



ALL YEAR

Jr. Ranger Program

Jr. Rangers age 9-11 explore parks, wildlife, plants and Ohlone history. Programs run each fall and spring. Kids who successfully complete the program are invited to an overnight campout with Park Staff. For program dates, registration forms or more information, call (408) 846-5632.

Jr. Ranger Adventure Guide

Available on-line! Discover some wonderful County Parks by exploring habitats from ridge-top to bay! Earn an official Jr. Park Ranger patch by completing activities. Go to www.parkhere.org and follow links to "For Teachers and Kids" and "Just for Kids".

Fieldtrip and Classroom Programs

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

Chitactac-Adams Heritage 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.

Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

Discover how locally mined mercury, or "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.

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. Call (408) 226-5453 for hours and information.

Volunteer Opportunities

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



Pick up a copy of 'PARK HERE' for a complete Parks Map

PLAY HERE

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



Spring Summer 2007



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.



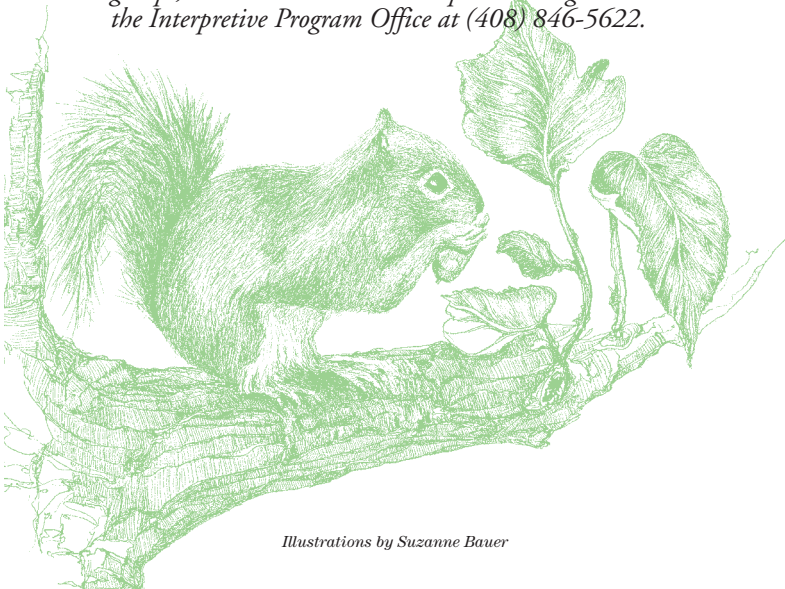
Provide, protect & preserve regional parklands for the enjoyment, education & inspiration of this & future generations.

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

-  **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.**
-  Canoe/kayak program. Bring own canoe/kayak, life jackets and a glow stick for each person.
-  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.

MAY-JUNE

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SATURDAY, MAY 12

Jr. Ranger Adventures

Anderson Lake County Park • 9:30am-11am

Explore nature through activities and adventures with a Park Ranger. Kids ages 7 and up will receive a free copy of the Jr. Ranger Discovery Guide and start working their way to earning a Jr. Park Ranger patch! Meet at the Live Oak Picnic Area on Cochrane Road below Anderson Dam. Wear appropriate hiking attire and bring sun protection and water. Call (408) 779-3634 for information.



Mountain Lions Demystified

Almaden Quicksilver County Park • 10am-12pm

Explore the life, habits and habitats of one of our more mysterious wildlife neighbors – mountain lions. Discover what to do if you encounter a lion and how to best share our parklands with them. This is a “drop-in” program for interested trail users who stop at Capehorn Pass. Call (408) 268-3883 for information.



Scrub-A-Dub & Old Time Games

Santa Teresa County Park's

Historic Bernal Ranch • 1pm-4pm

See “Monthly Park Programs” for more information.



Tails of Uvas Canyon Dog Hike

Uvas Canyon County Park • 5:30pm-8pm

Make tracks to Uvas Canyon for a 1-mile group dog hike with a Park Ranger. Enjoy the cool natural setting of the canyon while exercising and having fun. Meet at the day use parking lot. Bring water, insect repellent and sturdy hiking shoes. Dogs must be leashed, friendly, vaccinated and have current rabies tags. Call (408) 842-2341 for information.



Star Party

Grant County Park • 8:30pm-11pm

See “Monthly Park Programs” for more information. Entrance gate closes at 10pm. Meet at Halley Hill.



SATURDAY, MAY 19

Poison Oak – Avoid the Rash!

Coyote Lake – Harvey Bear Ranch County Park • 11am-12:30pm

Join a Park Ranger on an easy walk to discover how poison oak is beneficial to wildlife and us. Learn to identify, avoid and treat less-fortunate-encounters with this itchy plant. Meet at the campground overflow parking area. Wear long pants, sleeves and hiking shoes. Call (408) 842-7800 for information.



MONTHLY PARK PROGRAMS

History Tours of Almaden Quicksilver County Park

Call (408) 323-1107 for dates and reservations.

Step back in time as you visit historic sites and experience what life was like back in the mining heyday. Vans leave from the Quicksilver Mining Museum at 9am and return after a brown-bag lunch in the park. Bring water and lunch. Tour costs \$5 per person.



SATURDAY, MAY 19 continued

Just for Fun Dog Show

Los Gatos Creek County Park 12pm-2pm

Bring your pooch out for a wacky afternoon of fun and games at the Los Gatos Creek Dog Park. There will be prizes and treats for all. Meet at the Dog Park with a dog and leash. Reservations required, call (408) 354-2608 for information.



SATURDAY, MAY 26

Wildlife Tracking Adventure

Calero County Park • 10am-12pm

Travel the trails with a Park Ranger to explore the art of animal tracking. Discover who lives in the park by the signs left behind. Meet at the dirt parking lot next to the Park Office. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy hiking shoes. Call (408) 268-3883 for reservations and information.



Play Like a Miner

Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum 11am-2pm

Join museum staff for a fun-filled afternoon of activities and adventures that reflect the life and hard work of New Almaden's historic mining community. Call (408) 323-1107 for more information.



History Walk & House Tour

Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm

See “Monthly Park Programs” for more information.



SUNDAY, MAY 27

Women on the Water Paddle

Lexington Reservoir or Vasona Lake County Park • 8am-11am

See “Monthly Park Programs” for more information.



SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Waterfall Loop Hike

Uvas Canyon County Park • 10am-12pm

Leave the congestion behind and join a Park Ranger on a hike to the waterfall wonders of Uvas Canyon. Meet at the day use parking lot. Bring water, sunscreen, sturdy hiking shoes and insect repellent. Call (408) 779-9232 for information.



Raptors Over Calero

Calero County Park • 10am-12pm

Explore our local winged hunters and discover how to identify different hawks, falcons and eagles on this 2-mile hike with a Park Ranger. Meet at the dirt parking area next to the Calero Park Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, water and binoculars. Call (408) 268-3883 for information.





SATURDAY, JUNE 2 continued

**Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series
Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm**

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Jr. Ranger Adventures

Anderson Lake County Park • 9:30am-11am

Explore nature through activities and adventures with a Park Ranger. Kids ages 7 and up will receive a free copy of the Jr. Ranger Discovery Guide and start working their way to earning a Jr. Park Ranger patch! Meet at the Live Oak Picnic Area on Cochrane Road below Anderson Dam. Wear appropriate hiking attire and bring sun protection and water. Call (408) 779-3634 for information.



Roles of a Ranger

**Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch
County Park • 10am-12pm**

Come discover the diverse roles and special "tools" used by Park Rangers, including a patrol horse and emergency equipment. Meet at the Park Office. Call (408) 842-7800 for information.



Dog Days of Summer

Hellyer County Park • 10am-12pm

Take an easy stroll with a Park Ranger to learn the "tricks of the trade" for safely exploring County Parks with your dog. End at the Hellyer Dog Park, where your canine companions will have a chance to romp unleashed with their new 4-legged friends. Meet at the Park Office. Bring water and a leash. Call (408) 225-0225 for reservations and information.



Scrub-A-Dub & Old Time Games

**Santa Teresa County Park's Historic
Bernal Ranch • 1pm-4pm**

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Join the Pack Dog Hike

**Mount Madonna County Park
6pm-8:30pm**

Bring your pack members out to explore the mountain trails with a Park Ranger. Play some "doggie games" and watch the sun set over Monterey Bay. Meet at the Park Office. Bring water, insect repellent and sturdy hiking shoes. Dogs must be leashed, friendly, vaccinated and have current rabies tags. Call (408) 842-2341 for information.



SATURDAY, JUNE 9 continued

**Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series
Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm**

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Bugged-Out Movie Night – Ants

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

Explore the fascinating life of the ants in our world. Hang on to your seats while watching the 1950s thriller "Them", followed by some safe close encounters with the real-life creatures! Call (408) 226-5453 for information and reservations.



SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Fishing 101

Stevens Creek County Park • 12pm-2pm

Discover a few beginner secrets for successful fishing from a Park Ranger. Meet at the Park Office to learn about basic equipment, rules and regulations and local "hot spots". This is an indoor free informational session for families getting started. Call (408) 867-3654 for reservations.



SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Wildlife Walk

Ed Levin County Park • 10:30am-12pm

Take a walk with a Park Ranger to discover some "secrets of the wild". Explore the basics of the food chain, read tracks and discover interesting facts about our wild neighbors. Meet at the Park Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and water. Call (408) 262-6980 for information.



San Andreas Fault Walk

Sanborn County Park • 1pm-3pm

Take this easy 1-mile walk with a Park Ranger along the San Andreas Fault to explore the earthquake zone plus local geology and natural history. Meet at the Ranger Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and water. Call (408) 867-9959 for information.



Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Star Party

Grant County Park • 8:30pm-11pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information. Entrance gate closes at 10pm. Meet at Halley Hill.



go outside and play



**Scrub-A-Dub & Old Time Games
at Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch**

1pm - 4pm • See monthly schedule for program dates.

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 Drive. in San Jose, near Santa Teresa Hospital. Call (408) 226-5453 for information.



JUNE-JULY

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23

History Walk & House Tour

Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Ohlone Ways Campfire Program

Vasona County Park • 7:30pm-10pm

Explore the lifestyle and traditions of the Ohlone Indians through games and activities at this family-style campfire program. Meet in front of the Park Ranger office. Bring a flashlight. Reservations required, call (408) 356-2729.



SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Women on the Water Paddle

Lexington Reservoir or Vasona Lake

County Park • 8am-11am

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Festival in the Park –

Where Wellness Meets FUN!

Hellyer County Park • 11am-4pm

A multitude of agencies and organizations will provide information and offer opportunities for interactive play, where the goal is to help families take charge of their health, learn how to eat nutritiously, make healthful life choices and get physically fit. FREE admission, information, health and recreation opportunities, food, give-aways, entertainment and FUN!! Call (408) 355-2255 for event information.



FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Moonlight Paddle

Calero Reservoir • 8pm-10:30pm

Discover local history and nature on a full moon night tour of Calero Reservoir. Meet at reservoir launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and glow stick. Call (408) 846-5632 for reservations and information.



SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Coyote Creek Walk

Hellyer County Park • 1pm-3pm

Discover life in and along Coyote Creek on a 2-mile hike with a Park Ranger. Identify unique creek plants, wildlife and aquatic insects. Kids age 10+ can conduct tests that will help determine the health of the creek environment. Meet at the Park Office. Bring sunscreen and water. Call (408) 225-0225 for information.



Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



FRIDAY, JULY 1

Plants and Trees Hike

Sanborn County Park • 1pm-3pm

Take an easy 1-mile hike with a Park Ranger to explore the plant and tree life of Sanborn Park's diverse forest habitats. Meet at the Ranger Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and water. Call (408) 867-9959 for information.



Mountain Lions: Fact or Fiction?

Grant County Park • 5pm-6pm

Discover the wild world of mountain lions. Decipher fact from fiction while exploring stories and myths that surround these solitary creatures. Learn how to share our parklands with these wild neighbors and what to do if you see one. Meet at the campground amphitheater. Call (408) 274-6121 for information.



SATURDAY, JULY 7

Stevens Creek History Hike

Stevens Creek County Park • 12pm-2pm

Discover how the Cupertino foothills have evolved from the days of Ohlone Indian villages and Spanish exploration into a park at the edge of urbanization. Meet at the Park Office to explore local cultural and natural adaptations and uses of the land. Bring hiking shoes, sun protection and water. Call (408) 867-3654 for information.



Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



MORE MONTHLY PARK PROGRAMS

Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Saturdays, June-July • 5pm-7pm

Enjoy the fifth year of this grassroots summer series featuring a variety of music genres and exceptional local artists. Bring a chair (or blanket) and picnic dinner. Call (408) 354-2608 or check www.southbayfolks.org/vasona for information and schedules.





SATURDAY, JULY 7 continued

Blind as a Bat

Calero County Park • 6pm-10pm

Hitch a ride into the heart of Calero Park to visit the "Bat Inn", participate in "batty" activities and watch hundreds of bats emerge from a good day's sleep. Bring a blanket or chair, flashlight, bug spray, warm clothes and snacks. Meet at the Calero Park Office at 6 sharp. Reservations required, call (408)268-3883.



SUNDAY, JULY 8

Birds of Prey

Santa Teresa County Park • 11am-2pm

Join a Park Ranger, Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center staff and some real live feathered friends to learn about birds of prey in our parks. Meet at the Pueblo Group Area. Call (408) 225-0225 for information.



SATURDAY, JULY 14

"Tools of a Miner" Special Exhibit

**New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum
10am-4pm**

Through special exhibits and demonstrations, explore the dangerous underground job of hard-rock miners. Exhibitors from around California will share their collections and expertise. Call (408) 323-1107 for more information.



Scrub-A-Dub & Old Time Games

**Santa Teresa County Park's Historic
Bernal Ranch • 1pm-4pm**

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Coyote Creek Campfire

Anderson Lake County Park • 7pm-8pm

Join a Park Ranger for an old-fashioned campfire program along Coyote Creek. Meet at the Live Oak Picnic area on Cochrane Rd. below Anderson Dam. Bring a blanket or chair, marshmallows and a stick. Call (408) 779-3634 for information.



Bugged-Out Movie Night - Scorpions

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

Explore the fascinating life of the scorpion in our world. Hang on to your seats while watching the 1950s thriller "The Black Scorpion", followed by some safe close encounters with the real-life creatures! Call (408) 226-5453 for information and reservations.



SATURDAY, JULY 14 continued

Star Party

Grant County Park • 8:30pm-11pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information. Entrance gates close at 10pm. Meet at Halley Hill.



SATURDAY, JULY 21

Jr. Ranger Adventures

Anderson Lake County Park • 9:30am-11am

Explore nature through activities and adventures with a Park Ranger. Kids ages 7 and up will receive a free copy of the Jr. Ranger Discovery Guide and start working their way to earning a Jr. Park Ranger patch! Meet at the Live Oak Picnic Area on Cochrane Road below Anderson Dam. Wear appropriate hiking attire and bring sun protection and water. Call (408) 779-2341 for information.



"Green Gold" Redwood Hike

Mount Madonna County Park • 10am-12pm

Take a 1.5-mile hike with a Park Ranger through the redwood community to learn about the redwood tree's role in California history. Afterwards, try you skills at tie-dye with dyes made from nature. Bring along a cotton t-shirt or scarf and see what develops! Meet at the Park Office and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Call (408) 842-2341 for information.



Chitactac Family Day

**Chitactac-Adams Heritage
County Park • 10am-2pm**

Families are invited to a special day of hands-on activities, traditional crafts, and celebration of the native Ohlone people who once lived at this ancient village site. Call (408) 323-0107 for information.



History Walk & House Tour

Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series

Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



SUNDAY, JULY 22

The Canyon's Alive!

Uvas Canyon County Park • 10am-12pm

Join a Park Ranger on a short hike to explore the wildlife habitat and natural wonders of this undeveloped "jewel" of a park. Meet at the day use parking lot. Bring water, snacks, sunscreen, insect repellent and sturdy hiking shoes. Call (408) 779-9232 for information.



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Women on the Water Paddle

Vasona or Lexington Reservoir

Last Sunday of each month 8am-11am (call for location)

Join a group of mature, adventurous women for an early morning paddle to explore nature's changes through the seasons. A limited number of kayaks will be available for loan. Reservations required, call (408) 354-2608 to confirm paddle location, information and reservations.



JULY-AUGUST

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SATURDAY, JULY 28

Hiking Essentials Almaden Quicksilver County Park



10am-12pm
Discover from a Park Ranger what you'll need to bring along for safe, successful hiking adventures in the great outdoors. Be prepared for unexpected encounters or emergencies. You don't need to carry everything but the kitchen sink, but you should know the 10 essentials. Meet at the Hacienda park entrance. Bring sun protection and water. Reservations required, call (408) 268-3883.

Vasona Vibrations Outdoor Music Series Vasona County Park • 5pm-7pm



See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.

Moonlight Paddle Lexington Reservoir • 8pm-10:30pm



Discover local history and nature on a full moon tour of Lexington Reservoir. Meet at reservoir launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and glow stick. Call (408) 846-5632 for reservations and information.

Calling All Coyotes Santa Teresa County Park • 8pm-10pm



Take a full moon hike with a Park Ranger to explore where Coyotes live and how they behave and survive. We'll call Coyotes and see if they answer back! Meet at the lower (last) parking lot. Bring a flashlight, water, sturdy hiking shoes and layered clothing. Call (408) 225-0225 for information.

Full Moon Wildlife Hike Ed Levin County Park • 8pm-10pm



Join a Park Ranger on a hike to find nature's nighttime creatures. Discover who's awake and active while you are usually asleep. Meet at the Park Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and water. Call (408) 262-6980 for information.

Full Moon Hike Grant County Park • 8pm-10pm



Join a Park Ranger on an easy hike through Halls Valley where you will seek out nature's nighttime creatures. Enjoy views of Lick Observatory and the moon as it crests Mt. Hamilton. Bring flashlight, water, layered clothing and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the Stockman's Parking Lot. Call (408) 274-6121 for information.



SUNDAY, JULY 29

Women on the Water Paddle Lexington Reservoir or Vasona Lake County Park • 8am-11am



See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Wildlife Walk Ed Levin County Park • 10:30am-12pm



Take a walk with a Park Ranger to discover some "secrets of the wild". Explore the basics of the food chain, read tracks and discover interesting facts about our wild neighbors. Meet at the Park Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and water. Call (408) 262-6980 for information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

In the Park After Dark Movie Week Vasona County Park • 8pm-11pm



Join park staff for a family movie under the stars. Bring a low beach chair (or blanket) and a flashlight. Call (408) 354-2608 for movie titles and information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Jr. Ranger Adventures Anderson Lake County Park • 9:30am-11am



Explore nature through activities and adventures with a Park Ranger. Kids ages 7 and up will receive a free copy of the Jr. Ranger Discovery Guide and start working their way to earning a Jr. Park Ranger patch! Meet at the Live Oak Picnic Area on Cochrane Road below Anderson Dam. Wear appropriate hiking attire and bring sun protection and water. Call (408) 779-3634 for information.

Wildlife Discovery Hike Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park • 10am-12pm



Take an easy, short hike with a Park Ranger to explore some of our local wildlife neighbors and the signs they leave behind. Meet at the Harvey Bear Ranch Parking lot on San Martin Avenue. Wear sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen and bring water. Call (408) 842-7800 for information.

Plants and Trees Hike Sanborn County Park • 1pm-3pm



Take an easy 1-mile hike with a Park Ranger to explore the plant and tree life of Sanborn Park's diverse forest habitats. Meet at the Ranger Office. Bring sturdy hiking shoes and water. Call (408) 867-9959 for information.

AND MORE MONTHLY PARK PROGRAMS

Grant Park History Walks



1:30pm-3:30pm
See monthly schedule for program dates.

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 2:15. Call (408) 274-6121 for information.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 continued

Blind as a Bat

Calero County Park • 6pm-10pm

Hitch a ride into the heart of Calero Park to visit the "Bat Inn", participate in "batty" activities and watch hundreds of bats emerge from a good day's sleep. Bring a blanket or chair, flashlight, bug spray, warm clothes and snacks. Meet at the Calero Park Office at 6 sharp. Reservations required, call (408)268-3883.



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! Call (408) 226-5453 for information and reservations.



Star Party

Grant County Park • 8:30pm-11pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information. Entrance gates close at 10pm. Meet at Halley Hill.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 & MONDAY, AUGUST 13

The Sky is Falling!

Calero County Park • 8:30pm-11:30pm

Come spend an evening under the shooting stars with a Park Ranger and learn about Perseus (great hero of mythology), whom this meteor shower is named after. Bring a blanket or chair and a flashlight with red lens. Telescopes provided by the San Jose Astronomical Association. Reservations required, call (408) 268-3883.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

**Henry Miller's Summer Home
Mount Madonna County Park
10am-12pm**

Come explore the ruins of the Henry Miller's summer estate. A Park Ranger will take you back in time to discover how the "cattle king" developed this forest retreat and his empire. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water and sun protection. Meet at Ranger Office. Call (408) 842-2341 for information.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Dog Days of Summer

Hellyer County Park • 10am-12pm

Take an easy stroll with a Park Ranger to learn the "tricks of the trade" for safely exploring County Parks with your dog. End at the Hellyer Dog Park, where your canine companions will have a chance to romp unleashed with their new 4-legged friends. Meet at the Park Office. Bring water and a leash. Call (408) 225-0225 for reservations and information.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Canyon Creek Walk

Uvas Canyon County Park • 10am-12pm

Take a walk along an unspoiled creek to discover what makes up a healthy creek habitat and how we can help keep it that way. Meet at the day use parking lot. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent and sturdy walking shoes. Call (408) 779-9232 for information.



Fishing 101

Stevens Creek County Park • 12pm-2pm

Discover a few beginner secrets for successful fishing from a Park Ranger. Meet at the Park Office to learn about basic equipment, rules and regulations and local "hot spots". This is an indoor free informational session for families getting started. Call (408) 867-3654 for reservations.



History Walk & House Tour

Grant County Park • 1:30pm-3:30pm

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



California Ranch Spirit

**Santa Teresa County Park's
Historic Bernal Ranch • 6pm-9pm**

Come celebrate the history, resourcefulness and exuberance of early 1800-1900 California ranching families through music, dance, and playful activities for the youth and the young at heart. Food will be available for purchase. Call (408) 846-5632 for information.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Women on the Water Paddle

**Lexington Reservoir or Vasona Lake
County Park • 8am-11am**

See "Monthly Park Programs" for more information.



Moonlight Paddle

Coyote Lake County Park • 7:30pm-10pm

Discover local history and nature on a full moon tour of Coyote Lake. Meet at reservoir launch ramp with your kayak/canoe, life jacket and glow stick. Call (408) 846-5632 for reservations and information.



Grant Park Star Parties

See monthly schedule for program dates, times & locations

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. Entrance gates close 1 hour before program ends. Call (408) 274-6121 for information.



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