



SEVEN Magnificent Adventures 2020

With 28 regional parks encompassing 52,000 acres, Santa Clara County Parks is full of hidden hiking gems.

Start the new year by getting out of your routine and try a new trail (or seven). We've hand picked seven magnificent hiking adventures, all nearby, to get you outside and experience new terrain and spectacular vistas.

And to entice you to hike the Magnificent 7, a commemorative t-shirt or bandana awaits those who complete the #PixInParks challenge!

#PixInParks Challenge — Hike all seven trails described on the following pages. Find a great scenic spot and take a selfie. We will accept this photo as your destination point for your commemorative t-shirt or bandana.

Here are the four most important steps of your hikes —

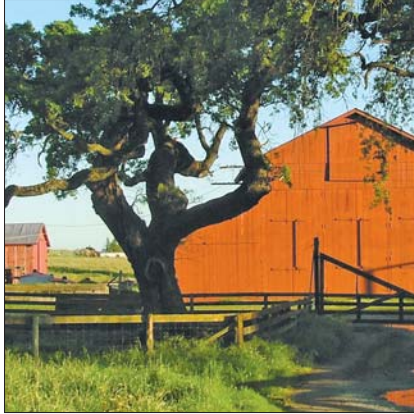
Step 1: (recommended) Download the map using Avenza Maps app (or any other geolocating map app) before you leave for the park.

Step 2: Find a great scenic spot on your adventure and take a selfie. **We will accept this photo as your destination point for your commemorative t-shirt or bandana.**

Step 3: Tag your photo with the hashtag #PixInParks, as well as the hashtag for the particular location where the photo was taken (see photos below for where to take your Pix and what hashtags to use).

Step 4: Come into the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, 95032 to receive your T-Shirt or Bandana (while supplies last) during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 8-5). **Be sure to bring your phone or camera with all seven photos, especially if you don't use Instagram.**

Deadline to complete the PixInParks Challenge and claim your T-shirt or Bandana (while supplies last) is December 15, 2020. Follow #PixInParks on Instagram to view awesome gallery!



#CoyoteLakeHarveyBear

10840 Coyote Reservoir Rd Gilroy, CA 95020
(408) 842-7800
Parking Fee

Martin Murphy Trail

Trail Length: 2.0 miles (loop)

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes

- Features a 635-acre lake, provides the county's only shoreline camping, boat launch facilities and trails. For boating information, visit www.parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2200.
- Abundant hiking, biking and equestrian trails winding through oak studded canyons and on top of grassy ridge lines providing spectacular views of the South Santa Clara Valley.

Trail Info & Highlights

- Unshaded paved loop with gravel shoulder for horses, almost totally flat.
- Wildlife viewing, horses and cattle grazing, raptors, songbirds.
- Portable toilets at parking lot, benches along the trail.
- Scenic view of hills, large open fields covered with annual grasses and valley oaks.
- Cattle are utilized for land management. Please leave cattle gates as you find them.



#ChitactacAdams

10001 Watsonville Rd., Gilroy, 95020
(408)842-2341
No Parking Fee

Interpretive Trail

Trail Length: 1/4 mile (loop)

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Trail is wheelchair-accessible to its halfway point (to stairs). Wheelchairs can go as far as Station E and back, and then go out from the opposite end (to stairs) and back

Park Notes:

- A peaceful walk along the interpretive trail reveals a series of bilingual interpretive signs about the Adams School, village life and structures, petroglyphs (rock art), bedrock mortars, and an interpretive shelter reminiscent of an Ohlone Round House.

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Interpretive signs on path.
- Uvas Creek runs next to the park.
- Petroglyphs
- Interpretive shelter



#LosGatosCreek

1250 Dell Ave Campbell, CA 95008
(408) 356-2729
Parking Fee

Los Gatos Creek Trail

Trail Length: 2.6 miles (paved, partial loop)

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes:

- 11-mile paved Los Gatos Creek Trail passes through Lexington, Vasona and Los Gatos Creek County Parks and portions of Town of Los Gatos, City of Campbell, City of San Jose.
- Recreational opportunities for walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters, non-motorized scooters and nature lovers.
- Popular amenities within Los Gatos Creek County Park include off-leash dog park, multiple fishing ponds.

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Asphalt paved trail runs alongside Los Gatos Creek
- PAR course along portion of trail
- Picnic tables, restrooms, water fountains at Los Gatos Creek County Park trailhead and Campbell Park
- Benches and interpretive signs in park and along trail.
- Heavy foot and bicycle traffic during early morning hours and on weekends, especially spring through fall.
- Watch for wildlife such as ducks, geese, great blue herons, egrets, belted kingfishers, cormorants, grebes, raccoons, toads and turtles.



#SantaTeresa

260 Bernal Rd. San Jose, CA 95119
(408) 225-0225
Parking Fee

Ranch and Santa Teresa Springs Trail

Trail Length: 0.3 miles

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes:

- Bernel-Gulnac-Joice Ranch highlights loving and working on a family ranch more than 100 years ago; Ranch site open daily, but the buildings is only open Fridays 10am-4pm and Saturdays 11am-5pm; tours available by reservation other days at (408)226-5453.

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Picnic tables, restrooms, water fountain, interpretive signs at trailhead.
- Outstanding views of south San Jose all the way north to San Francisco.
- Serpentine habitat with endangered plant and animal species and spectacular wildflower displays.
- *Dogs, bikes and horses allowed on park trails, but not allowed on ranch pathways except at restrooms and trailhead.
- **Wheelchair/stroller note: Park trails not suitable for wheelchairs and lightweight strollers; pathways around Ranch and Santa Teresa Spring are accessible and can be substituted for trail route.



#Sanborn

16055 Sanborn Rd Saratoga, CA
(408) 867-9959
Parking Fee

**Nature Trail/Peterson Trail/Sanborn
(until you reach the wooden picnic table & back)**

Trail Length: 3 miles

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes:

- Park is nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains.
- Picnic tables and restrooms are found in the trailhead.
- Payphones are located in the park entrance. Phone reception is weak so it is highly recommended to download the Avenza Map App to assure trail accuracy.

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Cool dampness in the early morning hours with slight fog (depending on the time of the year).
- The trail is mostly shaded as you walk among large oak, pine, and redwoods.
- Moss-covered boulders occur along the trail.
- Enjoy valley view in one section of the trail.
- Listen for birds and see squirrels and deer.



#AlmadenQuicksilver

Use Hicks/Wood Road Entry
(New Almaden Trail San Jose, CA 95120)
(408) 268-3883
No Parking Fee

Wood Road Trail

Trail Length: 2.6 miles (out & back)

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes:

- Dirt parking lot for trailers and cars
- Picnic Tables

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Oak woodlands, 50% shade
- Historic sites: Spanishtown, Rotary Furnace
- View of Mt. Umunhum
- Trail is a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail & the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail (National Historic Trail)



#EdLevin

3100 Calaveras Rd., Milpitas, 95035
(408)262-6980
Parking Fee

Spring Valley Trail

Trail Length: 0.5 miles (paved loop)

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes:

- Expansive lawn areas for picnicking and play.
- Unique park features include off-leash dog park for large and small dogs, children's playground, 18-hole golf-course (springvalleygolfcourse.com), hand-gliding facilities, two fishing ponds.

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Fishing in Spring Valley Pond (youth only, under 16 years old)
- Visitor Center nearby
- Restroom and water fountain on trail.
- Interpretive signs on path.
- Picnic areas with shade throughout loop; no significant shade cover on trail.

Complete all 7 Challenges and get a custom shirt or this commemorative bandana!



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