

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

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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 October-December

## 2018

# OCTOBER-DECEMBER ACTIVITIES - 2018

**Life as a Pioneer** - Sunday, October 28, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Pioneers had to work together to survive in a new land. Join Dan Lazarus, 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 cooperation. For ages 6 and up. Please sign up in advance by calling 831-335-9348. \$3.00 per person.

**Beginning Birding** - Sunday, November 4 AND Sunday, December 2, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Join Jim Williams, President, Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch, and an avid birder 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. Free!



## **The Mountain Lions of Ben Lomond & the Santa Cruz Mountains - 10 Years of Study**

Thursday, November 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Now in its 10th year, the Santa Cruz Puma Project has made great strides in understanding our elusive top predator, the mountain lion. In this talk, Chris Wilmers - the project leader, will discuss research findings over the past 10 years. Come hear about these topics and more on mountain lion behavior and ecology: food habits, how they communicate with each other and find mates, where they like to hang out, how many calories they expend moving around and killing prey, and how many there are. Fee: \$3.00 per person. Please sign up in advance by calling 831-335-9348.

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

Friday, November 9 AND Friday, December 7, 6:00 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. All ages. Free!



## **Quail Hollow Outdoor Science Field Trips**

With 15 distinct habitats and wide open lands for exploration, play, and inquiry, Quail Hollow Ranch is the perfect location for a class field trip. Quail Hollow Ranch County Park is only a 20-minute drive from Santa Cruz, which makes getting to the Ranch easy for teachers and parents, but far enough off the beaten path for students to get a real nature experience. A new field trip curriculum has been developed using an inquiry-based approach, and based on the John Muir Laws Guide to Nature Journaling. Field trips at QHR are aimed at fostering curiosity and heightening observation skills.

**Call or email Park Interpreter Dan Lazarus with your questions or to schedule:  
831-335-9348 - dan.lazarus@santacruzcounty.us**

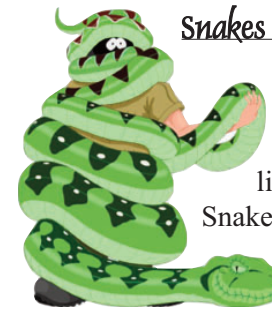
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**California WILD! Live animal presentation** - Sun., Nov. 11, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
WildMind Science Learning will be doing a live animal presentation with some California Natives. You will have a chance to see animals up close, in some cases hold them, and learn about their lives. Animals include; grey fox, red tailed hawk, north American porcupine, opossum, and a vulture. These intriguing animals will spark your students' curiosity and increase their knowledge of California's wonderful natural history as they gain insights into the secret lives of the intelligent and ecologically important animals that live around us. For all ages - FREE!

**Tracking Tracks** - Sunday, November 11, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Join Park Interpreter Dan Lazarus for a workshop on animal tracks. We will learn how different animals use their stature to walk in different ways, explore different tracks, and take a walk around Quail Hollow Ranch, looking for signs of mammalian activity. We will also have an option to make plaster track molds of your favorite animal to bring home. For ages 6 and up. Please sign up in advance by calling 831-335-9348. Free!



**Snakes Alive!** - Sunday, November 18, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

In this exciting and interactive presentation, you'll get a chance to see and hold (only if you want to!) a blue-tongued skink, four different kinds of ball pythons, and a 13-ft. albino Burmese python! Brian will discuss snake senses and how these animals live and interact with the wild. For the past 15 years Brian Gundy of For Goodness Snakes has been educating and entertaining children and adults with his reptile friends. He has worked with exotic animals such as birds of prey, African lions, Cheetahs, and domesticated animals of all kinds. For ages 7 and up. Please sign up in advance by calling 831-335-9348. Fee: \$3.00 per person.

**Holiday Nature Crafts** - Sunday, November 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join park interpreter Dan Lazarus for an afternoon of creative fun for the whole family! Using a variety of natural materials, we'll make gifts, decorations, and other trinkets to spruce up your home at the holidays! Materials provided, but please bring specific elements you want to use! Projects include: pinecone birds or gnomes, dragonfly twigs, forest frames, bug collector terrariums (old plastic bottles), painted pet rocks, and nature ornaments. For ages 7 and up. Please sign up in advance by calling 831-335-9348. Fee: \$5.00 per person.



**Mad Scientist Experiments** - Sunday, Dec. 9 AND Sunday, Dec. 16, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your curious mind for this fun look at science as we experiment with slime, playing with rainbow milk, and turning cabbage water different colors (please note: actual experiments may vary from what is listed here). We'll also play some science-themed games and other activities. For ages 7 and up. Please sign up in advance by calling 831-335-9348. Fee: \$5.00 per person.