 226-5453



Family Moonlit Hike • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 8:30pm-10pm

Enjoy an outing under the moon and stars on the 2-mile paved Martin Murphy Trail. Watch for wildlife, identify overhead constellations, and discover many secrets of this historic and ecological area. Meet at the Harvey Bear entrance off San Martin Ave. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**





SATURDAY, JUNE 14, continued



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy Frozen (PG) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**

SUNDAY, JUNE 15



Wonders of Wildlife Riparian Walk • Anderson • 10am-12pm

Take a short hike through a riparian area to identify animal signs, look for wildlife, and explore how we all fit into the ecosystem's web of life. Meet at the Toyon picnic area. **For reservations call (408) 918-7982**

MONDAY, JUNE 16



Champions for Parks • Mt. Madonna • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion as we navigate the redwood forest in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waivers required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the Ranger station with running shoes and water. **For reservations call (408) 846-5632**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18



Healthy Trails Hike • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 6pm-7:30pm

Bring the whole family as we hike the paved 2-mile Martin Murphy loop trail through open grassland. Enjoy views of the surrounding hills as we search for the abundant wildlife that inhabit the area. Meet at the Harvey Bear Ranch entrance on San Martin Ave. **(408) 918-7775**

THURSDAY, JUNE 19



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Ed Levin • 8:30pm-11pm

Meet at the Elm picnic area to enjoy a feature movie under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. **(408) 262-6980**

SATURDAY, JUNE 21



A Taste of Archery • Santa Teresa • 8:30am & 10:30am

Join the Black Mountain Bowmen and learn how to shoot a compound or recurve bow, fletch arrows, and make a bow string. A mandatory safety class will be given prior to shooting a bow. Equipment provided by Predator's Archery in Gilroy. Meet at the Santa Teresa Archery Range on Avenida Espana. Families welcome, ages 6-up. Two classes to choose from: 8:30-10am and 10:30-12pm. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



SATURDAY, JUNE 21, continued



Birding for Kids • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 8:30am-10:30am

Take a short bird spotting walk along Coyote Creek. Learn tips on how to identify the most common birds. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. with binoculars if you have them. **(408) 779-3634**



Hawk Walk • Ed Levin • 11am-2:30pm

Search for glimpses of hawks, falcons and golden eagles that soar the skies. Find out why they fly like they do and what helps them thrive in this area. Meet at the Sandy Wool dog park with binoculars or spotting scope. **(408) 262-6980**



19th Century in a Bottle

Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 1pm-2:30pm

Almaden author and antique bottle collector Tobin Gilman will provide an historical view of daily life and commerce in San Jose in the 1800's, told through the prism of historic glass bottles from the area. Go back to the earliest days of San Jose as California's first state capitol. **(408) 918-7771**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22



Healthy Trails Hike • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 8:30am-12:30pm

Take a moderate 4.2-mile hike on the Harvey Bear and Townsprings Trails. Enjoy views of the surrounding open grasslands and neighboring ranch lands below. Meet at the Harvey Bear Ranch lot on San Martin Ave. **(408) 918-7775**



Getting Along Together • Calero • 9am-12pm

Learn how to get along with other trail users. Meet "Easy" the horse as well as local bicyclists who will share their tips on how to gain respect and enjoy the trails safely with a variety of trail user groups. This is a drop-in event at the Calero park entrance. **(408) 268-3883**



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For reservations call (408) 354-3943





THURSDAY, JUNE 26



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FRIDAY, JUNE 27



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy National Treasure (PG) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**



SATURDAY, JUNE 28



Hike With a Ranger & His Best Friend

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

Take a moderate 3-mile hike with a Ranger and his best friend. Learn about some of the fascinating features of the park as we put our noses to the ground and seek out adventure. Meet at the Mendoza entrance with water for you and your pooch, doggie bags and a maximum 6-foot leash. **(408) 842-7800**



Safe Biking Adventures Creek Trail Ride • Hellyer • 10am-1pm

Meet at the park office with your bike and gear, then set out on a 6-10 mile family ride on the flat, paved Coyote Creek Trail. Dress in layered, comfortable riding clothes (no sandals please) and bring plenty of water and snacks. **(408) 225-0225**



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

Take a pleasant bouncy ride to the Calero Bat Inn – where you can visit but cannot stay. Discover why these creatures are so important by participating in batty activities, munching on bat food and watching thousands emerge from a good day's sleep. Bring a small chair or blanket, closed-toe shoes, bug spray, layered clothing and flashlight. Meet at the Calero Park Office. Reservations required and available after 12pm on June 9th. Leave a message with name, phone number and number of people. **(408) 268-5240**



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**



Star Party • Grant • 8:30pm-11pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star-gazing. Knowledgeable volunteers provide a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and answer questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill (across from campsite #22). Park entrance gates close at 10pm. **(408) 274-6121**





SUNDAY, JUNE 29



Bike Safety for Young Riders • Hellyer • 8:30am-10am

Learn how to safely ride bikes on trails and roadways, then take an easy 4-mile ride along Coyote Creek Parkway. Meet at the parking lot on the west side of Cottonwood Lake. Suitable for ages 9-12 with parent supervision.

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Living History Day • Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 11am-3pm

Visit Casa Grande, once the magnificent home of New Almaden mine managers. Costumed Docents and staff will guide you through Victorian period rooms and museum exhibits. Children may participate in a seasonal craft activity to take home. **(408) 323-1107**



Huckleberries and Hounds Dog Hike • Mt. Madonna • 4:30pm-6:30pm

Bring your canine friend while we explore the redwoods. Discover the wonders of a majestic redwood forest while getting some moderate exercise. Meet at the Huckleberry group camp site with doggie bags and a maximum 6-foot leash. **(408) 842-2341**



What's in a Ranger's Truck? • Almaden Quicksilver • 6:30pm-7:30pm

Have you ever wanted to see the inside of a Park Ranger's patrol truck? This is your chance to interact with the variety of equipment used for search and rescue, firefighting and lifesaving duties. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill entrance. **(408) 268-5240**



July

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THURSDAY, JULY 3



Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

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Dependent Dog Hike • Mt. Madonna • 7pm-8:30pm

Bring your canine companion on an evening adventure through the redwoods. Make tracks, sniff out signs of wildlife, and explore this majestic habitat as the sun goes down. Meet at the Ranger station. Bring doggie bags and a maximum 6-foot leash. **(408) 842-2341**





SATURDAY, JULY 5



San Jose Zouaves Junior shooting Program • Field Sports Park • 8am-1pm
Junior shooters age 8-18 will get first-hand experience shooting a variety of firearms under the direct supervision of a certified firearms instructor. Must have parent or guardian present. Meet at the 200 yd. rifle range.
For reservations call (408) 463-0652



Healthy Parks • Healthy People Nature Walk • Alviso Marina, 9am-11am
Take an easy 2-mile nature walk through the wetland marshes of this beautiful bayside park. Explore the fantastic views and unique wildlife that call this park home. Meet at the Marina parking lot. **(408) 355-2240**



Climate Change Adventure Hike • Ed Levin • 10am-12:30pm
Curious about climate change? Take a 3.5-mile hike and discover how small changes can lead to broad consequences, both globally and locally here in the Bay Area. Meet at the Sandy Wool dog park.



For reservations call (408) 262-6980

SUNDAY, JULY 6



**Healthy Trails Bilingual Hike
Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 10am-12pm**

Enjoy an easy 1.5-mile hike along Coyote Creek. Discover unique features of this creek environment while enjoying the benefits of being outdoors with your family. Designed for Spanish-speaking families, though everyone is welcome. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7985**



WEDNESDAY, JULY 9



A Taste of Water Skiing • Hellyer Water Ski Pond • 12pm-4pm
Learn how to water ski with the Santa Clara County Water Ski Club for FREE! Equipment and lessons will be provided. It's a great time for all ages! Bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, lots of water and snacks.
Be prepared to get WET! **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



THURSDAY, JULY 10

Healthy Trails Run – Start Here • Los Gatos Creek • 11:30am-12pm

This progressive biweekly program is designed for beginners who want to run. Start with a run/walk method and if you follow the program, eventually progress to running! Bring water and dress appropriately. Please leave pets at home. Ages 12 and up. Meet in parking lot. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



Healthy Trails Stroller Hike • Los Gatos Creek • 3pm-4:30pm

Enjoy an easy 2.6-mile loop on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. This trail is paved and perfect for children and strollers on a wonderful weekday. Meet at the parking lot off Dell Ave. **(408) 355-2240**





FRIDAY, JULY 11



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

You have life insurance and auto insurance...but how about hiking insurance? Become knowledgeable and better prepared to fully enjoy your wilderness adventures. Meet at the Sandy Wool dog park with hiking shoes, layered clothing, water, and headlamp or flashlight. **For reservations call (408) 262-6980**



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy Ratatouille (G) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**



A Walk in the Dark • Anderson • 8:45pm-10:45pm

Take a moderate 1.5-mile walk to a pond at the top of a hill high above Anderson Lake. Listen to the sounds of the night and look for wildlife as you explore their home. Meet in the parking lot at the top of the dam. **(408) 918-7984**



SATURDAY, JULY 12



Champions for Parks • Sanborn • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion to navigate the redwood forest in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waiver forms required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the Ranger station with running shoes and water. **For reservations call (408) 846-5632**



The Nature of Serpentine • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-12pm

Take a leisurely 1.5-mile walk to enjoy late spring wildflowers and drought-resistant trees, shrubs and plants that thrive in the Park's serpentine grasslands. Meet at the Calero Park office off McKean Rd. then carpool to the trail head. Group stays together. **(408) 918-7771**



Living with Wildlife • Sanborn • 10am-12pm

Take an easy 2-mile hike through the redwoods and learn about living with wildlife. Discover what "normal" animal behavior is, what wildlife needs to survive, and what to do if you have an encounter. Meet at the Ranger station. Best for families and kids age 10+. **(408) 867-9959**



History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Take a leisurely walk to see historical features of the park. Learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Grant Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House. **(408) 274-6121**



What's in a Ranger's Truck? • Almaden Quicksilver • 6:30pm-7:30pm

Have you ever wanted to see the inside of a Park Ranger's patrol truck? This is your chance to interact with the variety of equipment used for search and rescue, firefighting and lifesaving duties. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill entrance. **(408) 268-5240**



SATURDAY, JULY 12, continued



Full Moon Hike • Grant • 8pm-10:15pm

Take an easy 2-mile hike in Halls Valley to seek out nature's nighttime creatures. Enjoy views of Lick Observatory and the moon as it crests Mt. Hamilton. Meet at the Stockman's parking lot. No dogs please. **(408) 274-6121**



Moonlight Hike • Lexington Reservoir • 8:15pm-9:45pm

Enjoy 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.



For reservations call (408) 356-2729



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy Despicable Me 2 (PG) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**



SUNDAY, JULY 13



Wonders of Wildlife Riparian Walk • Anderson • 10am-12pm

Take a short hike through a riparian area to identify animal signs, look for wildlife, and explore how we all fit into the ecosystem's web of life. Meet at the Toyon picnic area. **For reservations call (408) 918-7982**



WEDNESDAY, JULY 16



Champions for Parks • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion as we navigate the Coyote Creek trail in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waiver forms required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the visitor center with running shoes and water. **For reservations call (408) 779-3634**



THURSDAY, JULY 17



Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

Here's your chance to try trail running and experience the beauty of the Almaden trails and surrounding valley. Trails are mainly single track with STEEP inclines/declines and are DIFFICULT! You should be in good physical shape to attempt this course. Ages 18 and up. Bring water and dress appropriately for trail running. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill entrance. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Ed Levin • 8:30pm-11pm

Meet at the Elm picnic area to enjoy a free feature movie under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. **(408) 262-6980**





SATURDAY, JULY 19



Discover the Anza Trail • Los Gatos Creek • 10am-11:30am

Join a Ranger from the National Park Service for an interpretive walk along the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. Follow the path of the men, women, and children who established the Bay Area's first Spanish settlement in 1776, and explore this important chapter in California history. Meet in the parking lot off Dell Ave. All ages welcome. (408) 918-7771



Birds Have a Job Too • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 10am-12pm

Take a short walk along the foothills above Coyote Lake and learn how to identify our local birds and how they play a part in our environment. Bring your binoculars and favorite bird guide. Meet at the Ranger station. (408) 842-7800



Introduction to Disc Golf: Just a Walk in the Park!

Hellyer/El Parque De La Raza De Paz • 10am-12pm

Learn about this fun, easy and inexpensive sport with members of the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club. Ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Meet at the La Raza area off Coyote Rd.



Register online or call (408) 355-2240



Hawk Walk • Ed Levin • 11am-2:30pm

Search for glimpses of hawks, falcons and golden eagles that soar the skies. Find out why they fly like they do and what helps them thrive in this area. Meet at the Sandy Wool dog park with lunch and binoculars or spotting scope. (408) 262-6980



Preparing for OHV Adventures • Motorcycle Park • 1pm-2pm

Learn the basics of how to find and protect OHV riding areas. Discuss the requirements for riding on public lands, what to take on a trail ride, and the basics of riding safety. Meet at the gazebo. (408) 226-5223



Introduction to National Moth Week

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 7:30pm-10pm

It's the beginning of National Moth Week 2014! This family friendly event will feature information about moths, crafts for the kids, information about how you can participate in citizen science observations for moth week and a viewing of the old Japanese movie, Mothra. Meet at the visitor center at the end of Malaguerra Ave. with layered clothing and flashlights. (408) 918-7771



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Santa Teresa • 8:30pm-10pm

Meet at the Corral parking lot to enjoy Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. This event is partially sponsored by the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority. Food available for purchase. (408) 225-0225





SUNDAY, JULY 20



Faults Rock! • Anderson • 8:30am-12:30pm

Take a 2-mile hike to learn about our local faults and how they are responsible for the surrounding terrain. Explore the fascinating variety of rocks and minerals found in our local area. Meet at the Toyon parking area below the dam. **(408) 918-7775**



Getting Along Together • Calero • 9am-12pm

Learn how to get along with other trail users. Meet "Easy" the horse as well as local bicyclists who will share their tips on how to gain respect and enjoy the trails safely with a variety of trail user groups. This is a drop-in event at the Calero park entrance. **(408) 268-3883**



Healthy Trails Hike • Calero • 10am-2pm

Challenge yourself with an 8.7-mile hike on the Los Cerritos, Bald Peaks and Figueroa Trails. Travel through diverse habitats and enjoy spectacular views of the South Bay Area. Meet at the dirt parking lot by the Ranger station with a bag lunch and water. **(408) 918-7772**



Story Time with a Ranger

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 12:30pm-1:30pm

Explore tales and adventures of the natural world through short stories and participate in fun activities with a Ranger. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. All ages welcome. **(408) 918-7983**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23



Champions for Parks • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion as we navigate the Coyote Creek trail in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waiver forms required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the visitor center with running shoes and water. **For reservations call (408) 779-3634**



A Taste of Water Skiing • Hellyer Water Ski Pond • 12pm-4pm

Learn how to water ski with the Santa Clara County Water Ski Club for FREE! Equipment and will be provided. It's a great time for all ages! Bring a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, lots of water and snacks. Be prepared to get WET! **Register online or call (408) 355-2240**



THURSDAY, JULY 24



Healthy Trails Run – Start Here

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 11:30am-12pm

This progressive biweekly program is designed for beginners who want to run. Start with the run/walk method, follow the program, and eventually progress to running! Bring water and dress appropriately for running. Please leave pets at home. Ages 12 and up. Meet at the visitor center.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201



FRIDAY, JULY 25



How to Survive in County Parks

Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 9am-11am

Learn how to explore the great outdoors with confidence using basic survival skills and techniques to help ensure safer adventures in parks and back-country areas. Meet at the visitor center. No equipment required, but OK to bring your typical hiking gear or camping equipment. **(408) 842-7800**



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

Learn the history of Villa Montalvo and how it began with a dream by a remarkable man. Hike the trails behind the mansion to a breathtaking scenic overlook of the Santa Clara Valley. Park in designated areas only and meet at parking lot #4. \$10 fee to tour the mansion, payable on the day of the hike.

For reservations call (408) 354-3943



SATURDAY, JULY 26



Winged Predators • Stevens Creek • 10am-12pm

Take an easy 2-mile hike to look for winged hunters in the sky. Learn about a raptor's role in the environment and how you can become involved in the study of hawks, falcons and eagles. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Stevens Creek Reservoir Dam. **(408) 867-9959**



The Life and Times of Henry Miller • Mt. Madonna • 5pm-6pm

See the place that Henry Miller, the "Cattle King", called home. Explore historic ruins and discover how this man's work ethic and passion for land shaped his destiny. Meet at Henry Miller trailhead past the park office.

For reservations call (408) 842-2341



Celebrate Moth Week • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 7:30pm-10pm

Observe, identify and count moths for this fun citizen science project. We will have light traps, bait and an illuminated sheet to observe moths. This family friendly event will leave you fascinated with night time creatures while you observe them close up. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. with layered clothing and flashlights. **(408) 918-7771**





SATURDAY, JULY 26, continued



Star Party • Grant • 8:30pm-11pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star-gazing fun. Knowledgeable volunteers provide a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and answer questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill (across from campsite #22). Park entrance gates close at 10pm. **(408) 274-6121**

SUNDAY, JULY 27



Geology Hike • Anderson • 10am-12pm

Learn about the geology of Anderson Lake and surrounding areas. See and touch ancient basalt and sandstone. Discover the complex geologic history of the Calaveras-Hayward fault areas within the greater Diablo Range. Meet at the boat launch area. **(408) 918-7980**



WEDNESDAY, JULY 30



Champions for Parks • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion as we navigate the Coyote Creek trail in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waiver forms required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the Visitor Center with running shoes and water. **For reservations call (408) 779-3634**



THURSDAY, JULY 31



Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

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Register online or call (408) 355-2201





August



EVERY THURSDAY IN AUGUST

Intro to Shotgun Sports • Field Sports Park • 5pm-8pm

Learn about firearm safety, etiquette, handling and cleaning as well as shotgun operation and target shooting. Meet at the Trap and Skeet Clubhouse. Must bring your own shotgun. Ammunition and targets provided. \$35 materials fee. Adults only. **For reservations call (408) 463-0769**



Getting to Know Your Newly Purchased Handgun Field Sports Park • 5pm-7pm

Learn how to safely operate your new firearm including handling, loading, shooting, and proper maintenance. Meet at the Pistol Range Office with your handgun, ammunition, eye and ear protection. \$15 range fee. Adults only. **For reservations call (408) 463-0652**

EVERY SATURDAY IN AUGUST



Natural History Series • Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 9:30am-11am

Take a leisurely stroll along the nature trail toward the historic Malaguerra Winery property as we discuss topics such as native plants, animals and early agriculture of the area. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7980**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2



San Jose Zouaves Junior Shooting Program • Field Sports Park • 8am-1pm

Junior shooters age 8-18 will get first-hand experience shooting a variety of firearms under the direct supervision of a certified firearms instructor. Must have parent or guardian present. Meet at the 200 yd. rifle range. **For reservations call (408) 463-0652**



Healthy Parks • Healthy People Nature Walk • Alviso Marina, 9am-11am

Take an easy 2-mile nature walk through the wetland marshes of this beautiful bayside park. Explore the fantastic views and unique wildlife that call this park home. Meet at the Marina parking lot. **(408) 355-2240**



The Nature of Serpentine, • Calero/Rancho San Vicente • 9am-12pm

Take a leisurely 1.5 mile walk to enjoy late spring wildflowers and drought-resistant trees, shrubs and plants that thrive in the Park's serpentine grasslands. Meet at the Calero Park office off McKean Rd. then carpool to the trail head. Group stays together. **(408) 918-7771**



Go Outside and Play the K-9 Way

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

Take a moderate hike with your furry companion to learn how dogs have adapted with humans in an evolutionary process to become domesticated. Enjoy the beautiful sights, sounds, and smells as we search for adventure with our furry friends. Meet at the Mendoza entrance with water for you and your pooch, doggie bags, and a maximum 6-foot leash. **(408) 842-7800**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, continued



In the Park After Dark Campout • Santa Teresa • 6:30pm through 8am Sunday

Join us for a great opportunity to enjoy Santa Teresa Park under the night sky. Evening will include showings of a popular feature film. Meet at the Pueblo group area and bring all necessary camping supplies including tent, food, bedding, warm clothes and flashlight. No open fires allowed.

For reservations call (408) 225-0225

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3



Healthy Trails Bilingual Hike

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 10am-12pm

Enjoy an easy 1.5-mile hike along the Coyote Creek Parkway. Discover unique features of this creek environment while enjoying the benefits of being outdoors with your family. Designed for Spanish-speaking families, though everyone welcome. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. **(408) 918-7985**



History of Almaden Air Force Station

Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum • 1pm-3pm

Learn about the history of this fascinating site, see key artifacts, and enjoy a slide show of amazing historic photos of the radar station when it was in operation between 1958 and 1980. Presented by Basim Jaber (Historian/Archivist and founder of the USAF 682nd Radar Squadron Veterans Association).

For reservations call (408) 533-8107 or by email at info@almadenafs.org



THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Healthy Trails Run – Start Here • Los Gatos Creek • 11:30am-12pm

This progressive biweekly program is designed for beginners who want to run. Start with a run/walk method and if you follow the program, eventually progress to running! Bring water and dress appropriately. Please leave pets at home. Ages 12 and up. Meet in parking lot. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



Healthy Trails Toddler Trek • Santa Teresa • 3pm-4:30pm

Enjoy a 1.8-mile outing along the Joice/Norred Trails with your toddler. This trail has a short steep section (100 yards) to start. The remainder of the hike is flat and sunny. Jogger strollers recommended. Meet at the Bernal Ranch parking lot at the end of Camino Verde Dr. **(408) 355-2240**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8



The Ever Present Redwood • Mt. Madonna • 12pm-2pm

Explore a unique and fascinating Pacific Coast redwood forest. Discover how these ancient trees are connected to humans and the environment. Meet at the Giant Twins trail head. **(408) 842-2341**



A Walk in the Dark • Anderson • 8:15pm-10:15pm

Take a moderate 1.5-mile walk to a pond at the top of a hill high above Anderson Lake. Listen to the sounds of the night and look for wildlife as you explore their home. Meet in the parking lot at the top of the dam. **(408) 918-7984**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9



Champions for Parks • Alviso Marina • 9am-11am

Join us for a jogging excursion as we navigate the bayside marshes in search of adventure. This is a drop-off program for youth ages 11-17 wishing to participate in a moderate cardio-training opportunity while learning to be better ambassadors of this important watershed. Parent-signed waiver form required. Designed for beginning joggers who wish to explore a beautiful natural setting in the safety of a cohesive group. Meet at the Marina parking lot with running shoes and water. **For reservations call (408) 846-5632**



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 enjoy your brown-bag lunch in the park. Tour costs \$10 per person. Children must be over 6 years and 60 lbs. Meet at the Casa Grande/Quicksilver Mining Museum. Bring a bag lunch.

For reservations call (408) 918-7773



Winged Predators • Stevens Creek • 10am-12pm

Take an easy 2-mile hike to look for winged hunters in the sky. Learn about a raptor's role in the environment and how you can become involved in the study of hawks, falcons and eagles. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Stevens Creek Reservoir Dam. **(408) 867-9959**



Wash Day and Old Time Games

Santa Teresa Park's Historic Bernal Ranch • 1pm-3pm

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at the ranch. Experience what granny called her "weekly affliction" and play games from 100 years ago. The ranch is located at the corner of Camino Verde and Manila Dr. in San Jose. **(408) 226-5453**



History Walk • Grant • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Take a leisurely walk to see historical features of the park. Learn about the history of Halls Valley from the Ohlone days to the more recent past. End with a tour of the Grant Ranch House. Meet at the Ranch House. **(408) 274-6121**



Bats over Calero • Calero • 6pm-9:30pm

Take a pleasant bouncy ride to the Calero Bat Inn - where you can visit but cannot stay. Discover why these creatures are so important by participating in batty activities, munching on bat food and watching thousands emerge from a good day's sleep. Bring a small chair or blanket, closed-toe shoes, bug spray, layered clothing and flashlight. Meet at the Calero Park Office. Reservations required and available after 12pm on June 9th. Leave a message with name, phone number and number of people. **(408) 268-5240**



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

You have life insurance and auto insurance...but how about hiking insurance? Become knowledgeable and better prepared to fully enjoy your wilderness adventures. Meet at the Sandy Wool dog park with a headlamp or flashlight.

For reservations call (408) 262-6980





SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, continued



Family Moonlit Hike • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 8:30pm-10pm

Enjoy an outing under the moon and stars on the 2-mile paved Martin Murphy Trail. Watch for wildlife, identify overhead constellations, and discover many secrets of this historic and ecological area. Meet at the Harvey Bear parking lot on San Martin Ave. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10



Nature Journaling Hike • Mt. Madonna • 9am-12pm

Enjoy a moderate 2-mile hike in the beautiful redwoods of Mt. Madonna Park while learning how to create and capture nature through journaling. Meet at the Ranger Station parking lot. Materials provided or bring your own.

For reservations call (408) 918-7775



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

Learn the history of Villa Montalvo and how it began with a dream by a remarkable man. Hike the trails behind the mansion to a breathtaking scenic overlook of the Santa Clara Valley. Park in designated areas only and meet at parking lot #4. \$10 fee to tour the mansion, payable on day of the hike. Reservations required. **(408) 354-3943**



Healthy Trails Hike • Los Gatos Creek • 10am-3pm

Challenge yourself with a 12.5-mile hike on the Los Gatos Creek Trail. Hike the mostly paved trail as it meanders through the riparian habitat of Los Gatos Creek. Meet at the parking lot off Dell Ave. with a bag lunch. **(408) 918-7772**



The Night Shift • Calero • 5pm-8pm

Let's go for a full-moon hike! Explore park trails and participate in fun activities to learn which animals come out at night and how they are uniquely adapted to survive after dark. Meet at the Ranger station with a red-lens flashlight. **(408) 268-3883**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13



Healthy Trails Hike • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 6pm-7:30pm

Enjoy an easy 2-mile hike on the Martin Murphy Trail. Bring the whole family as we hike this paved loop trail through the open grassland. Enjoy views of the surrounding hills as we search for the abundant wildlife that inhabit the area. Meet at the Harvey Bear Ranch entrance. **(408) 918-7775**



THURSDAY, AUGUST 14



Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

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Register online or call (408) 355-2201





FRIDAY, AUGUST 15



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

Meet at the playground to enjoy Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. (408) 225-0225

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16



Getting Along Together • Calero • 9am-12pm

Learn how to get along with other trail users. Meet "Easy" the horse as well as local bicyclists who will share their tips on how to gain respect and enjoy the trails safely with a variety of trail user groups. This is a drop-in event at the Calero park entrance. (408) 268-3883



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

Meet at the playground to enjoy The Nut Job (PG) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. (408) 225-0225

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17



Wonders of Wildlife Riparian Walk • Anderson • 10am-12pm

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Story Time with a Ranger

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 12:30pm-1:30pm

Explore tales and adventures of the natural world through short stories and participate in fun activities with a Ranger. Meet at the visitor center at end of Malaguerra Ave. All ages welcome. (408) 918-7983

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20



Henry Miller as He Lived • Mt. Madonna • 10am-11:30am

Come 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 station for an easy 1.5-mile hike. (408) 842-2341

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21



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Register online or call (408) 355-2201



THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, continued



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Ed Levin • 8pm-10pm

Meet at the Elm picnic area to enjoy a free feature movie under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. **(408) 262-6980**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22



Hawk Walk • Ed Levin • 11am-2:30pm

Search for glimpses of hawks, falcons and golden eagles that soar the skies. Find out why they fly like they do and what makes them thrive in this area. Meet at the Sandy Wool dog park with lunch and binoculars or spotting scope. **(408) 262-6980**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23



Amazing Refuge Race • Alviso • 10am-12pm

Armed with GPS units provided, teams will "race" to complete required tasks on the refuge. Teams arranged upon registration. If all tasks are complete and your team finishes first, you WIN! Registration begins May 19th. Deadline to register is August 16, 2014. **Register online or call 510-792-0222 ext. 476**



Nature Foray Hike • Sanborn • 10am-12pm

Explore local plants and animals in this leisurely 1.5-mile hike along park trails. Learn to identify local forest plants and search for banana slugs, newts and signs of other animals. Meet at the Ranger Station. **(408) 867-9959**



Minnis Ranch Mystery Tour • Ed Levin • 10:30am-1:30pm

Do you like mysteries? Want to discover a little Ranch history? If so, this is the tour for you! Shuttle to the historic ranch complex where you will be given clues to help you solve a ranch mystery. **For reservations call (408) 262-6980**



Campfire Storytelling • Uvas Canyon • 7:45pm-9:45pm

Enjoy a summer evening around the campfire with stories, songs, and information about some of the night time animals in the park. Meet at the Upper Bench Youth campground. Bring water, snacks and dress in layers. **Register online or call (408) 355-2201**



Star Party • Grant • 8:30pm-11pm

Join the Halls Valley Astronomical Group for a night of star-gazing fun. Knowledgeable volunteers provide a chance to look through a variety of telescopes and answer questions about the night sky. Meet at Halley Hill (across from campsite #22). Park entrance gates close at 10pm. **(408) 274-6121**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27



Eye in the Sky • Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch • 1pm-2pm

Enjoy an easy raptor-spotting walk along the shores of Coyote Lake. Observe and identify local raptors and learn characteristics that help you recognize them. Binocular instruction and a short review of raptors will precede the walk. Meet at the Coyote Lake visitor center. **(408) 842-7800**



THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Healthy Trails Run – Finish Here • Almaden Quicksilver • 12pm-1pm

Here's your chance to try trail running and experience the beauty of the Almaden trails and surrounding valley. Trails are mainly single track with STEEP inclines/declines and are DIFFICULT! You should be in good physical shape to attempt this course. Ages 18 and up. Bring water and dress appropriately for trail running. Meet at the Mockingbird Hill entrance.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201



The Amazing Tule Elk Comeback

Anderson/Coyote Creek Parkway • 6pm-8:30pm

Learn the story about Tule Elk and their epic journey back from the brink of extinction. Listen to unique sounds of a male elk as he battles for herd dominance and look for these majestic creatures in their native habitat. Meeting location TBD. **For reservations call (408) 918-7984**



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 7:45pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy Men in Black (PG-13) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30



Safe Biking Adventures Creek Trail Ride • Hellyer • 10am-1pm

Meet at the park office with your bike and gear, then set out on a 6-10 mile family ride on the flat, paved Coyote Creek Trail. Dress in layered, comfortable riding clothes (no sandals please) and bring plenty of water and snacks. **(408) 225-0225**



Survive in a Knapsack • Mt. Madonna • 12pm-2pm

Ever wondered what to do if you get lost in the woods? Take an easy 1-mile hike to learn how to be prepared and what to bring along to help find your way. Meet at the Hilltop group area across from the park office. Wear comfortable hiking gear and bring water and snacks. **(408) 842-2341**



In the Park After Dark Movie Night • Hellyer • 7:45pm-10pm

Meet at the playground to enjoy Men in Black II (PG-13) under the stars with family and friends. Bring low chairs or blankets and a flashlight. Donations for Second Harvest Food Bank gladly accepted. Food available for purchase. **(408) 225-0225**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31



Geology Hike • Anderson • 10am-12pm

See and touch ancient basalt and sandstone. Discover the complex geologic history of the Calaveras-Hayward fault areas within the greater Diablo Range. Meet at the boat launch area. **(408) 918-7980**



Hula Hoop Fitness Class • Vasona • 2pm-3pm

Hula hooping is no longer just child's play; it has evolved into a fun form of fitness! Learn the basics of moving a hoop around your torso as well as moving your feet, incorporating arms, and perhaps even some off-body moves! Hoops provided, no experience needed. Meet at the Boat Center Lawn.

Register online or call (408) 355-2201



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Almaden Quicksilver (Hacienda Entrance)

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.
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372 Manila Dr.
San Jose, CA 95119

Calero

23205 McKean Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

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10001 Watsonville Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020

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Gilroy, CA 95020

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San Jose, CA 95111

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San Jose, CA 95140

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17770 Alma Bridge Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

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Campbell, CA 95008

Motorcycle

300 Metcalf Rd.
San Jose, CA 95138

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San Jose, CA 95132

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