

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH
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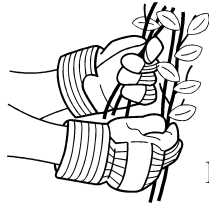
Nestled deep in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Quail Hollow Ranch County Park is home to fifteen different habitats, as well as numerous rare and endangered species of plants and animals. Approximately four miles of hiking trails, ranging from the easy one-mile Discovery Trail, to the hilly Sunset Trail, 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. For more information call 831-335-9348.

Upcoming Activities
January-March
2012

JANUARY-MARCH ACTIVITIES - 2012

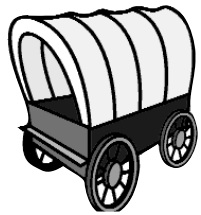
Broom Bash - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: 1/7, 1/21, 2/11, & 2/25



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, improving the natural system of the park as well as its beauty. Tools will be provided. Bring work gloves, water, and lunch.

Habitat Hike - Sunday, January 15, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Quail Hollow Ranch is known for its diverse and unique plant and animal life. Come join park naturalist, Lee Summers, on this short, easy hike visiting the many habitats in the park, learning who makes their home in each. Wear good shoes and bring sun protection and water.



Life as a Pioneer - Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Pioneers had to work together to survive in a new land. Join Lee Summers, Park Interpreter, for an afternoon of dressing up in historic attire and becoming pioneers as children set up a homestead and learn how to survive through bartering. Ages 5 and up are welcome to attend. Fee: \$2.00 per person

Fungus Foray - Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

“When it rains, it spores.” The fungus season is just beginning, so join the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz on a quest for mushrooms along the Quail Hollow Ranch trails. Learn about fungus identification and the habitats that they enjoy followed by a picnic of cooked mushrooms. Group size is limited; sign up for this free event by calling the park at 831-335-9348, Friday – Sunday. The fungus hunt will take place rain or shine so dress for the weather.

In Search of Herps - Sun., February 5, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. AND Sun., March 4, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Join herpetologist, Paul Haskins 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. All ages are welcome.

History Hike — A Walk Through Time - Sunday, February 19, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join Lee Summers, park naturalist, for a stroll through the park’s hills and ranch buildings recounting the history of California and Quail Hollow Ranch. Learn about the Ohlone, Missions, Californios, American Settlers, and the Lane family as they relate to the park and its history.

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A Child's Victorian Tea Party - Sunday, February 26, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.



100 years ago, your standard tea party consisted of more than just tea and crumpets. There were also fun-filled parlor games that challenged the mind, heightened observation skills, and improved physical motor reflexes. Come to Quail Hollow Ranch and join Lee Summers, park naturalist, enjoying a host of games like blind man’s bluff, charades, and more ... oh, and tea and cookies too. Children ages 7 and up are invited. Group size is limited to 12. Sign-up by calling 335-9348. Cost: \$2

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

Join Eric Feuss from the Santa Cruz Bird Club 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. Open to anyone interested in birds and their antics.

☆ **A Stellar Experience — Star Gazing at Quail Hollow**



Friday, March 16, 8:00 p.m. – midnight

Have you ever wanted to get a good look at the nighttime sky but didn’t have good enough equipment. Borrow the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club’s amazing equipment and enjoy breathtaking view of planets, stars, nebula and other celestial neighbors. You’ll learn all about our stellar neighbors as club members explain what you’re seeing through the eyepiece. Views of Jupiter and Venus will highlight the evening. Dress warmly. Rain or cloudy skies cancels the program. All ages are welcome.

• *More March activities to come in the March/April brochure* •



Are you looking for something new and different to do for your child's birthday? Come on out to Quail Hollow Ranch County Park 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, 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, Mad Scientist Party, The Fabulous Fifties, and more!

The fee is \$145 R / \$160 NR for a 2-3 hour party. At least one adult must remain with the group. For more information and availability please call 335-9348.