



TRAIL NEWS

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Henry Coe — Last Hike of the Year

What a wonderful place to end the year! The drive alone is worth the day. Going through the foothills above Morgan Hill you'll see expansive vistas of the valley and the reservoir snuggled behind the hills. The road is challenging as you go around and around and around yet another turn. Finally you will reach the ranger station, which is just the cutest, with lots of historical things to look at. A quick visit to the last civilized bathroom that you'll see in the next 5 hours, unless a bush looks inviting, and off we go. Martin, our fearless leader, will bring us up hills and down valleys throughout his beloved Henry Coe. He knows the park by heart, I don't think I've ever seen him use a map in the 8 years I've been hiking with this group. He will share the rolling classic California hills

spotted with Oak trees. You'll wonder 'what population explosion'...its just you and your new best friends walking through the woods, slowing down time, enjoying another wonderful day outside. Once we get to Frog Lake we'll enjoy our lunch and maybe a cat nap. Soon Martin will get us up and we will complete the well planned loop back to the ranger station (heaven forbid we walk on the same path). If we are lucky we might see the coyote that hangs out close to the ranger station for a thrill. We always stop at El Toro to tip a brew and discuss very loft things but generally just enjoying each other and the replaying the highlights of our very last hike of the year.

Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

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

Big Basin:	Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Castle Rock:	Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19	leader Martin Donald -	(650) 966-1984

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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.

October 4, Sunday: Stevens Creek Park— An 8-mile hike. We'll follow the Tony Look Trail to Fremont Older Open Space. From there we take the Coyote Ridge Trail and climb Maise's Peak for lunch and a great view of the bay area. Meet at Steven's Creek Park at 9:30, For those who wish to carpool, I will be coming from home and can meet at Quito Shopping Center at Cox and Saratoga. Please let me know if anyone wants to stop there. People having a County Park sticker are admitted for free. Any questions, call Judy Holmes at (408) 379-3756.

October 10, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam at park headquarters at 9 AM for some hands-on trail work. This group meets the second Saturday of each month. Call (831) 338-0774.

October 10, 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 *Sempervirens Point parking* at 9:00.

October 11, Sunday: Big Sur— Overnite on Sat. at a campground. Sat Hike for those interested, otherwise Sun. at 9:30AM meet at Andrew Mollera St. Park Parking lot for a 10-mile hike. co-leaders Todd 831-239-6618 and Ellen 408-267-6456.

October 17, 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. Call Martin at (650) 966-1984. Bring boots and gloves, lunch and liquid. Tools are supplied but bring your own favorites if you prefer

October 18, Sunday: Ed R. Levin county park— We will hike up to Monument Peak from

Sandy Wool parking area. Distance will be around 10 miles. Meet at the parking lot of Sandy Wool next to Sandy Wool lake at 9.30. Please arrange your own car-pool. Rain will cancel the hike. Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

October 25, Sunday: Wilder Ranch State Park— Moderate hike — 10 miles. Meet at 8:30 in Los Gatos, municipal parking lot to carpool; or at the main Wilder Ranch parking lot on Highway 1. There is open space and redwoods, also a 3 to 4 mile walk along the ocean cliffs. Call Mark Bowden for details (408)_735-8736.

November 1, Sunday: San Francisco— A 10-mile hike from Crissy Field to Sausalito and back by ferry. Daylight savings ends so remember is turn your clock back one hour. Meet at Crissy Field parking lot at Mason and Crook Street by the bathrooms at 9:25. We will walk 6.5 miles to the Sausalito Ferry Terminal and catch the 12:45 Ferry. We can bag lunch on the Ferry or in Sausalito waiting for the Ferry. The cost for the ride one way is \$7.85 and if you have a Medicare-card it is half price. After a look through at the San Francisco Ferry Building We will hike back to our cars (just under four miles), also an optional side trip to walk the Lyon street stairs. Heavy rain cancels. Nancy Davidson 650-365-6774 cell for that day 650-575-5889.

We will car pool from Page Mill at 8:30(sharp) also from Edgewood Park&Ride 8:40(sharp) or meet at Crissy Field. Would like to start hiking by 9:30.

November 8, Sunday: Monte Bello Open Space Preserve— Enjoy beautiful views as we go up Black Mountain and along the ridge on this 10-mile, out-and-back hike to the Ridge Winery. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate in a potluck picnic: just bring your choice of finger food or picnic food to share! We will plan our winter hike schedule over lunch, so please

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bring your calendar and your ideas for January, February, or March hikes. Carpool at 9:10 from Page Mill / 280 Park and Ride. Leader is Cathy Howard (650) 966-1850.

November 14, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Join Jeff Bleam again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See October 10 entry for details.*

November 14, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lysin at (408) 252-8106 for more information.

November 15, Sunday: Alum Rock Park— We will hike up to the Northern peak of Boccardo Trail off the Todd Quick Trail, then continue to North Rim Trail to South Rim Trail. Distance around 10 miles. Meet at the parking lot at Eagle Rock Picnic Area at 9.30. No-host car-pool in front of the Post Office corner of Meridian and Parkmoor next to Food Max supermarket at 9.00. The leader will be at the Eagle Rock parking area. Rain will cancel the hike. Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

November 21, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See October 17 entry.*

November 22, Sunday: Los Altos Hills and Hidden Villa— This 8 mile hike includes the Packard orchards, Byrne Preserve, Westwind Barn and steep Grapevine Trail in Hidden Villa. Carpooling from Toni's house at 9:15 AM., 667 Palm Avenue, Los Altos (280, exit > El Monte). Call Toni Bassett for questions (650) 948-7344.

November 29, Sunday: Butano State Park— This is a moderate 9-mile loop up Jackson Flats & Canyon Trails to the BLLS. Meet at park entrance kiosk at 9:30 or Page Mill & 280 Park & Ride at 8:15. Call Vivian (408) 238-3388. Don't forget that there's artichoke garlic herb bread at the Pescadero Market afterwards.

December 6, Sunday: Almaden Quicksilver

County Park— Meet at Camden and route 85 at 9:15 or meet at McAbee entrance at 9:30. Call Mary Ellen Quinn (408) 885-0184. Rain cancels

December 12, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at park headquarters at 9 AM. *See October 10 entry.*

December 12, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail— Call Al Lysin (408) 252-8106 for more information.

December 13, Sunday: Purisima Creek Redwoods OSP— We hike from Skyline to the creek, lunch in the redwoods, and return to Skyline after a 10-mile loop. Meet at 9:30 AM at park entrance 4 miles south of Hwy 92 or at Page Mill/Hwy 280 park-and-ride at 8:45. Rain cancels. Call Janet McCarron (408) 245-1519 for more information.

December 19, Saturday: Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance— Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot at 9:00. Call Martin Donald at (650) 966-1984. *See October 17 entry.*

December 20, Sunday: Tennessee Valley— Carpool at Page Mill/280 at 8:15 and meet at Tennessee Valley parking lot at 9:30. It will be about a 10 mile moderate hike. Mark Bowden (408) 735-8736.

December 27, Sunday: Henry Coe State Park— This will be the easier-than-usual Coe hike. We take the Fish Trail to Middle Ridge, then down to Frog Lake for lunch, returning on the Flat Frog Trail: perhaps leaving time for a visit to El Toro brew pub. Distance is only 8 miles. Meet at park HQ at 9:30 or at Rengstorff and Middlefield at 8:00 or Cottle and 85 at 8:30. Call Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular member	\$10.00	_____	_____
Couples at same address	\$15.00	_____	_____
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FIRST CLASS

The current calendar date indicates when your dues need to be paid. If the date listed is December 2009 or BEFORE that date, this will be your last issue unless you renew by the end of August. Thank you!

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER
2009

