



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 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 three most important steps of your hikes

Step 1: Take a selfie or group photo

Step 2: 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 3: Come into the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, 95032 to receive your T-Shirt 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. **Click here** (after you have completed all seven) to submit your information and t-shirt size so we know you are dropping by!

Deadline to complete the PixInParks Challenge and claim your T-shirt is December 1, 2018. Follow @santaclaracountyparks on Instagram to view PixInParks gallery and more!



#MtMadonna

7850 Pole Line Road (off Hecker Pass)
Watsonville 95076

- (408) 842-2341
- Parking Fee
- Miller Nature Trail
- Trail length: 1 mile (loop)

Degree of difficulty: Easy

1- Mt. Madonna County Park

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
- Park has campgrounds with 117 Reservable campsites in 3 different areas, 20 with partial hookups for RVs. Call (408) 355-2201 for camping reservations.

Trail Info & Highlights

- This particular trail is a self-guided nature trail that goes past the Henry Miller ("Cattle King") house historic site. Historical tours available.
- Trail is mostly a dirt fire road with some narrower sections; trail is shaded with redwoods.



#Alviso

1195 Hope Street Alviso 95002

- (408) 262-6980 (Ed Levin Park Office)
- No parking Fee
- Alviso Slough Loop Trail
- Trail Length: 1 mile.

(However, adjacent levee trail network continues into the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.)

Degree of Difficulty: Easy

2- Alviso Marina County Park

Park Notes

- Boat Launching to the San Francisco Bay is available to all watercrafts
- Gateway to Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.
- Fantastic Views of the mountains surrounding the bay

Trail Info & Highlights

- Bird watching
- Bay Views
- Interpretive Signs
- Connects to the trail system of the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge
(You may choose to extend your hike into the Don Edwards Refuge if you would like)



#EdLevin

3100 Calaveras Rd., Milpitas, 95035

- (408) 262-6980
- Parking fee
- Spring Valley/Los Coches Ridge (no dogs)
- Trail length: 2.3 miles (partial loop)

• **Degree of difficulty: Moderate**

(Alternate route for ADA or person wanting an easier option, use the Spring Valley paved trail by the Spring Valley Pond)

3- Ed Levin County Park

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, hang 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 tables, and horse trough at trailhead. Water fountains nearby.
- Some portions of this narrow trail are flat; others are steep up and down.
- Travel through annual grasslands, riparian corridors, mixed oak and California Bay woodlands.
- Vistas of bay and surrounding mountains
- Abundant wildlife: turkeys, black-tailed deer, quail, and raptors.
- Equestrian corral
- Picnic table and hitching post available halfway through the loop.



#CoyoteHarveyBearRanch

Harvey Bear Ranch Entrance, San Martin Ave., Gilroy 95020

- (408) 842-7800
- No Parking Fee
- Willow Spring/Town Springs/ Harvey Bear
- Trail Length: 4.4 miles (loop)

Degree of Difficulty: Moderate

(Alternate route for ADA or person wanting an easier option, use the Martin Murphy paved trail at the Harvey Bear entrance)

4- Coyote Lake/ Harvey Bear Ranch County Park

Park Notes

- Features a 635-acre lake, boat launch facilities and trails. Provides the county's only shoreline camping. 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

- Pass by beautiful small glen
- Great views of the Santa Clara Valley



#SantaTeresa

Fortini Rd. at San Vicente Ave., San Jose, 95119

- (408) 225-0225 (Hellyer Park Office)
- No parking fee (Fees apply at main entrance)
(Alternate route for persons with accessibility issues, use the Joice/Norred trail at the Bernal/Gulnac/Joice Ranch)
- Fortini/Mine/Stile Ranch Trails
- Trail length: 2.5 mile loop

Degree of difficulty: Moderate (300' elevation gain)

(Alternate route for person wanting an easier option, go to Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch and use the Santa Teresa Spring Trail to the Spring and turn around.)

5- Santa Teresa County Park

Park Notes

- Spectacular views of the Almaden and Santa Clara Valleys
- 18-hole golf course, picnic areas, archery range and miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians
- Rich in history; interpretive tours available at the Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch

Trail Info & Highlights

- Valley Vista views of Santa Teresa hills, Calero Lake and Almaden Valley
- Tree-lined trail along Santa Teresa Creek and historical stone wall fences
- Spectacular wildflower displays in spring
- Pass by checkerspot butterfly habitat and serpentine rock formations.
- Abundant black-tailed deer can be seen on the trail.



#Calero

23205 McKean Rd., San Jose, 95120

- (408) 268-3883
- No parking fee (Fees apply at reservoir entrance)
- Figueroa/Vallecito/Pena
- Trail Length: 2.8 mile loop

Degree of Difficulty: Moderate

(Alternate route for ADA or person wanting an easier option, use the Figueroa trail only and turn around at the Vallecito junction)

6- Calero County Park

Park Notes

- Defined by two distinct areas: the reservoir and the "back country."
For boating information, visit parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2200.
- Offers breathtaking views of southern Santa Clara County and the Santa Cruz Mountain Range.

Trail Info & Highlights

- Loop trail with 30 % shade cover
- Picnic tables, water fountains and portable toilets are found in the staging area
- Loop trail with 30% shade
- Beautiful wildflowers in the spring
- Los Cerritos Pond has observation deck and benches.



#AlmadenQuicksilver

Hicks/Wood Rd., San Jose

- (408) 268-3883 (Calero Park Office)
- No parking fee
- Wood Road/Castillero/Mine Hill
- Trail length: 4.5 miles (partial loop)

Degree of difficulty: Moderate

(Alternate route for ADA or person wanting an easier option, use the Wood Road trail only and turn around at the Castillero junction-Rotary Furnace location)

7- Almaden Quicksilver County Park

Park Notes

- Site of over 135 years of mining activities and former home to more than 1,800 miners and their families in the 19th century.
- Remnants of the mining era still remain throughout the park.
- New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum nearby (21350 Almaden Rd. (408) 323-1107).

Trail Info & Highlights

- Parking lot is a dirt lot shared by horse trailers and cars. Portable toilets at Sierra Azul Preserve parking lot across Hicks Rd.
- Trail is wide dirt road with some moderate and steep ascents and descents; 50% shade.
- Picnic tables at various points along trail. Water trough at second junction of Mine Hill and Castillero.
- Mixed oak woodland, California bay woodland and annual grasslands
- Historic sites on or near trail: Rotary Furnace and English Camp
- Short side trails can be taken to additional historic sites: Spanishtown, Church Hill, April Tunnel Powder House, San Cristobal Mine, and Catherine Tunnel
- First portion of trail is a section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail (National Historic Trail)



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