

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
June-August
2019

JUNE-AUGUST ACTIVITIES - 2019

Beginning Birding - Sundays: June 2, July 21 and Saturday, August 24 - from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join Jim Williams, President, Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch and avid birder (or Eric Feuss from the Santa Cruz Bird Club on 6/2) 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.

Succulent Care, Maintenance & Succulent Swap - Sunday, June 2, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join UC Master Gardeners Sue Procter and Tina Heitzman for this hands-on succulent class. You'll learn about the fascinating varieties of succulents, planting techniques, soil selection, propagation by cuttings and divisions and ongoing care including watering, fertilizing and pest management. The fun continues with a succulent swap! You are invited to bring succulent cuttings to share with one another for our plantings and to take home. Supplies provided include succulent cuttings, potting soil and top dressings. Please bring a special container with a drain hole for your planting and if you like, bring an overgrown or straggly succulent already in a container to learn how to refresh and repot it. Sign up by calling 335-9348. For ages 16+. Fee: \$3.00 per person



A Stellar Experience – Star Gazing at Quail Hollow

Fridays: June 7, 9PM-12AM; June 28, 9:30PM-12AM; Aug. 2, 9PM-12AM; Aug. 30, 8:30PM-12AM
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!

Within These Walls: Ranch House Tour

Sunday, July 21 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 18 from 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. For ages 16+. Sign up by calling 831- 335-9348. Fee: \$2.00 per person.



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Summer Day Camps at Quail Hollow Ranch

Zombie Camp at Quail Hollow - Learn how to protect yourself and your fellow villagers from zombies with essential stealth and survival skills, including building a shelter, making and using a paracord bracelet, smoke/fire making with bowdrills, foraging for wild edibles, purifying drinking water, packing a bug-out bag, developing emergency plans, using a map and compass, and wrapping a wound. There will also be plenty of team building activities - as humans must be able to work together to survive the walking dead - including warp speed, keypunch, human knot, toxic river crossing, and on the final day, a Zombie Survival Obstacle Course!

Ages 8-12 M-F 6/10-14 9 AM-3 PM \$250/\$275 # 6923

Nature Adventure Camp - Search for animals, investigate rare plants, construct shelters, play games, build community, and have fun exploring! Participants will learn to be good stewards of the land, cooperate with others, and will increase their knowledge of local ecosystems - all while enjoying and embracing the natural world.

Ages 6-12 Session 1 - Amazing Animals M-F 6/17-21 9 AM-3 PM \$300/\$330 #6918
Ages 6-12 Session 2 - Funky & Fantastic Flora M-F 6/24-28 9 AM-3 PM \$300/\$330 #6919
Ages 6-12 Session 3 - Our Powerful Planet M-F 7/22-26 9 AM-3 PM \$300/\$330 #6920



Beginners Backpacking Camp - This unique camp is for those who are looking to take their first step towards a multi-day backpacking trip. We'll hike the Quail Hollow Ranch trails, learning about all things backpacking, from hard and soft gear, to first aid and water purification, to packing and meal preparation. We'll camp in tents near the pond, set up our own backcountry kitchen, and share laughs around the campfire. You'll even have a rare chance to hike the discovery loop in the dark!
*Ages 15 & under must attend with an adult.



Ages 8-Adult Sa/Su 6/29-30 12PM-12PM \$100/\$110 #6924
Ages 8-Adult Sa/Su 8/10-11 12PM-12PM \$100/\$110 #6925

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 6-12 M-F 7/29-8/9 9 AM-3 PM \$400/\$440 #6921

Register online at www.scparks.com, or by calling 831-454-7941 M-F, 9AM-1PM
Questions? Call 335-9348 Wed.-Sun., 9AM-4PM