



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 listed trails described on the following pages and take a photo at the designated spot.

Here are the four most important steps of your hikes —

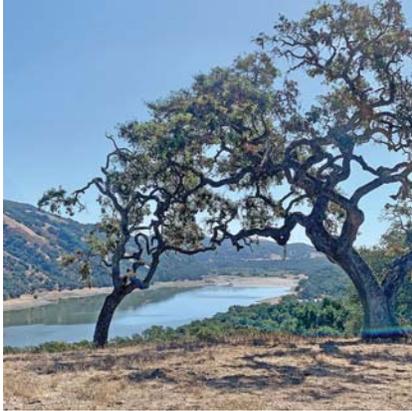
Step 1: (recommended) Download the map using Avenza Maps app (or any other geolocating map app) before you leave for the park.

Step 2: Take a selfie or group photo at the destination point.

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

Ohlone/ Calaveras/ Harvey Bear/ Coyote Ridge/Ohlone Trail

Trail Length: 5.5 miles

Degree of difficulty: MODERATE
(Alternate route for ADA is Martin Murphy Trail)

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

- Great views of Coyote Valley.
- Spectacular wildflower displays in the spring.
- Wildlife found all throughout the trail, so be mindful and watch your surroundings.
- 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)

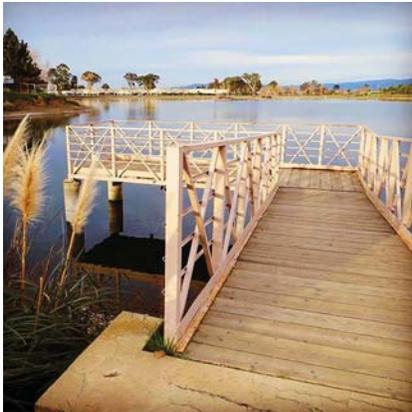
Degree of difficulty: EASY
*Trail is wheelchair-accessible to its halfway point (to stairs).
Wheelchairs can go as far as Station E and back, and then go out from the opposite end (to stairs) and back*

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.

Trial 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

Joice/ Bernal Hill/ Mine/ Norred Trails

Trail Length: 2.9 miles

Degree of difficulty: MODERATE

Trail is steep for the first 100 yards, then mostly flat with no significant shade cover.

*Alternate route for ADA is Joice/Norred Trails (out & back) *

Park Notes:

- Bernal-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.

Trial 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/Pick Lab Road/ San Andreas/
Sanborn / Peterson/Nature Trail**

Trail Length: 4.2 miles

Degree of difficulty: STRENUOUS

**Alternate route for ADA is Nature Trail/Peterson Trail/Sanborn (until you reach the wooden picnic table & back) **

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.
- Trail zig-zags back and forth (switch back).
- Trail is uphill until you turn around to head back to the parking lot.
- Tree roots act as nature stairs in some sections of the trail.
- Listen for birds and see squirrels and deer.



#AlmadenQuicksilver

Use Mockingbird Hill Entrance
(New Almaden Trail San Jose, CA 95120)
(408) 268-3883
No Parking Fee

**New Almaden/Buena Vista/ Randoll/Day Tunnel/
Great Eastern/ Mine Hill/ Capehorn Pass/ Hacienda Trails**

Trail Length: 4.52miles (loop)

Degree of difficulty: MODERATE

Alternate route for ADA is Wood Road Trail

Park Notes:

- Former site of extensive cinnabar/mercury mining activity in 18th and 19th centuries, with remnants of mining era remaining throughout the park.

Trail Info & Highlights:

- Travel through chaparral, oak and California bay woodland habitats with beautiful views of Almaden Valley.
- Series of steep inclines and declines with 30% shade cover.
- Part of the trail consists of rocky incline/decline.
- Picnic area, call box, restrooms, and water are located at trailhead.
- Benches along trail; picnic table at Cape Horn Pass.



#EdLevin

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

Tularcitos/Calera Creek/ Agua Caliente Trail

Trail Length: 3.78 miles (out and back)

Degree of difficulty: MODERATE

Alternate route for ADA is Spring Valley Trail

Park Notes:

- Combines expansive lawn areas for picnicking and play with fishing sites and a complex trail system.
- Unique elements: 18-hole golf course, an expansive off-leash dog park for large and small dogs, a children's playground, hand gliding, and equestrian trail rides.
- Cattle are utilized for land management in other areas of park. Please heed posted signs.

Trail Info & Highlights:

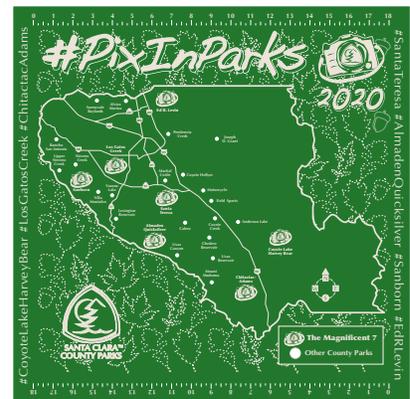
- Restrooms, picnic pavilions and tables, water fountain, pay phone at trailhead.
- An old ranch road and packed-earth trails make up this portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Route.
- Watch your step while walking through both South Branch Calera Creek and Calera Creek.
- Scenic view of surrounding Monument Peak mountain chain, valley below, Bay Area beyond.
- Some areas have cattle grazing. Be sure to leave gates as you find them, and heed posted signs at trailheads.
- Keep pets close, as there are deer's, turkeys, raptors, quail, turkey vultures, and burrowing owls throughout the trail.

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



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