



TRAIL NEWS

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the trails of Santa Cruz Mountains parks

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4. personal fulfillment

Don't miss this once a year opportunity to say "thank you" for the many times you have enjoyed the trails and beauty of our parks and open spaces.

Wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, boots and gloves. Many tools will be provided, if you have a favorite trail tool feel free to bring it with you. Saturday, April 25, 2009 Meet at Saratoga Gap (junction of Hwy 9 and Skyline Blvd).at 9:00.

Remember: water and lunch

Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

If you enjoy hiking our trails, please help maintain them.

Big Basin:	April 11, May 9 and June 13	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	April 11, May 9 and June 13	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Castle Rock:	April 18, May 16 and June 20	leader Martin Donald -	(650) 966-1984

Our web site is <http://www.scmta-trails.org>

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For all hikes: Bring lunch, liquid and clothing appropriate for the season (summer fog, winter rain).
For trail maintenance: Wear long pants, boots, and long sleeved shirt and bring gloves, lunch and liquid.

April 4, Saturday: Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve— The preserve near Stanford University, encompasses diverse ecosystems and is used as a natural laboratory. The Preserve is not open to the public, and can only be visited on a docent-led hike. We will have plenty of time to look at and learn about the many spectacular wildflowers on this slow-paced afternoon walk. Spaces are limited, and each visitor is asked to donate \$5 to Jasper Ridge. See <http://jrpbp.stanford.edu/home/overview.php> for more information on Jasper Ridge. Call Cathy Howard for more information on the hike or to reserve a spot. 2:30 PM start hiking - as it is different (and shorter) than our normal hikes. (650) 966-1850.

April 5, Sunday: Sunol Regional Park— Wildflowers and great views. 10-12 miles, approx. 2500' elevation gain. Meet 8:30 A.M. at Middlefield and Rengstorff, or 9:45 at park headquarters. Moderate to strenuous. Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

April 11, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Blead at park headquarters at 9:00 AM for some hands-on trail work. This group meets the second Saturday of each month. Call (831) 338-0774.

April 11, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Al Lisin, (408) 252-8106, leads a group that maintains the Skyline to the Sea Trail. This group also meets on the second Saturday of the month. Meet at Saratoga Gap at 9:00 AM.

April 12, Sunday: Henry Coe State Park— The hike will be strenuous BUT at a moderate pace to Mt. Sizer, an opportunity to check out the recovery of the burned area of the Lick fire 2007, especially at Jackass Trail. Hope to see lots of wildflowers. Be prepared for a long day. Rain will cancel. Carpool at Cottle/Hwy 85 (VTA) at 8:00. or be at Coe Headquarters at 9:15 to start hiking. Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

April 18, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— The third Saturday of every month Martin Donald

leads trail work in the Castle Rock area. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin at (650) 966-1984. Bring boots and gloves, lunch and liquid. Tools are supplied but bring your own favorites if you prefer.

April 19, Sunday: Rancho Cañada del Oro— A 7 to 8 mile hike into the territory of the Santa Clara Open Space Authority. This park is located south of the Almaden Valley area. Meet at Cottle/85 Park and Ride at 9:00 or at the staging area on Casa Loma Road at 9:30, or call leader, Corry Harper at 408-281-1904 for further carpool information. Directions to park at <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/trails/rancho.html>. Rain cancels.

April 25 Saturday: TRAIL DAYS— Reserve this date for the annual Trail Days. Each year on the fourth Saturday in April Trail Association members give a little back by helping with trail building or trail maintenance. Please, let's have a good turnout today.

April 26, Sunday: Raindate for TRAIL DAYS— An opportunity for those who could not make it to Saturday's Trail Day, or for those who like to do two day's of trail work.

April 26, Sunday: San Pedro Valley County Park/Montara Mountain— A moderate 9-mile hike to the top of Montara Mountain from San Pedro County (San Mateo) Park in Pacifica. We will start at the Brooks Creek trail, continue on the Montara Mountain Trail, and ascend on the North Peaks Access Road to the top of Montara Mountain. Descend on the Montara Mountain Trail. Heavy rain cancels. Let's meet at Page Mill Road and I280 at 8:45 AM to car-pool to the park or meet at the Trout Farm picnic area in San Pedro Valley Park at 9:30. More information: Janet McCarron (408) 245-1519.

May 3, Sunday: Joseph D. Grant County Park— Meet at the parking lot near the ranch house at 9:30 AM. The hike will be about 8-9 miles in length. Since the country is very open, heavy rain will cancel the hike. Steve Braley (408) 981-9753(650).

May 9, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Join Jeff

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Bleam again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See January 10 entry for details.*

May 9, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin at (408) 252-8106 for more information.

May 10, Sunday: San Bruno Mountain— Beautiful panoramas and (hopefully) exceptional late spring wildflowers highlight this 8-mile hike on the Summit Loop Trail and the Ridge Trail to the East Peak of San Bruno Mountain. Come prepared for wind, fog, or sun, and enjoy the views! Meet at Page Mill / 280 at 8:40 AM. to carpool, or at 9:30 at the trailhead parking lot (not the picnic area parking lot) off of Guadalupe Canyon Parkway. Cathy Howard (650) 966-1850. *This hike will be followed by drinks and snacks in the park (leader's treat) and planning our summer hikes. Please bring your July-August-September calendar and hike ideas!*

May 16, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See April 18 entry.*

May 17, Sunday: Wunderlich County Park— Explore this County Park with Rosemarie Koch (408) 247-2658. A round trip to Skyline Blvd. and back is 11 miles and 1800 feet but the grade is easy. Meet for carpooling at the Page Mill Rd. Park and Ride just off 280 at 9:10 or at parking lot at park entrance at 9:30. DUE TO LIMITED PARKING AT WUNDERLICH PARK, CARPOOLING IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

May 24, Sunday: Pt. Reyes— Nine to ten mile hike in Pt. Reyes Nat. Seashore. This will be a leader surprise hike that will not disappoint. I am also taking names of people who want to overnight it in Marin. Once I get an idea of how many bodies want that option I will make the reservations. This is a gotta know if you are coming, how many nights, Sat only or both Sat & Sun, and if you plan to drive day of hike please let me know!!!!Hike Leader Todd Patterson 831-239-6618 or toddhpatterson@gmail.com.

May 31, Sunday: San Francisco Walk— Beginning at the ocean across from the Beach Chalet (for parking) and going through Golden Gate Park, 6-8 miles. Meet at Page Mill Road Park and Ride at 8:45 or at the Beach Chalet front door at 9:30.

Toni Bassett 650-948-7344.

June 7, Sunday: Henry Cowell State Park , Fall Creek unit— A 10-mile hike at Fall Creek unit of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park near Felton. Meet in the Fall Creek parking lot at 9:30 or car-pool from municipal parking lot in Los Gatos (formally VTA lot) at 8:45 For more information, call Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

June 13, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at park headquarters at 9:00 AM. *See April 11 entry.*

June 13, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lisin (408) 252-8106 for more information.

June 14, Sunday: SCMTA Annual Picnic— The picnic will start at 12:30 and be held at Mark Bowden's house at 376 South Fernwood Circle in Sunnyvale. Please bring a salad or desert to share, your own beverage, and \$3.00. Please RSVP by email (mbowden100@earthlink.net) or phone (408) 735-8736.

June 20, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00 AM. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See April 18 entry.*

June 21, Sunday: Pogonip and Henry Cowell— Moderate hike at about 6-8 miles at leaders choice. Meet at municipal parking lot in Los Gatos (formally VTA lot) at 9:00 or at starting point (Golf Club Road, off of HWY 9, about 0.5 miles north of main drag light just before Costco). For more information call Ellen Peterson (408) 267-6456. Co-leader is Robert Spicher.

June 28, Sunday: Portola Redwoods State Park— Meet at Park Headquarters at 9:30 AM for a 13-mile hike. We'll hike to the trail camp, then take off along the Bear Creek Trail to the Peters Creek Loop. Car-pooling from Page Mill Rd. & 280 at 8:30. Mark Bowden (408) 735-8736.

Save these dates:

August 12-16 Car camping at Grover Hot Springs with Vivian and Mark.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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_____	_____	Couples at same address	\$12.50
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The current calendar date indicates when your dues need to be paid. For example, 06/01/09 means your dues expire on that date, 06/01/09



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

APRIL, MAY, JUNE, 2009