



# TRAIL NEWS

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## Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Association

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## S.C.M.T.A.

Hiking with the Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Association is one of my favorite things in life, something that is available every Sunday of the year. The group enjoys many, many trails, which members know and share their knowledge. We enjoy wildflowers—again, members know many—also trees, berry bushes, birds and lots of other wildlife too.

We critique movies, books, music, the topics are endless. Photography is shared, good times and the not so good times, special outings and events like camping at Big Sur, Point Reyes Hostel and The Pinnacles and lots of food and drink.

One member and his family hosts an annual picnic at his home and cooks us a great feast, the group sharing a pot luck dinner. Games are enjoyed and everyone has a fun time. A few members are very active in maintaining the trails in Castle Rock State Park and have done so for twenty-five years or more. Some participate in "Trail Days" once a year when members pitch in to help on the trails.

All in all, SCMTA is a caring, sharing group that enjoys the outdoors and welcomes people of all ages and interests. Come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie any Sunday, you will not be disappointed.

Mary Ellen Quinn  
member since 2004

### Support Our Trail Maintenance Groups

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

Big Basin:	April 10, May 8 and June 12	leader Jeff Bleam -	(831) 338-0774
Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail:	April 10, May 8 and June 12	leader Al Lisin -	(408) 252-8106
Castle Rock:	April 17, May 15 and June 19	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.

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**April 4, Sunday: Sunol Regional Park**— Wildflowers and great views. 10-12 miles, approx. 2500' elevation gain. Meet 8:45 A.M. at Middlefield and Rengstorff, or 9:30 at park headquarters. Moderate to strenuous. Martin Donald (650) 966-1984.

**April 10, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance**— Meet Jeff Bleam 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 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. The group meets at 9:00 AM. Please call Al for meeting place (which changes).

**April 11, Sunday: Mt Tamalpais State Park**— Marin hike from Pantoll Ranger Station. Hike the Matt Davis Trail down to Stinson Beach and return on Steep Ravine Trail with our lunch at the beach—about 8 miles. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at Page Mill & 280 at 8:15 or Pantoll Ranger Station at 9:30. Mark Bowden (408) 735-8736.

**April 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 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 18, Sunday: Joseph D. Grant County Park**— Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388 leads a moderately strenuous hike of about 10 miles. It's peak season for wildflowers so don't miss this one. Meet at the parking lot inside the park by the bathrooms at 9:30 AM or call Vivian (408) 238-3388 for carpooling info. Heavy rain cancels.

**April 24 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. Meet at Saratoga Gap parking at 9 AM.

**April 25, 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 25, Sunday: Mount Tamalpais State Park**— Moderate 10-mile hike. Meet at 8:00 Page Mill and 280 Park and Ride. Hike to Alpine Lake and up Cataract Trail to see the waterfalls. We will start at the Rock Springs parking area. Hike leader Toni Bassett 650-948-7344.

**May 2, Sunday: Mt. Diablo State Park**— On the Clayton side, a 10-to 12-mile moderate to strenuous hike. We will hike the rugged back side, see lots of small waterfalls and wildflowers, and hike in and out of several canyons. Carpool from 280 & Meridian/Parkmoor by the post office at 8:15 or Rengstorff and Middlefield at 8:15. Call Ellen for details (408) 267-6456. Bring a lunch and plenty of water.

**May 8, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance**— Join Jeff Bleam again for some more enjoyable trail maintenance at Big Basin. *See January 10 entry for details.*

**May 8, Saturday: Trail Maintenance - Skyline to the Sea Trail**— Call Al Lisin at (408) 252-8106 for more information.

**May 9, 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, Martin Donald at 650-966-1984 for further carpool information. Directions to park at <http://www.openspaceauthority.org/trails/rancho.html>. Rain cancels.

*After the hike we will plan next quarter's hikes, so please bring your calendar for July/August/September and your*

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*ideas for hikes you would like to lead.*

**May 15, 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 17 entry.*

**May 16, Sunday: Samuel P. Taylor State Park**— A 10 to 12 mile hike that takes us to Mt. Barnabe and the Bolinas Ridge Trail. I will organize camping on the 15th of May for those that are so inclined. Carpool from Pagemill & 280 at 7:30 or Parkmoor & Meridian at 7:00. Todd Patterson (831) 239-6618.

**May 23, 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 Mary Ellen (408) 885-0184. Don't forget that there's artichoke garlic herb bread at the Pescadero Market afterwards.

**May 30, Sunday: Windy Hill Open Space Preserve**— Hike a 9-mile loop up Razorback Ridge and down Hamm's Gulch. Carpool from Page Mill Road & 280 at 9:15 or meet at the lower parking lot for Windy Hill on Portola Road, at 9:30. Leader: Martin Donald (650) 966-1964. Please carpool if you can, parking is always limited at Windy Hill.

**June 6, Sunday: Purisima Creek Redwoods Open Space**— 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. Call Janet McCarron (408) 245-1519 for more information.

**June 12, Saturday: Big Basin Trail Maintenance**— Meet Jeff Bleam (831) 338-0774 at park headquarters at 9:00 AM. *See April 10 entry.*

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

**June 13, 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. Vivian Jung (408) 238-3388.

**June 19, 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 17 entry.*

**June 20, Sunday: San Francisco Hills Hike**— A moderately strenuous six hour stairway hike of Pacific Heights, Telegraph Hill and Russian Hill. Lots of stairways, parks, coffee shops and bathrooms along the route. Bring your own lunch for a picnic at Levi Plaza (readymade sandwiches can be had from a Safeway along the route).

Meet at 9:00 at Andersen's Bakery in the Japan Peace Center (aka Japan Town) or carpool at 8:00 at the Page Mill Rd/280 Park and Ride.

Directions: Take 280 to San Francisco, go north on 101, take the Fell/Octavia exit (left exit) to Octavia. Stay on Octavia, it turns left and becomes Fell St. Turn right at Webster St, cross Geary Blvd and turn right on Post St, then right on Laguna St. Park on the street on either Laguna St or Geary Blvd. Go into the middle building in the Japan center (Miyako Mall) and find Andersen's Bakery in the middle of the upper floor. Hike starts from there.

Howard and Joan 408-378-1638

**June 27, 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.

**Save these dates:**

**June 14-16:** Backpack and bicycle at Angel Island with Mark.

**August 16-22:** Camping at June Lake with Vivian and Mark.

**September 9-12:** Backpack in the Sierra with Ellen and Mark.

SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS TRAIL ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular member	\$10.00	_____	_____
Couples at same address	\$15.50	_____	_____
Sponsor	\$40.00	_____	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

State and zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## FIRST CLASS

*The SCMTA membership year runs from July 1 - June 30. The date above your name and address indicates when your dues need to be paid. Thank you!!*

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

APRIL, MAY, JUNE, 2010

