



SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS

Almaden Quicksilver
21785 Almaden Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

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

Alviso Marina
Mill St.
Alviso, CA 95002

Anderson Lake (Park Office)
19245 Malaguerra Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Anderson Lake
18390 Cochrane Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch
372 Manila Dr.
San Jose, CA 95119

Calero
23205 McKean Rd.
San Jose, CA 95120

Chitactac-Adams Heritage
10001 Watsonville Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020

Chesbro Reservoir
17655 Oak Glen Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

**Coyote Lake
Harvey Bear Ranch**
10840 Coyote Lake Rd.
Gilroy, CA 95020



Ed Levin
3100 Calaveras Rd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Field Sports Park
200 Malech Rd.
San Jose, CA 95013

Hellyer
985 Hellyer Ave.
San Jose, CA 95111

Joseph D. Grant
18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd.
San Jose, CA 95140

Lexington Reservoir
17770 Alma Bridge Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Los Gatos Creek
1250 Dell Ave.
Campbell, CA 95008

Motorcycle
300 Metcalf Rd.
San Jose, CA 95138

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

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

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

Sanborn
16055 Sanborn Rd.
Saratoga, CA 95070

Santa Teresa
260 Bernal Rd.
San Jose, CA 95119

Stevens Creek
11401 Stevens Canyon Rd.
Cupertino, CA 95014

Uvas Canyon
8515 Croy Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Uvas Reservoir
4200 Uvas Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Vasona
333 Blossom Hill Rd.
Los Gatos, CA 95032

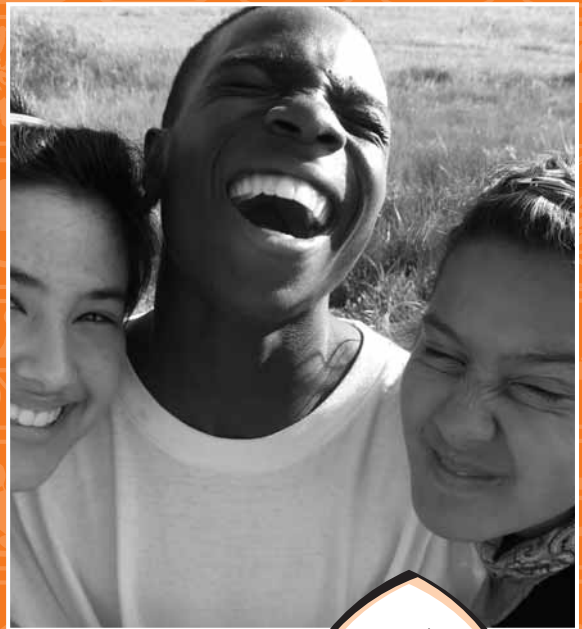
Villa Montalvo
15400 Montalvo Rd.
Saratoga, CA 95070



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SANTA CLARA
COUNTY PARKS

Discover

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



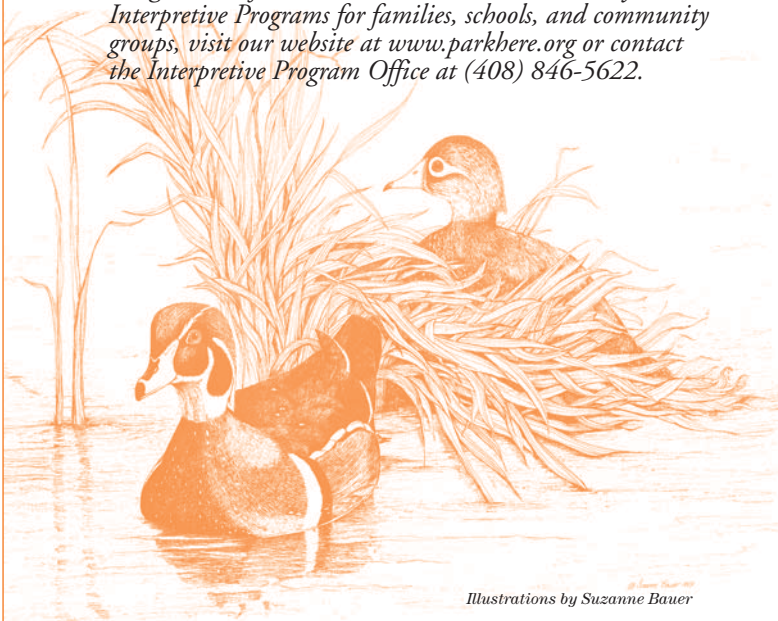
Provide, protect & preserve regional parklands for the enjoyment, education & inspiration of this & future generations.

Mission of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

Go Outside and Play!

- Explore nature on a guided hike with a Park Ranger.
- Discover what life was like for the native Ohlone Indians thousands of years ago.
- Paddle by moonlight on a local reservoir to discover nature at night and legends of the sky.
- Visit historic sites and play games from the past.

For general information about Santa Clara County Parks Interpretive Programs for families, schools, and community groups, visit our website at www.parkhere.org or contact the Interpretive Program Office at (408) 846-5622.



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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.



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



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



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



Bring a lunch, snack, or dinner as appropriate.



Appropriate for children accompanied by an adult.



All or mostly wheelchair accessible.



Bring a bike in good working condition. Helmets required.



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



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



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



Feature movie shown as part of program.



\$6 vehicle fee to enter park.

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.

SEPTEMBER

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike Calero County Park • 9:00am-11:00am



Join Parks Docent Cait Hutnik to explore Calero Park by hiking a moderate 2.8 mile Healthy Trails loop including the Figueroa, Vallecito, Pena, and Los Cerritos Trails. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the main Calero Parking Lot. (408) 355-2240.

Honkers Gone Bonkers! Vasona County Park • 1:00pm-2:00pm



Join a Park Ranger to explore the fascinating habits and behaviors of Canada Geese and other wild animals found in local parks, streams and your own backyard. Discover how not to “love them to death”, but help them thrive in the parks and places we’ve come to share. Meet at the playground. (408) 356-2729

Raptors in the Wild Santa Teresa County Park • 10:00am-12:00pm



Explore the winged hunters that live in our parks. Learn how to identify different hawks, falcons and eagles. Discover how these raptors play an important role in our wild ecosystem. Meet at the Pueblo Group Area. Bring water, snacks, sun protections, binoculars and sturdy walking shoes. (408) 225-0225

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Mountain Bike History Ride Almaden Quicksilver County Park 7:30am-10:30am



Explore history and nature by bike on this 5-mile ride through the park. There will be steep climbing and descending, with several stops along the way to explore historic mining sites. This is the oldest and richest mine site in California history, located within the county's only National Landmark Historic District. Meet at the Hacienda Park Entrance on Almaden Road. Bring a good-operating mountain bike, helmet, water, energy snacks and sun protection. (408) 268-3883



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park • 9:00am-11:00 am



Enjoy spectacular valley views while hiking the moderate Coyote Ridge Trail with Parks Docent Cait Hutnik. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the Mendoza Ranch Staging Area. (408) 355-2240.

Moonlight Paddle Coyote Lake County Park 7:00pm-9:30pm



Discover local history and nature on a moonlight paddle tour of Coyote Lake. 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. Vessel inspections and some restrictions apply. Reservations required, call (408) 846-5632.

Scrub-A-Dub & Old Time Games Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch • 1:00pm-3:30pm



Come on out for 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



ALL YEAR PARK PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

Chitactac-Adams Heritage County Park

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





SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 continued

**Ruff Night Hike
Mt. Madonna County Park
7:30pm-10:00pm**



Seize the night on this moderate hike with a Park Ranger and her canine companion. Explore the ruins of Henry Miller's summer home at dusk, then hike along moonlit trails through the redwoods. Meet at the Ranger Office with sturdy hiking shoes, water, insect repellent and leashes. Reservations required, call (408) 842-2341.

**Bugged-Out Movie Night –
Praying Mantis: Santa Teresa
County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch
7:30pm-10:30pm**



Explore the fascinating life of the praying mantis in our world. Hang on to your seats while watching the 1950s thriller "The Deadly Mantis", followed by some safe close encounters with the real-life creatures! Meet at the ranch barn, located at 372 Manila Drive in San Jose. Reservations required, call (408) 226-5453.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**Youth Fishing in the City
Los Gatos Creek County Park
8:00am-12:00pm**



Get hooked on fishing with South Bay Fishing in the City. This hands-on instructional event is open to kids age 5-15 with adult supervision. On-site registration is from 8-10am. Kids must register and complete the fishing clinic with an adult to be allowed to fish. All equipment is provided, please do not bring your own. (408) 355-2254

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Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

Discover how locally mined mercury, "quicksilver", contributed to the success of the California Gold Rush! Dedicated to the history, geology and mining communities of California's first and richest mine, museum exhibits provide a glimpse of life in Santa Clara County 150 years ago. Museum open to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays year-round. Group tours available by request daily. Call (408) 323-1107 for hours and information.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 continued

**Forest Foray Nature Hike
Sanborn County Park
11:00am-1:00pm**



Join a Park Ranger on a 2-mile adventure through the forest to explore local plants, trees and wildlife. Meet at the Ranger office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, water and snacks. (408) 867-9959

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**Rock Hounds Hike
Uvas Canyon County Park
9:00am-11:00am**



Explore the geologic past that helped shape this hidden canyon. Discover how diverse habitats have combined to produce a thriving community of plants and animals. Meet at the Day Use parking lot. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection and water. (408) 779-9232

**Oak Woodland Walk
Ed Levin County Park • 10:30am-12:00pm**



Have you ever enjoyed the shade of an ancient oak... or wondered at the abundance of an acorn crop? Come on a hike through the oak woodland to explore the life of an oak tree and the community of creatures that depend on it for a livelihood! Meet at the Ranger office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, water, snacks and sun protection. (408) 262-6980

**Free Taste of Golf Clinic #1 – An Introduction
Spring Valley Golf Course • 11:00am-12:30pm**



This is the first of three free golf clinics conducted by PGA Professionals Mark Dorcak and Russ Bloom. The clinic includes a tour of the facility and course with a focus on rules and etiquette. Limited to 15 participants age 16 and up. Reservations required, call (408) 355-2240.

**History Walk and Historic House Tour
Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm**



Join park staff on this leisurely walk around Grant County Park to explore historic cultures, events and sites. History Walks leave from the Ranch House at 1:30pm. House tours begin at 2:15pm. (408) 274-612

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 continued

Lucien Pollution Puppet Show
Vasona County Park • 2:00pm-2:30pm



Kids will love this interactive puppet show featuring Lucien Pollution and his wildlife friends. Discover the value of recycling and keeping our waterways clean through this fast paced and fun-filled show that will put a smile on everyone's face. Meet in front of the Park Ranger Office. Chairs or blankets recommended. (408) 356-2729

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Fishing 101 – Tips from a Park Ranger
Stevens Creek County Park
9:00am-11:00am



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". Meet at the Ranger Office, no equipment necessary. Reservations required, call (408) 867-3654.

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike
Mt. Madonna County Park
9:00am-11:00 am



Challenge yourself to complete this moderate Healthy Trails hike along the Sprig Trail with Parks Docent Cait Hutnik. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the Sprig Day Use Parking Area. (408) 355-2240.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Free Outdoor Photography Class
Santa Teresa County Park's
Historic Bernal Ranch • 10:00am-12:00pm



Join Docent Ron Horii for a free photography workshop. Learn how to take outdoor pictures, about types of cameras, photo composition, plus more! Bring your own camera - any kind will do! Open to ages 14 and up - limit 20 participants. Persons under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Bernal Ranch barn. Reservations required, call (408) 355-2240.

The Ohlone Lifestyle
Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch
County Park • 10:00am-1:00pm



Join a Park Ranger to explore the foods, clothing and traditions of the native Ohlone people who once inhabited our local park lands. Discover how nature and ancient human ingenuity provided everything needed for survival. Meet at the Ranger office. (408) 842-7800

Free Taste of Golf Clinic #2 – Short Game
Spring Valley Golf Course, 11:00am-12:30pm



PGA Professionals Mark Dorcak and Russ Bloom will teach you the basics of the short game. Focus will be on chipping, pitching, sand play and putting. Bring your own clubs or clubs will be provided free. Limited to 10 participants age 16 and up. Reservations required, call (408) 355-2240.

Star Party
Grant County Park • 7:30pm-11:00pm



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

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MORE ALL YEAR PARK PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES



Jr. Ranger Program

Jr. Rangers age 9-11 explore parks, wildlife and local history. Programs run each fall and spring throughout the county. For program dates and information call (408) 846-5632. For a self-paced adventure for all ages, complete the Jr. Ranger Discovery Guide to explore habitats from ridge-top to bay and earn your official Jr. Park Ranger patch. To download a copy, go to www.parkhere.org and follow the "For Kids" links. To have a guide mailed to you call (408) 846-5622.





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Haunted Ranch House Tours Grant County Park • 8:00pm-12:00am

Join the Ghost Trackers and a park historian for a special spooky night in the Grant Ranch House. Explore the historic 100-year old mansion by moonlight to learn of its supernatural occurrences and local history. Appropriate for ages 13 and up. (408) 274-6121



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

Join park staff for a night of spooky family fun. Play ghostly games, carve a free pumpkin, eat s'mores around a glowing campfire and take a creepy hike around the Spring Valley Pond. Meet at the Park Ranger office. Costumes and all ages welcome. (408) 262-6980



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Free Taste of Golf Clinic #3 – Long Game Spring Valley Golf Course, 11:00 am–12:30 pm

Learn the basics of the full swing in this golf clinic offered by PGA Professionals Mark Dorcak and Russ Bloom. The set up, grip, alignment, and tempo of the full swing will be covered, plus much more. Bring your own clubs or clubs will be provided free. Limited to 10 participants age 16 and up. Reservations required, call (408) 355-2240.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike Uvas Canyon County Park 9:00am-11:00 am

Hike the easy 1-mile Waterfall Loop Trail with Parks Docent Cait Hutnik. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the Day Use Parking Lot. (408) 355-2240.



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Creepy Campfire Vasona County Park • 6:00pm-9:00pm

Enjoy a night around the campfire with a Park Ranger and learn about nocturnal animals and the myths and stories that surround them. Stay for a Halloween-themed movie to follow the campfire. Appropriate for ages 6 and up. Meet at the Ranger Office with a blanket or low beach chair and flashlight. (408) 354-2608



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

History Walk and Historic House Tour Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Join park staff on this leisurely walk around Grant County Park to explore historic cultures, events and sites. History Walks leave from the Ranch House at 1:30pm. House tours begin at 2:15pm. (408) 274-6121



Bugged-Out Movie Night – Tarantula Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch • 7:30pm-10:30pm

Explore the fascinating life of the tarantula in our world. Hang on to your seats while watching the 1950s thriller "Tarantula", followed by some safe close encounters with the real-life creatures! Meet at the ranch barn, located at 372 Manila Drive in San Jose. Reservations required, call (408) 226-5453.



Fieldtrip and Classroom Programs

County Parks offer a variety of educational programs for schools and community groups. Explore nature with park staff or take a guided tour back in time at one of our historic sites. Call (408) 846-5622 for a brochure, or check the parks website at www.parkhere.org and follow the "For Teachers" link.



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Volunteer Opportunities

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

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Star Party

Grant County Park • 7:00pm-10:30pm

Take a look into the night sky with members of the Halls Valley Astronomical Group (www.hallsvalley.org). Telescopes are provided, but you are welcome to bring one. Meet at Telescope Row. Park entrance gate closes at 8:00pm. (408) 274-6121



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike

Calero County Park • 9:00am-12:00 pm

Step up to the challenge and complete this strenuous Healthy Trails hike led by Parks Docent Cait Hutnik along the Figueroa, Javelina, Pena and Los Cerritos Trails. Wear sturdy hiking shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the main Calero Parking Lot. (408) 355-2240.



Introduction to Geocaching

Vasona County Park

9:00am-12:00 pm

Join Docent Sam Drake to learn about geocaching and to find several caches in Vasona County Park. Reservations required. Limit 20 participants. Meet at the last parking lot by YSI. Reservations required, call (408) 355-2240.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike

Mt. Madonna County Park

9:00am-11:00 am

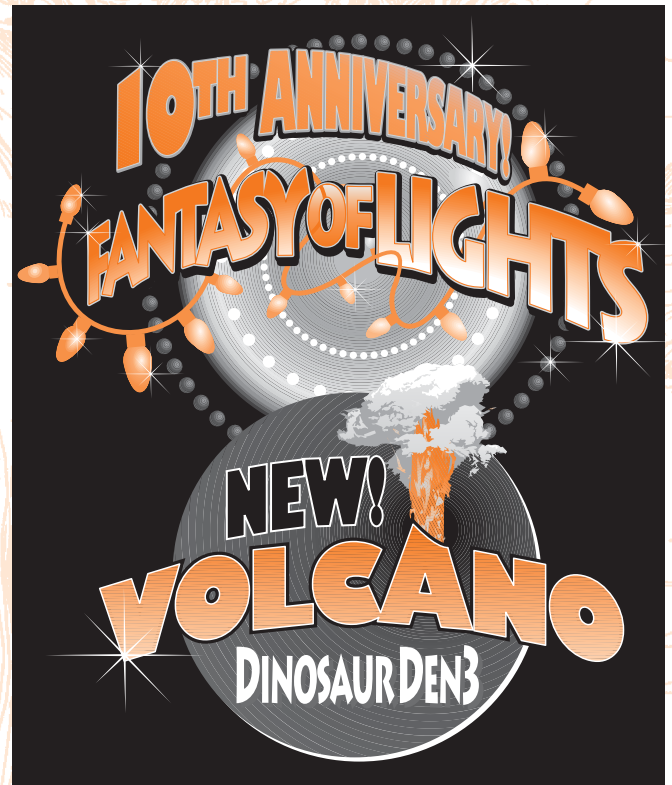
Discover Mt. Madonna Park by joining Parks Docent Cait Hutnik and completing this easy Healthy Trails Hike on the 1-mile Miller Nature Trail. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the Miller Nature Trail Parking Lot. (408) 355-2240.



AND MORE ALL YEAR PARK PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Historic Ranch

A visit to the Ranch immerses you in the realities of living and working on a family ranch in the late 1800s-early 1900s. Visit exhibits in the restored ranch house, barn and along the interpretive trail to the famous Santa Teresa Spring. Park trails open daily from 8am – sunset. House and barn exhibits open Fridays and Saturdays, or by reservation. The ranch is located at 372 Manila Drive in San Jose. Call (408) 226-5453 for hours and information.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 — WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Fantasy of Lights

Vasona County Park • 6:00pm-10:00pm nightly

Come celebrate our 10th Anniversary of "Lighting the Valley with Fun" at Fantasy of Lights, a drive-through holiday lights display spectacular at Vasona Lake County Park. See old favorites including Santa Shoots Hoops, the Pirate Ship with Booming Canon, and the Poinsettia Arch. New this year, an erupting Volcano with sound affects in the Dinosaur Den! Thousands of colorful twinkling lights and loads of holiday fun. Admission fee per vehicle. (408) 355-2201.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Holiday Ranch House Tours
Grant County Park • 1:00pm-4:00pm**



Come enjoy the holiday season with a tour of the Grant House. Take a break from your hectic holiday shopping and join us for a hot drink and pastries in the seasonally decorated mansion. (408) 274-6121

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Holiday Ranch House Tours
Grant County Park • 1:00pm-4:00pm**



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Star Party
Grant County Park • 6:00pm-9:30pm**



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

**Healthy Trails Challenge Hike
Uvas Canyon County Park
9:00am-11:00am**



Bring your families along and enjoy this easy 1-mile Waterfall Loop Trail with Parks Docent Cait Hutnik. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, snack and camera if desired. Meet at the Day Use Parking Lot. (408) 355-2240

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

**Introduction to Geocaching
Almaden Quicksilver County Park
9:00am-12:00pm**



Join Docent Sam Drake to learn about geocaching and go caching in beautiful and historic Almaden Quicksilver County Park. Hike down the Wood Road trail to the historic rotary furnace, finding 8 - 9 geocaches along the way. Meet at the Wood Road Parking Lot. Limit 20 participants. Reservations required, call (408) 355-2240.



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Healthy Trails — Your Path to Fitness, Fun and Adventure

Healthy Trails is a fitness challenge for people of all ages and skill levels. The program challenges people to walk, roll, ride or run at least 5 of the 21 featured Santa Clara County Park trails contained in a trails guidebook. Healthy Trails is presented by the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department and is free to the public because of the generous support of the following partners, Kaiser Permanente San Jose, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department—Nutrition and Wellness and Steps to a Healthier Santa Clara County. To register now for Healthy Trails or for more information, please visit www.parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2201.