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*Your pocket guide to the fabulous
parks of Santa Clara County!*



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welcome



to Santa Clara County's regional parks and recreation areas. This 48,000 acre system of urban and mountain parks, trails, lakes, streams and open space is one of the most diverse in all of California.

protect

The natural environment of the park system ranges from the wetlands of the San Francisco Bay to the oak woodlands of the Diablo Range to the majestic redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

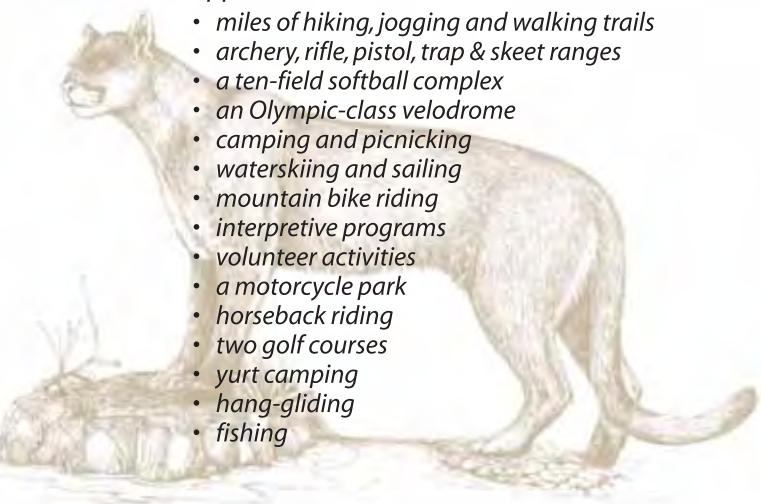
preserve

The rich legacy of the County's cultural history, including the influences of the Ohlone Indians, the Spanish explorers, and the European pioneer settlers has also been preserved within the park system.

enjoy

The County Park system's recreational opportunities and facilities which include:

- miles of hiking, jogging and walking trails*
- archery, rifle, pistol, trap & skeet ranges*
- a ten-field softball complex*
- an Olympic-class velodrome*
- camping and picnicking*
- waterskiing and sailing*
- mountain bike riding*
- interpretive programs*
- volunteer activities*
- a motorcycle park*
- horseback riding*
- two golf courses*
- yurt camping*
- hang-gliding*
- fishing*



history



Santa Clara County acquired its first parkland in 1924, purchasing 400 acres near Cupertino which became Stevens Creek County Park.

In 1956, the Department of Parks and Recreation was formed.

County Parks are regional parks—located close to home, yet away from the pressures of the valley's urban lifestyle. The parks offer opportunities for recreation in a natural environment to all County residents.

Regional parks are larger in size, usually more than 200 acres, than local neighborhood or community parks. Many of the County's regional parks also feature points of local historic interest.

Since 1972, residents of Santa Clara County have demonstrated a commitment to parks by voting to set aside approximately 1.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation for parkland acquisition, development, operation and maintenance. This 'Park Charter Fund' was renewed in 2006 with an amendment to set aside at least 15% of funding for acquisition and at least 5% for park development; the remaining funds to be used for operations and maintenance.

The County continues to provide, protect and preserve regional parklands because of this funding source. The Parks Capital Improvement Program has provided for the construction of new picnic facilities, recreational vehicle campgrounds, stream-side trails and children's play areas.

Provide, protect & preserve regional parklands for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

Mission of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department



museums ...



Casa Grande/New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum

*Come visit Casa Grande! Casa Grande, located within Santa Clara County's only National Historic Landmark District, preserves the history of California's first and richest mine, and provides a glimpse of life in this historic community over 150 years ago. Discover how cinnabar and mercury were used by people, how mining technology changed over time, and how this site contributed to the success of the California Gold Rush. Visit antique furnished rooms that reflect how Casa Grande served as an exquisite home to mine managers and their families. To book a wedding, special event, or meeting room call (408) 355-2201. Call **(408) 323-1107** for more information.*



Chitactac-Adams

*Explore the life and ways of Santa Clara County's native Ohlone Indians at this cultural history park. View authentic petroglyphs and artifacts from thousands of years ago. Take a walk back into pre-history as you explore the interpretive trail and learn how nature sustained an Ohlone village along Uvas Creek. Tours are available for groups of 10 or more by reservation. Call **(408) 918-7772** for information.*

and historical sites



Joseph D. Grant Ranch House Complex and Rose Garden

*The 1882 Ranch House is open for tours on most Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer, please call for the most current schedule. On your tour you will see the house furnished to reflect how the Grant family lived and learn about their place in California's history. Joseph Grant was a prominent business leader in his time and instrumental in preserving California's redwoods. To book a wedding, special event or meeting room call (408) 355-2201. Call **(408) 274-6121** for more information.*



Santa Teresa's Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch

*A visit here immerses you in the realities of living and working on a family farm in the late 1800s-early 1900s. Explore exhibits in and around the restored ranch house and barns. Walk the interpretive trail to the famous Santa Teresa Spring to learn how the ranch changed over time. Tours and school programs available by reservation. Call **(408) 226-5453** for info.*

**372 Manila Drive
San Jose, CA 95119
Office: (408) 226-5453**

become a volunteer



The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department offers a broad range of volunteer opportunities. Learn more, sign up today!

Volunteer Benefits

- Meet new friends
- Learn rewarding new skills
- Enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done
- Receive "County Parks Volunteer" newsletter
- Receive invitations to upcoming training sessions and other Volunteer events.
- Become a Volunteer Leader

Volunteer Opportunities

- Adopt-a-Trail or Trail Watch
- Camp & Site Host
- Docent
- Park Volunteer Lead
- Trail Crew Lead

Individualized Volunteer Projects are available for scout troops or Eagle Scouts, corporate volunteers, school groups, individuals, or any other group looking to help out!

If our ongoing programs or annual events don't fit your schedule or aren't exactly what you are looking for, we can still find something for you!

*To find out more information or register to be a volunteer, go to **parkhere.org** and follow the "Volunteer" link, call **(408) 918-4930** or email **volunteer@prk.sccgov.org**.*

Accessibility

In compliance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its programs, services, or activities. The Department will make reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disability have an equal opportunity to enjoy our programs, services, facilities, and activities. If you need assistance with an ADA request, please contact our ADA Coordinator at ADACoordinator@prk.sccgov.org.

activity legend



*Agricultural
History Site*



*Archaeological
Site*



*Archery
Range*



*Baseball/
Softball Field*



*Bicycling
Access*



*Bicycling,
Velodrome*



*Boating,
Motorized*



*Boating,
Non-motorized*



*Boating,
Rowing*



*Boating,
Sailing*



*Boating,
Water Ski*



*Camping,
Individual*



*Camping,
Group*



*Camping,
RV*



*Camping,
RV Disposal*



*Dog
Off-leash*



*Dog
On-leash*



*Equestrian
Access*



*Fishing
Access*



*Fishing,
Catch/Release*



*Fishing,
Fly Casting*



*Golf
Course*



*Golf
Course, Disc*



*Hang
Gliding*



*Hiking
Access*



*Interpretive
Trail*



*Model
Airfield*



*Motorcycle,
Offroad*



*Museum
Displays*



*Playground
Access*



*Picnic
Access*



*Picnic,
Reservable*



*Shooting
Range*



*Tennis
Court*



*Wildlife
Viewing*

almaden quicksilver



The park encompasses 4,152 acres, occupying most of Capitancillos Ridge. Once the site of the world's second largest mercury (quicksilver) mining operation, ore depletion turned mining communities into ghost towns. Some mining remnants still remain. Visit the museum or explore plant and animal communities in the park's extensive and diverse trail system.

**21785 Almaden Road
San Jose, CA 95120
Office: (408) 268-3883**

alviso marina



Gateway to the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, this 18.9-acre bayside park provides bird-watching, hiking and biking opportunities. The park's launch ramp provides one of the few clear routes to San Francisco Bay through the Alviso Slough and salt marshes. Please respect the sensitive nature of this unique eco-system.

**1195 Hope Street
San Jose, CA 95002
Office: (408) 262-6980**

anderson lake



Anderson Lake County Park is the site of Santa Clara County's largest reservoir. Opportunities abound for both power and non-power boating, and fishing. Shady oaks shelter shoreline picnic areas along the western shore and at the Woodchoppers area. Group and family picnic sites are available below the dam on Coyote Creek.

19245 Malaguerra Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Office: (408) 779-3634

calero



Calero Park, with its 4,455 acres, is one of Santa Clara County's most diverse. Calero offers spectacular views, a variety of wildlife, and miles of hiking and equestrian trails through rolling grassland and oak woodlands. Visit Calero Reservoir for a variety of water recreation activities including fishing, power, and non-power boating.

23205 McKean Road
San Jose, CA 95120
Office: (408) 268-3883



chesbro reservoir



This beautiful and scenic 215-acre park and reservoir is located in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains west of Morgan Hill. The reservoir holds water from the Llagas Creek watershed for residential, agricultural, and industrial uses. The peaceful waters are ideal for shoreline fishing. boating is permitted.

**17655 Oak Glen Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Office: (408) 779-9232**



chitactac-adams



Located along Uvas Creek's lush riparian corridor, this archaeological site evokes the Native American culture of Santa Clara County. Interpretive displays highlight ancient petroglyphs and bedrock mortars. The site includes an interpretive shelter with bilingual (English and Spanish) information and exhibits about the Ohlone culture, a trail featuring interpretive panels and artifacts and two amphitheaters.

**10001 Watsonville Road
Gilroy, CA 95020
Office: (408) 842-2341**

coyote creek parkway



This scenic multiple use parkway meanders gently along Coyote Creek for 15 miles. The north portion features a paved multiuse trail popular with bicyclists, rollerbladers, and hikers. South of Metcalf Road, an equestrian trail parallels the paved trail. Enter off Highway 101 at Blossom Hill Road or Bernal Road exits.

**Coyote Ranch Road
San Jose, CA 95013
Office: (408) 225-0225**

coyote lake- harvey bear ranch



Located in the hills east of Gilroy, this 4,595-acre regional multiuse recreation area features a 635-acre lake with a "world-class" population of Black Bass and many other species. The park features the County's only shoreline camping area. Park activities include picnicking, hiking, horseback-riding, mountain biking, sailing and powerboating.

**10840 Coyote Reservoir Road
Gilroy, CA 9502
Office (408) 842-7800**



ed r. levin



This 1,541-acre park offers both traditional urban amenities and a complex trail system. Visitors enjoy an 18-hole golf course, picnicking, youth group camping, a children's play area, hang/para-gliding, an off-leash dog park and 16 miles of hiking and equestrian trails, with unparalleled valley and bay vistas from Levin's Monument Peak.

**3100 Calaveras Road
Milpitas, CA 95035-5439
Office: (408) 262-6980**



field sports



Santa Clara County's only publicly owned firing range provides opportunities for trap and skeet shooting, as well as for rifle and pistol shooting. League activity and special events take place year-round. Located in south San Jose, Field Sports Park is staffed and supervised at all times by qualified range masters.

**9580 Malech Road
San Jose, CA 95013
Office: (408) 463-0769**

hellyer



This 354-acre urban park is located in the heart of Santa Clara County's regional park system. The Coyote Creek, at the park's center, highlights the park's natural environment. Hellyer's amenities include an Olympic-size bicycle racing track, picnic areas, a small fishing lake, a visitor center, nature trail, and an off-leash dog park.

**985 Hellyer Avenue
San Jose, CA 95111
Office: (408) 225-0225**

joseph d. grant



Santa Clara County's largest regional park, Joseph D. Grant Park features outstanding open space resources and rich environmental, cultural and recreational assets. Grant's 40-mile trail system is a favorite mountain biking and pedestrian destination. Oak trees and rolling grasslands provide special opportunities for picnicking, camping, and stargazing.

**18405 Mt. Hamilton Road
San Jose, CA 95140
Office: (408) 274-6121**



lexington reservoir



This 914-acre park and reservoir offers year-round fishing and is open seasonally to non-power boating April 15 through October 15 (vessel inspection required). Lexington Reservoir Park is also the trailhead for the Los Gatos Creek Trail which runs from the reservoir through the cities of Los Gatos, Campbell, and San Jose.

**17770 Alma Bridge Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032
Office: (408) 356-2729**



los gatos creek



This small urban multiuse park at the midpoint of the Los Gatos Creek Trail is one of the most popular trails in the Bay Area. The park encompasses several attractive ponds designated for fishing and as wildlife preserve areas. Amenities include a covered group picnic site and an off-leash dog park.

**1250 Dell Avenue
Campbell, CA 95008
Office: (408) 356-2729**

martial cottle



The County's first agricultural park evokes Santa Clara County's rich farming heritage as the "Valley of the Heart's Delight." Amenities include a visitor center, picnic areas, restrooms, large open grassy areas, interpretive areas, and office and maintenance facilities. (Perimeter multi-use trail now open; other areas under construction)

**Chynoweth Avenue and Snell Avenue
San Jose, CA 95136
Office: (408) 355-2200**

motorcycle



Motorcycle Park is the system's only off-road vehicle area. This 459-acre park offers a mini-motocross track, an oval track, 20 miles of trails, and two trails-event courses. Straddling a thousand-foot-high ridge, these park trails afford riders vistas ranging from Gilroy to San Francisco. Amenities include picnic areas and restroom facilities.

**300 Metcalf Road
San Jose, CA 95138
Office: (408) 226-5223**

mt. madonna



One of the County's most majestic parks, Mt. Madonna Park's 3,688-acres are located in the pristine redwood forest of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Mt. Madonna Park overlooks both the Santa Clara Valley and Monterey Bay. Popular attractions are camping, extensive hiking and equestrian trails, and the Miller House ruins.

**7850 Pole Line Road
Watsonville, CA 95076
Office: (408) 842-2341**



penitencia creek



This 78-acre linear park and regional trail incorporates parklands and open space from a number of agencies. This four-mile trail follows Penitencia Creek from San Jose's Alum Rock Park to its confluence with Coyote Creek. Although incomplete at this time, most of the trail is open to public use.

**Maybury Road and Jackson Avenue
San Jose, CA 95112
Office: (408) 262-6980**

rancho san antonio



Rancho is a favorite site for joggers and hikers, serving as a gateway to the extensive trail system of the Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. The park, operated and maintained by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, also includes areas for non-power remote control model airplanes and an informal playfield.

**22500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, CA 95014
Office: (650) 691-1200**

sanborn



Sanborn's 3,688 acres include 15 miles of hiking trails, many group picnic sites, walk-in campsites, and an RV campground. The park is Located in the redwood forest of the Santa Cruz Mountains between Saratoga and Skyline Boulevard.

**16055 Sanborn Road
Saratoga, CA 95070
Office: (408) 867-9959**



santa teresa



This diverse 1,627-acre park, rich in history, offers spectacular views from its trails above the Almaden and Santa Clara Valleys. Minutes away from surrounding developed areas, Santa Teresa Park features an 18-hole golf course, picnic areas, an archery range, and miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians.

**372 Manila Drive
San Jose, CA 95119
Office: (408) 225-0225**



stevens creek



Acquired in 1924, this is the first Santa Clara County park. The 1,077-acre park includes widely-diverse recreational amenities, including the 92-acre Stevens Creek Reservoir, a popular fishing and non-power boating spot, and many locations for picnicking. This canyon park is also a favorite destination for equestrians, hikers, and mountain bicyclists.

**11401 Stevens Canyon Road
Cupertino, CA 95014
Office: (408) 867-3654**

sunnyvale baylands



This park, operated by the City of Sunnyvale, offers both traditional amenities and natural preserved wetland areas. Over 70 developed acres provide pathways and picnic areas. An additional 105 acres are Wetlands Preserve for plants and wildlife. County Parks annual vehicle passes are not accepted. Obtain passes through the City of Sunnyvale.

Baylands Park Trail
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
Office: (408) 730-7335

upper stevens creek



This 1,095-acre multiuse park with its mountain redwoods offers a wilderness experience in the park's mature stands of douglas fir and redwoods. The unique combination of recreational resources, including 11 miles of trails, and natural beauty, make Upper Stevens Creek County Park a magnet for hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and nature lovers.

Skyline Boulevard
Palo Alto, CA 94034
Office: (408) 867-9959



uvas canyon



This mountain park offers hiking, camping and picnicking opportunities. This 1,133-acre park is nestled in upper Uvas Canyon on the eastern side of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The park has six miles of hiking trails including a one mile Waterfall Loop that travels along Swanson Creek past many of the park's waterfalls.

**8515 Croy Road
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Office (408) 779-9232**



uvas reservoir



This beautiful and scenic 626-acre park and reservoir is located below the Santa Cruz Mountains, just minutes from Morgan Hill and Gilroy. Uvas Reservoir is open year-round for shoreline fishing and picnicking. Water from the reservoir recharges supplies in underground aquifers, which is later pumped from wells for residential, agricultural, and industrial uses. Boating not permitted.

**14200 Uvas Road
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Office: (408) 779-9232**

vasona and los gatos creek



This 150-acre park and connecting parkway are the most popular of Santa Clara County's regional park and recreation areas. Vasona provides family-friendly recreation including biking, fishing, non-power boating, pedal boat rental, picnicking, playgrounds, free outdoor concerts every Saturday in June and July, and the famous Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad.

**333 Blossom Hill Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032
Office: (408) 356-2729**

villa montalvo



Once the grand estate of Senator James Phelan, this 137-acre park offers both a historic landmark and a peaceful environment among formal gardens. The expansive lawn area is a favorite site for outdoor weddings. There are also miles of hiking trails within the park grounds. The Villa Montalvo Association hosts a summer concert series.

**15400 Montalvo Road
Saratoga, CA 95070
Office: (408) 356-2729**



visit our partners



Our partners have been enhancing the characteristics of Santa Clara County's parks and providing guests with outstanding service for many years. Experience the activities offered at these facilities.

Coyote Ranch

*Coyote Ranch specializes in corporate picnics, evening BBQ's, wedding receptions, off-site convention parties, horse-drawn hayrides and more. Enjoy acres of lawn and shade, private picnic areas, and wonderful entertainment. Coyote Ranch is located 15 minutes south of Downtown San Jose. Experience the hospitality of "Old California". Office: (408) 463-0661
www.coyoteranch.com*

Santa Teresa Golf Club

Santa Teresa Golf Club, a public course, sits at the base of the hills in Santa Teresa County Park. Open from sunup to sundown, its 18-hole championship course and nine-hole, par three course make Santa Teresa friendly for all skill levels. Private, group and junior lessons are offered at the driving range. Reservations can be made for the hilltop banquet facility that overlooks the golf course. Office: (408) 225-2650

Spring Valley Golf Course

*Situated in the rolling hills of Ed Levin Park, the setting for its 18-hole, championship course is picturesque and tranquil. Spring Valley features well-maintained practice facilities with a large area for sand bunker practice, a 25-yard chipping area, a 22-stall driving range and a new clubhouse with a pro shop and restaurant. Office: (408) 262-1722
www.springvalleygolfcourse.com*

Twin Creeks Sports Complex

Since its construction in 1985, Twin Creeks has established itself as a premier location for softball leagues and tournaments. This 60-acre facility offers year around softball on 10 lighted fields, batting cages, two soccer fields, a fast food style restaurant, banquet and private meeting rooms, and group picnic areas. Phone : (408) 734-3242 • www.twin-creeks.com

Uvas Creek Preserve

This 95 acre multiuse greenbelt preserve is operated by the City of Gilroy and is open year-round for biking and hiking. The Uvas Creek, which meanders through the center of the preserve, is its defining characteristic. A paved trail runs for 1.9 miles along the boundary of the preserve. Office: (408) 846-0460



general information



Santa Teresa Park

Hours and Fees

County Parks are open year-round from 8 a.m. until sunset. Vehicle entry fees are required at most County park facilities. These fees are collected year-round. In addition, fees are required for camping, lake use, vessel inspection and use of group picnic areas. Fees are posted at kiosks and ranger stations.

Reservations

The County Park system can accommodate groups for corporate picnics, family reunions, youth camping, and other special events. Call the Reservations Office: (408) 355-2201 • www.parkhere.org.

Volunteer

The County Parks Department relies on volunteers to help provide special services and programs. The volunteer experience allows participants to enjoy the regional park system, and to give something back to the community. Opportunities exist for volunteers from many areas of expertise. Contact the Parks Volunteer Office: (408) 355-2254 • www.parkhere.org.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month except January and July, 6:30 p.m., County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA, 9511, (408) 299-2323.

Take Only Photographs

Leave only footprints! Millions of people visit Santa Clara County's Regional Parks each year. Please help preserve and protect the natural beauty of our parklands by complying with all posted regulations.

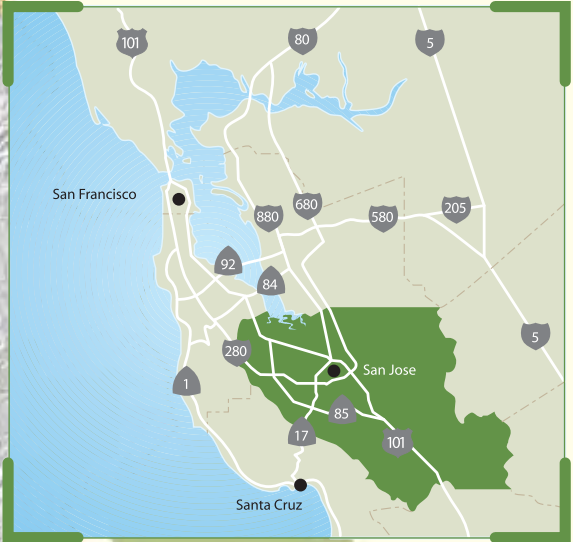
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