

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH  
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**PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

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*Nestled deep in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Quail Hollow Ranch County Park is home to fifteen different habitats, as well as numerous rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Approximately four miles of hiking trails, ranging from the easy one-mile Discovery Trail, to the hilly Sunset Trail, weave through the 300-acre park.*

*Most interpretive programs are offered on Sundays, covering a variety of topics on the natural and cultural history of the park. Quail Hollow Ranch is located at 800 Quail Hollow Road, just two miles up Zayante Road from Felton and two miles from Ben Lomond via Glen Arbor Road. Park hours are dawn to dusk, daily. The visitor center is open Wednesday-Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed when the site is rented for a special event or when staff is out on trails or running errands. For more information call 831-335-9348.*



## Upcoming Activities January & February 2018

# JANUARY & FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES - 2018

**Broom Bash** - Mon., Jan. 1, Sat., January 6, & Sat., January 13, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

French Broom is an invasive, exotic plant that takes over natural habitats. Join the CNPS Habitat Restoration Program and park volunteers for a broom bash to help remove these unwanted plants from the park trails and improve the natural systems of the park, as well as its beauty. The Broom Bashers work rain or shine, but if things get particularly unpleasant, they call it a day. Tools provided. Bring work gloves and water,



## ★ **A Stellar Experience – Star Gazing at Quail Hollow**

Friday, January 12 AND Friday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. – midnight

Some people promise the stars; the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club delivers! Come to Quail Hollow Ranch where, gazing up at the night skies, you'll travel through space to see images like the earth's moon and all its craters and mountains, Jupiter and its moons, and the rings of Saturn. Bring your own telescope or just stop by and look through member's telescopes. Dress warmly. Rain or cloudy skies cancels the program. Free! All ages are welcome to attend.

**Birding Through the Habitats** - Saturday, January 20, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what birds live in which habitats at Quail Hollow Ranch? Join Alex Rinkert from the Santa Cruz Bird Club as we explore a majority of the fifteen diverse environments and find out why our fine feathered friends make their homes where they do. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring (optional) binoculars. Free. Open to all ages.

**Within These Walls: Ghosts of the Past at Quail Hollow Ranch** - Sunday, Jan. 21, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy looking through old buildings, learning about their stories? Join Park Docent, Richard James, on a tour through the Quail Hollow Ranch house. Learn about its history from the Watermelon King to Sun-Kissed Ranch, Sunset Magazine, and beyond. This informative tour will give you the opportunity to find out about four of the families who made the ranch their business, home, and haven. All ages are welcome to attend. Sign up by calling 831- 335-9348.

## Quail Hollow Birthday Parties

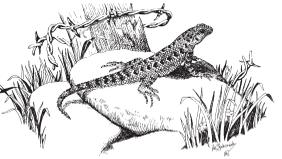
Looking for something new and different to do for your child's birthday? Come out to Quail Hollow Ranch for a unique and entertaining party. Groups of up to 15 children can learn about science, nature, or history while having fun. Bring the cake and beverages, presents, goodie bags and the kids--we'll do the rest! There are a variety of themes to choose from, including: Call of the Dinosaurs, Running with the Wild Cats, Pioneer Party, and more! Check out other exciting party themes at [www.scparks.com](http://www.scparks.com). Fee: \$160 R / \$176 NR for a 2-3 hour party. For more information and availability please call (831) 335-9348.



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**In Search of Herps** - Saturday, February 3, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join James Maughn, Park Docent, for a saunter along Quail Hollow park trails in search of herps - that is, reptiles and amphibians. Come peruse the pond and muse over the meadow as we learn about the favorite hangouts and resting places of these fascinating animals. Group size is limited; sign up by calling 831-335-9348 weekends. All ages are welcome. Free!



**Beginning Birding** - Sunday, February 4, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join Jim Williams, President, Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch and an avid birder, for a leisurely hike through Quail Hollow Ranch County Park in search of our fine, feathered friends. No previous birding experience is necessary. Bring warm clothing, comfortable walking shoes, and drinking water, with optional binoculars and field guide. Free. Open to anyone interested in birds and their antics.

**Basics of Rose Care** - Sunday, February 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Join UC Master Gardener Dawn Avery for an informative rose care workshop. Dawn will talk about summer and winter pruning, watering, mulching and fertilizing, followed by a discussion of rose disorders. Bring your gloves and clippers for a hands on rose pruning demonstration of the roses at Quail Hollow Ranch. Do you have potted roses that need some TLC? Bring them, too, and Dawn will show you how to prune for health and vigor. The first half of the class is held in the visitor center, followed by the pruning demonstration outdoors. Rain cancels outdoor demonstration that follows. Free! Ages 8 & up.

**Within These Walls: Ranch House Tour** - Sun., Feb. 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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**Pruning Small Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials** - Sunday, February 25, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.



Pruning need not be intimidating nor an unwelcome chore. Instead, pruning can be a wonderful opportunity to deepen your connection to your garden and your appreciation of the plants that inhabit it. Proper pruning of trees, shrubs and perennials is essential to help maintain a healthy growth habit, and can improve your garden's overall vitality. Join Carol Nickbarg, landscape consultant and UCCE Master Gardener, to learn key pruning principles and techniques that will help keep your garden looking great. Dress for weather as we will spend part of our time in the Ranch gardens. For ages 16 and up. Free! Sign up by calling 831-335-9348.