

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH
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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
May & June
2018

MAY & JUNE ACTIVITIES - 2018

In Search of Herps - Saturday, May 5, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join James Maughn, Park Docent, for a saunter along 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. All ages. Free!



Plein Air Painting Class

Plein Air Painting at Quail Hollow is a social and relaxed gathering for all skill levels. Students will be taught from a classic impressionist palette and learn to be prepared for work as an artist in the outdoor environment. Small paintings are often the best goal for a 1-day outing. Students will receive a detailed materials list prior to class. Instructor: Gabriel Coke teaches and directs NUMU Atelier for New Museum Los Gatos, teaching drawing and oil painting to all ages and skill levels. For ages 18+. Fee: \$40/\$44. Sign up www.sc-parks.com or call 454-7941. Friday, May 11 from 10AM-2PM Program #19084.

A Stellar Experience – Star Gazing at Quail Hollow

Friday, May 11 AND Friday, June 8, 8:30 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. All ages. Free!



Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop - Sunday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Here's your chance to acquaint yourself with all the knowledge and gear needed to fly fish successfully. A casting master will lead a workshop for novice and intermediate casters. (Bring your own rod and reel or use club rods provided.) Expert club fly-tiers will demonstrate different flies and tying techniques with extra tables to try your hand at tying while getting expert instruction. A free BBQ lunch and cold drinks will be offered. For ages 8 & up. Fee: \$3.00 per person.

Beginning Birding - Sunday, May 27 AND Sunday, June 3, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join Jim Williams, President, Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch, and an avid birder (or Eric Feuss from the Santa Cruz Bird Club - June 3) for a leisurely hike through Quail Hollow in search of our fine, feathered friends. No previous birding experience is necessary; open to anyone interested in birds and their antics. Wear warm clothing and comfortable shoes. Bring binoculars and a field guide (if you have them), and some drinking water.

Within These Walls: Ranch House Tour - Sunday, May 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

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Summer Day Camps at Quail Hollow Ranch

Science Sleuths Day Camp - The best scientists are the ones who are curious about their world. Come to Quail Hollow for hands-on, fun-filled science experiments and engaging wildlife studies. Explore, discover, and learn about chemistry, physics, geology, biology, botany, and ecology through experiments, microscope viewing, predator-prey games, nature art and more!

Ages 6-11 M-F 7/30-8/10 9 AM-3 PM R \$400 / NR \$440 # 19043



Beginners Backpacking Camp - This overnight backpacking camp will provide families and individuals the chance to learn the basics of backpacking in a safe and nurturing environment. Resources on where to rent or buy gear will be provided. We will be tent camping Monday and Tuesday night. Skills covered will include: outdoor cooking, first-aid, water purification, animal encounters, fire building and safety, and gear. *Ages 15 & under must attend with an adult.

Ages 8-Adult M-W 1PM on 7/16 through 9AM on 7/18 R \$200 / NR \$220 # 19040

Nature Journaling Camp - Open your eyes to the natural world around you! Are you interested in learning how to better observe plants, animals, and biomes? This camp is for you! You will learn the techniques and philosophy of nature journaling using John Muir Laws as a reference. Campers will create their own field guides and nature journals, and will develop their observation and recording skills.

Ages 8-12 M-F 7/25-7/27/11 9 AM-3 PM R \$125 / NR \$138 # 19041

Reading & Adventure Camp - Connecting Literacy, Stewardship, and Adventure!

Campers will have a chance to hike, read, journal, and participate in team and individual challenges. Activities will be aimed at bringing the stories and lessons we read about to life in this fun and innovative take on summer camp. Age-appropriate books will be provided to each camper, and may include: Magic Tree House, My Side of the Mountain, Hatchet, Nancy Drew, and/or Wolf Brother.

Ages 7-13 M-F 6/18-6/22 9 AM-3 PM R \$200 / NR \$220 # 19038

Ages 7-13 M-F 6/25-6/29 9 AM-3 PM R \$200 / NR \$220 # 19039



Time Travelers Day Camp - Explore the history of the Santa Cruz Mountains! Campers will “travel” to different time periods and various locations within Santa Cruz County to learn about the exciting cultures, animals, and communities that roamed this area long before us. Diving into the past will help guide our explorers for their future. Activities will be centered on living history, exploration, and cultural competence.

Ages 6-11 M-F 8/13-8/17 9 AM-3 PM R \$200 / NR \$220 # 19042

Register online at www.sc-parks.com, or by calling 831-454-7941 M-F, 9AM-1PM

Questions? Call 335-9348 Wed.-Sun., 9AM-4PM