

QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH  
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**PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

# QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH COUNTY PARK



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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  
May-July  
2017*

# MAY-JULY ACTIVITIES - 2017



## ★ A Stellar Experience – Star Gazing at Quail Hollow

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.

## Broom Bash - Saturday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 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.



## Hypertufa Garden Planters - Sunday, June 4, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Do you like the look of those old English troughs and planters? Join Master Gardeners Simon Stapleton and ... “Hypertufa” planter from a light ... perite, and peat moss. We'll sup ... which will shape your final

**Postponed! Please check back for new class date.**

project (or bring your own mold if you p ... able gloves and a dust mask. Come ready to dig your hands into the “mud” and be a ... again. Enrollment is limited; register in advance to reserve your space! Presented in cooperation with Monterey Bay Master Gardeners. For ages 10 & up. Sign up in advance by calling 831- 335-9348. Fee: \$15.00 per person.

## Beginning Birding - Sunday, June 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.



## Holiday Art & Craft Faire - Vendors Wanted!

Simpkins Family Swim Center / Community Room  
Saturday, December 2, 10 AM-4 PM - FREE parking and admission!

Interested in being a **VENDOR** at this event? Please call send an e-mail to [events@scparks.com](mailto:events@scparks.com). Applications are available now on the Parks Dept. website at <http://www.scparks.com/Home/ArtsCulturalPrograms/HolidayArtCraftFaire.aspx>

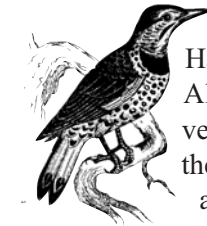
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## Within These Walls: Ghosts of the Past at Quail Hollow Ranch - Sun., June 4, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

## Star and Moon Gazing at Quail Hollow - Fri., June 30 AND Fri., July 28 - 8:00 p.m. – midnight

Some people promise the stars; the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club delivers! An indoor slide presentation about the moon by Craig Wandke, the club's resident “luna-tic,” will augment the telescope viewing. Bring your own telescope or just stop by and look through club members' telescopes. Dress warmly. Rain or cloudy skies cancels the program. All ages are welcome. Fee: \$3.00 per person; ages 4 & under are free.



## Birding through the Habitats - Sunday, July 9, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what birds live in which habitats at Quail Hollow Ranch? Join Alex Rinkert from the Santa Cruz Bird Club as we explore a majority of the fifteen diverse environments and find out why our fine feathered friends make their homes where they do. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring (optional) binoculars. Free. Open to all ages.

## 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 now by calling 831-454-7941 or online at [www.scparks.com](http://www.scparks.com).**