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## San Martin Horsemen's Association



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### Happy August!

The General Meeting this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> , at Saddles & Treasures, arrive early for some shopping. We will be checking in on the #hoofpicsinparks story so far and the upcoming events.

This month on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> we will have another Bikes and Stuff desensitization clinic. An education for you and your horse or volunteer opportunity for you and your bike.

In September we have a club ride at the top of Mt. Madonna County Park, on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, another opportunity to get those #hoofpicsinparks. Then our Fall Playday is on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> another opportunity for education for you and your horse or volunteer opportunity for you.

Bikes and Stuff pictures from last year. As you can see folks really stretched the “& Stuff” part of the day.





The 2023 Membership form is [here](#)

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Feel free to contact Board Members directly, or at [news@smhorse.org](mailto:news@smhorse.org) – we look forward to hearing your ideas and having your input!

Morgan Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.





# Mane Stays & Events 2023 CALENDAR

## August

- 6 Club Ride - Calero
- 16 Board Meeting
- 23 General Meeting
- 27 **DESENSITIZATION CLINIC with BIKES etc.**

## September

- 9 Club Ride – Top of Mt Madonna County Park
- 20 Board Meeting
- 23 **TRAIL OBSTACLE PLAY DAY**
- 27 General Meeting

## October

- 7 **TRAILER BACKING - CLINIC**
- 15 Club Ride – Ed Levin County Park
- 18 Board Meeting
- 25 General Meeting

## November

- 4 **HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE**
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18 Club Ride – Bottom of Mt. Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake

## December

- 13 **HOLIDAY PARTY, General Meeting**
- 16 **Horse Ride & Caroling – Harvey Bear County Park**

Join SMHA for fun events held thru-out the year!

Have new ideas of things to do or places to ride? Let SMHA know! We LOVE your ideas!!

### Club Ride: Calero 8/6/23





# San Martin Horsemen's Association July 15<sup>th</sup> Camping Clinic

SCCHA Showed us AMAZING hospitality and generosity for our event. We hope we made some new camping friends and reconnected with seasoned ones. Love the joint club activities. Hoping for many more.

SCCHA writes: It was wonderful to spend time with San Martin Horsemen's Association at our Showgrounds yesterday! Our favorite advice from the Learn to Camp Clinic was that bringing something to share is a great way to make friends with everyone in the campground. Well, ya, Moscow Mules were mentioned as an example, but on this day we shared a very yummy brunch. Please come back soon!!



SCCHA also had a Working Equitation clinic on the Saturday



# Mane Stays

## THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

### A Call for Newsletter Articles

Please think about contributing to some of the regular columns I started last year.

**Horses of SMHA:** a few paragraphs on your favorite steed or even your second favorite. You can tell us your best riding or training tale. Along with some photos this makes for an interesting read for your fellow members. I am using the word steed to be inclusive of all you folks with mules and ponies

**Trail Reviews:** write up a review of a recent trail ride,

include length, elevation, degree of difficulty, shade, mud, water crossings and especially whether you enjoyed it or not. Add some description of the trail, the trailhead location and a photo or two. Other members may have never been before and we all like to go to new places that are recommended by our friends. But it doesn't have to be a positive review a warning to others is very useful too, although some may take it as a challenge!

Email your article, in simple text with pictures attached, to [news@smhorse.org](mailto:news@smhorse.org), or just let me know if I can put you on the list for future editions of the newsletter

## Countywide Trails Map Update

*Explore and Provide Input*



County Parks is working to update the Countywide Trails Master

Plan Map to better reflect current planning and changes to the countywide trails network since the map was adopted in 1995. Explore the [Draft Map](#) in an interactive web app format and provide feedback on conceptual changes to the map and countywide trail prioritization through the project survey or by attending an upcoming public meeting.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## WATER TROUGH/Club Classifieds

**Animal and Plant Sitting:** Reliable Care for your plants and animals while you are away. 30 years' experience you can rely on! Call Chere at 408-683-2247

**FOR SALE:** Brand new in the box riding helmet for sale. Its a white Classico brand. Sells new for \$70 asking \$45 obo. Call Bev VanderWeide 510 304 5884

**Classified ads for members are always FREE! Ad space for business services (member or not) as follows: 1/4 Page: \$15, 1/2 Page: \$25, Full Page: \$50, Business Card Ad: \$20/4 Months.** Classified ads run on a space available basis. Non-members call 408-623-1845 for more information. **Newsletter Deadlines:** Five days after Board Meeting or the 20th of the month. Please send articles, classified ads, pictures and stories to: [news@smhorse.org](mailto:news@smhorse.org)



# CHITTY BLOG

Some Calendar items from the Santa Clara County Parks:

## Trail Work Volunteer Days

*Select Weekends Throughout Summer*



Maintaining 342 miles of trails in a beautiful and safe condition requires a committed team of crew and staff. Our crew greatly appreciates willing volunteers to join us, get active, and collaborate with us in ensuring the efficient upkeep of our trails. Sign up for [Monthly Trail Days](#) in May, June, and July.

## Big Basin Facilities Management Plan Online Survey

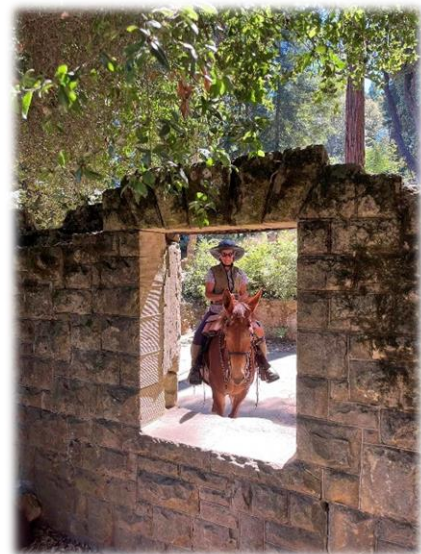
Big Basin Redwoods State Park is an iconic landscape that hosts rich natural and cultural resources, recreational opportunities, and cherished memories for many Californians. California State Parks celebrates all the ways in which the local community, partners, and the broader public want to get involved in the recovery and reimagination of the park after all park facilities were lost in the 2020 CZU Fire.

### [Big Basin Survey](#)

This survey will collect ideas about park visitor experiences and preferences that will be considered in the development of the Facilities Management Plan. The main survey is a series of simple multiple-choice questions and is designed to take about 5 minutes. All answers will be anonymous.

OPTIONAL: The second part is optional and is an interactive virtual experience with more creative and open-end survey questions. This part can take 15-20 minutes and is optional.

#HOOPICSPARKS Mt Madonna County Park, the Miller House





# On the web: get the [BROCHURE](#)

Joseph D. Grant County Park  
Brush Trail Water Tank



Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park  
Lake View



Mt. Madonna County Park  
Miller House Ruins (between Upper & Lower Miller Trails)



### Bonus!

Park & Location of Your Choice  
Pick your favorite park, and share on the San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. Facebook page! Maybe it will get added to next year's #hoofpicsinpark challenge!



Prizes to be awarded at San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. December meeting. Club membership is not needed to participate, but membership is required to be eligible for participation awards.

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## Hoof Pics in Parks Challenge

## #hoofpicsinpark

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### A Trail Riding Challenge

Seven parks to explore on horseback. Ride out, take a picture, and share it on the San Martin Horsemen's Association Facebook page.

#### Instructions

1. Pick a Park.
2. Take a picture that looks like the sample shown for that particular park.
3. Post your picture to the SMHA Facebook page.
  - o tag your photo with #HoofPicsInParks and #park name
4. If you do not use Facebook, then email your photo with your name and the location where the picture was taken to Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com and we will post it for you!
5. Complete all of the parks in the challenge by December 1, 2022 and we will celebrate your success with a prize at our SMHA Holiday Party!

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#### Park Maps

- Almaden Quicksilver - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/almaden-quicksilver-county-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/almaden-quicksilver-county-park)
- Calero - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/calero-county-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/calero-county-park)
- Canada del Oro - [openspaceauthority.org/preserves/rancho.html](https://openspaceauthority.org/preserves/rancho.html)
- Coyote Lake Harvey Bear - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/coyote-lake-harvey-bear-ranch-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/coyote-lake-harvey-bear-ranch-park)
- Henry Coe - [coepark.net/planning-your-visit/park-maps](https://coepark.net/planning-your-visit/park-maps)
- Joseph D. Grant - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/joseph-d-grant-county-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/joseph-d-grant-county-park)
- Mt. Madonna - [parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/Mt.Madonna-county-park](https://parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/Mt.Madonna-county-park)

Almaden Quicksilver County Park  
English Camp Chimney & Vault



Henry W. Coe State Park - Hunting Hollow  
Willson Camp (Wagon Road & Vasquez Road)



Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space  
Silicon Valley view from Bald Peak Trail Rest Stop



Calero County Park  
Bat Inn



Complete by  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 2023



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