

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.

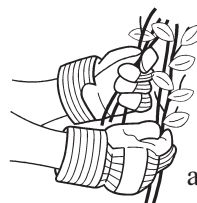
Most interpretive programs are offered on Sundays, covering a variety of topics on the natural and cultural history of the park. Quail Hollow Ranch is located at 800 Quail Hollow Road, just two miles up Zayante Road from Felton and two miles from Ben Lomond via Glen Arbor Road. Park hours are dawn to dusk, daily. For more information call 831-335-9348.



*Upcoming Activities
April & May*

2017

APRIL & MAY ACTIVITIES - 2017



Broom Bash - Saturday, March 25 *and* Saturday, April 8, 1:00 – 3:00 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. Tools provided. Bring work gloves, water, and lunch.

Trek to the Forbidden Sandhills - Every Sunday in April, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 Springtime is the best and only time to visit the flower-covered hills of the sand parkland habitat at Quail Hollow. For just a few weeks you'll have a brief opportunity to join a guided tour to see and learn about the many rare species that make this special place their home. Bring good walking shoes, sun protection, drinking water and optional camera. Open to all flower lovers who can walk a mile and can read. Due to the sensitive nature of the area, the group size is limited to 15; sign-up in advance to reserve your space by calling 831-335-9348.



Plein Air Painting Class
 Join Gabriel Coke for plein air painting on location at Quail Hollow Ranch. This 8-session outdoor class will focus on creating small works in three hours, and applying this work to larger studio paintings. All experience levels are welcome, from beginner to advanced! **Instructor:** Gabriel is a full time instructor and program director of NUMU Atelier in Los Gatos, CA. A strong form painter who has created several large-scale landscape works, he also loves the simple goal of capturing a small painting in a few hours. After registration, Gabriel will contact you with a materials list and other information. ***Please note: although this is a free class, advance registration is required to attend; drop-in students cannot be accommodated.** Register in advance online at www.scparks.com, or call 831-454-7941 M-F, 9AM-4PM.

Quail Hollow Ranch - Ages 18+
 Thurs 4/6-5/25 10 AM-1 PM FREE* #17643

Chicks in the City, Hens in the Hood - Sunday, April 23, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Thinking of raising chickens at home? There are many decisions to be made: Do you want large or small birds; white, brown, or blue/green eggs; fancy feathered birds; full grown hens or baby chicks; or rescue birds from the Animal Shelter? Candice McLaren will talk about local city codes, types of feed, where to place the coop, predators, and when to expect that first egg! Before you bring those baby chicks home you'll want to know how to prepare their new home, how to keep chicks warm, what to feed them, and how to make their transition from a warm house (yours!) to their new chicken coop outside. You'll also find out why Sunset Magazine calls the chicken coop the new doghouse. For ages 8 & up. Fee: \$3.00 per person. Sign-up in advance to reserve your space by calling 831-335-9348.



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☆ **A Stellar Experience – Star Gazing at Quail Hollow**
 Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. – midnight *and* Friday, May 19, 8:00 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.

Within These Walls: Ghosts of the Past at Quail Hollow Ranch - Sunday, April 30, 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.



Introduction to Fly Fishing - Sunday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 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. Open to ages 8 and up. Fee: \$3.00/person.

Summer Day Camps at Quail Hollow Ranch

Nature Adventure Camp - This NEW day camp at Quail Hollow Ranch will look at how each distinct habitat supports extraordinary and unique wildlife. Activities will include science lessons, journaling and field sketching, games, hiking on the Discovery and Woodrat Trails at QHR, camouflage and ethnobotany lessons, field trips to Natural Bridges and Nisene Marks State Parks, and special guest presenters Repti-ventures.

Ages 6-11 M-F 6/26-6/30 9 AM-3 PM R \$200 / NR \$220 # 17703

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 7/31-8/11 9 AM-3 PM R \$390 / NR \$429 # 17700

Register starting 3/27 at 9AM by calling 831-454-7941 or online at www.scparks.com.