We noticed on social media that with Santa Clara County’s Shelter-in-Place order, many of you have already completed the 2020 Magnificent 7 Challenge (and it’s only May). The Pix In Parks team added three more hikes for you at Mt Madonna, Stevens Creek and Grant County Parks.

Rules are the same: hike the trails listed below, take a photo at the designated spot and post on Instagram or Facebook with #PixInParksChallenge. Be sure to maintain social distancing (keeping a minimum of 6’ apart from those not living with you) and carry water as we head into the warmer months.

NOTE: It’s not necessary to complete the bonus trails to complete the #PixInParksChallenge. However, if you complete all ten hikes, you’ll receive a T-shirt or bandana PLUS a tote bag. The SCC Parks Administration Office is currently closed but we’ll notify you on Facebook or Instagram when we re-open and you may pick up the giveaways.

Enjoy nature and stay safe.

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**#MtMadonna**

- 7850 Pole Line Road (off Hecker Pass) Watsonville 95076
- (408) 842-2341
- No Parking Fee

- Rock Springs/Blackhawk/Contour/Ridge/Loop/Upper Miller
- Trail Length: 2.5 miles (loop)

**Degree of Difficulty: Moderate**
(Alternate route for ADA or person wanting an easier option, take the Blue/Springs Meadow Trails)

**Park Notes**
- Ohlone Indians inhabited area for thousands of years
- Beautiful park with five ecological zones, wonderful views, and abundant wildlife and flora
- Public phones, restrooms, visitor center, picnic tables, benches along trails, paved parking, water fountain

**Trail Info & Highlights**
- Dirt trails, mostly shady
- Travel through mixed oak, redwood, eucalyptus and mixed chaparral
#StevensCreek

11401 Stevens Canyon Rd., Cupertino, 95014
(408) 867-3654
No Parking Fee

Stevens Creek/Loop Trail

Trail Length: 2.24 miles (loop)

Degree of Difficulty: EASY

Park Notes
- First county park in Santa Clara Count Park system, acquired in 1927.
- Includes a reservoir popular for fishing, picnicking and other trails for equestrians, mountain bikers and hikers.
- Enjoy exploring the remnants of the historic Villa Maria Orchard.

Trail Info & Highlights
- Benches along the trail
- Be on the lookout for poison oak.
- Trail is combination of dirt and 3 wide dirt trails.
- Trail travels through mixed oak woodlands
- Scenic views overlook Stevens Creek Reservoir and lush valley.
- Abundant wildlife includes seasonal waterbirds, passerines, raptors, rabbits, black-tailed deer, and bobcats.
- Great bird-watching location

#Grant

18405 Mt. Hamilton Rd., San Jose 95140
(408) 274-6121
No Parking Fee

Hotel/Lower Hotel/Barn/Snell Trails

Trail length: 2.5 miles (loop)

Degree of difficulty: EASY

Park Notes
- Largest of Santa Clara County's regional park system, nearly 10,000 acres with rich diversity of natural, cultural, historic and recreational assets.
- Offers 40 miles of hiking, biking, equestrian trails
- Historic ranch buildings and rose garden.

Trail Info & Highlights
- Flat, dirt trail through valley with no significant shade cover
- Picnic tables, water fountain, restrooms near trailhead; interpretive signs on trail
- Horse facilities with corral, water troughs and hitching post at trailhead
- Abundant wildlife and waterfowl within creek, grassland and wooded habitats
- Across valley see a permanent wetlands and historic Snell Barn, once used by Joseph D. Grant for farming and hay operations.
- Cattle utilized for land management; please leave gates as you find them and heed posted signs at trailhead